



STAGE FLASH

Date: 19 May 2006 Flash N°4
Leg: 1 Distance: 24.10 km
Special Stage: Terranova
Weather: Cloudy
Road Condition: Lot of dust and sand. First up hill rutted. Middle part wide, roadbed firm, and fast. Last part downhill narrow and slow not many straight parts and some tricky humps. Lot of spectators

N°1 Loeb I was fast at the beginning, then I lost grip

N° 3 Gronholm A very fast stage even if rutted because this is the second pass. Loeb attacks but this is normal. No panic

N° 21 Sordo I have a better grip. We adjusted the attitude but I'm still too far from the top ones.

N° 5 P. Solberg I'm trying to push but too much understeering.

N° 7 Stohl We improved the attitude of the car, now is easier to drive.

N° 25 Galli I'm trying the new evolution of the Pirelli tyres, I'm not looking for performance, but I want to understand better how they work

N. 6 Atkinson The dust get into the car. The car has a better grip but the conditions of the road do not allow him to attack.

N° 4 Hirvonen Fighting with Loeb for the second place is motivating. Now I lost the second place, but it is not over yet



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N° 8 H. Solberg	I'm glad I've been fast, then fourth time in the stage. I slid off the road a bit
N. 22 Duval	Puncture both left side tyres
N. 10 Katajamaki	Repaired the accelerator. Everything fine
N. 9 Wilson	The engine stopped in the stage I lost two minutes
N. 24 Mavhale	Problems with the gearbox. He stopped and restarted
N. 23 Comanc	It is the second time that Wilson slow him down
N. 11 Rovampera	He improved the attitude but he still has problems in the bends
N. 26 Valimaki	Problems with the pace notes
N. 27 Sohlberg	He arrived too fast at the first curve of the stage he lost a few seconds.