

STAGE FLASH

Date:	Friday, June 25 th	
Day:	1	Flash N°: 2
Special stage:	Chui Lodge 1	Distance: 13.34 km
Weather:	Warm and sunny	
Road conditions:	Dry, slippery and very dusty	

Four-minute intervals for the leading World Rally Cars and three-minutes thereafter.

Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA

“Not so much speed actually. It was very slippery and sandy. Absolutely no grip. We had to make it through.”

Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN

“Very slippery and very narrow and difficult to see with dust on the screen.”

Car 11. NEUVILLE/WYDAEGHE

“This is something. The ruts were much deeper than on the recce. I struggled a bit with the understeer. The road is so narrow and it is so difficult to find the right line. I tried to optimise the traction but it was not an easy stage to start with.”

Car 8. TÄNAK/JÄRVEOJA

“It’s tricky. The washer is on all the time with the dust.”

Car 69. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN

“It’s really difficult. I have not driven in that type of stage before. I had no grip at all in these really narrow places. You just try and get through it.”

Car 18. KATSUTA/BARRITT

Stalled in a corner. “I don’t know why. I used the clutch and immediately the engine did not have power and I had no power and the engine stopped. There’s a long way to go. It’s fine.”

Car 44. GREENSMITH/PATTERSON

“For me, it felt so rough already. It’s better to be at the front, for sure. Need to do some work to get the car to turn a bit better.

Car 16. FOURMAUX/JAMOUL

“It’s really slippery to be honest. Much more than we expected. To protect the car you also need a stiff set-up. But I think we are too stiff. No grip. We were short in service time, but the guys did a good job. All is okay...!”

Car 2. SOLBERG/JOHNSTON

“It was a bank after a dip (impact registered on an FIA sensor). It was a very difficult stage. Much worse than I expected.” The car is reportedly crabbing quite badly away from the stop control.

Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN

“I think it was an adventure, so slippery. The ruts were so deep, so we just went through.”

Car 23. PROKOP/JURKA

Left service late after suffering minor fuel feed and engine starting issues which the Czech put down to the altitude.