**STAGE FLASH**

**Date: 22 April 2022**

**Day: 2 Flash N°: 3**

**Special stage: SS2, Stojdraga - Gornja Vas 1 Distance: 20.77 km**

**Weather: Light rain, 7 degrees**

**Road conditions: road damp, with mud and gravel in places**

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**Car #69. KALLE ROVANPERÄ/JONNE HALTTUNEN**

No comment available. Another clean run to set a time of 13m14.2s.

**Car #11. THIERRY NEUVILLE/MARTIJN WYDAEGHE**

Sets a time 7.5s slower than Rovanperä. Reports he is taking “extra caution” and is concerned about picking up a puncture.

**Car #44. GUS GREENSMITH/JONAS ANDERSSON**

Time is 34.4s down on Rovanperä’s benchmark. Stages and conditions “are the trickiest I’ve ever seen”.

**Car #18. TAKAMOTO KATSUTA/AARON JOHNSTON**

No comment available. Quicker than Greensmith, slower than Breen.

**Car #42. CRAIG BREEN/PAUL NAGLE**

Overshoots a left-hander and takes avoiding action to miss a water hydrant. Recovers and finishes stage. Loses 27s to Rovanperä. “Unfortunately, it was a left corner that tightened up with a bit of mud on it. I could have made it, I could have fired it in but I chose to go straight on reverse back again. I probably lost 10 or 12 seconds. The time would have been not so bad, the road is getting very, very bad with each car passing, but we’re still here.”

**Car #2. OLIVER SOLBERG/ELLIOTT EDMONDSON**

No comment available. Faster than Katsuta, slower than Breen.

**Car #8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA**

Reports that final sector of the stage was the “most difficult” and conditions are “just awful. You can’t take any risks.” Jumps Breen for third.

**Car #33. ELFYN EVANS/SCOTT MARTIN**

No comment available, but completes stage without further puncture problems.

**Car #16. ADRIEN FOURMAUX/ALEXANDRE CORIA**

“It’s really tricky so I’m really careful through the cut and the fog because I couldn’t really see the corner or the braking. It changed completely the knowledge of the stage from last year, I don’t recognize the stage, so it’s quite tricky. Honestly, considering our road position it’s not too bad. We are here, no dramas, no punctures.”

**Car #7. PIERRE-LOUIS LOUBET/VINCENT LANDAIS**

Picks up another puncture, his third in two stages. Completes the stage at reduced pace.

**Car #20. STÉPHANE LEFEBVRE/ANDY MALFOY**

No comment available.

**Car #21. YOHAN ROSSEL/VALENTIN SARREAUD**

No comment available.

**Car #22. ERIC CAMILLI/THIBAUT DE LA HAYE**

No comment available.

**Car #23. NIKOLAY GRYAZIN/KONSTANTIN ALEKSANDROV**

No comment available.

**Car #24. KAJETAN KAJETANOWICZ/MACIEJ SZCZEPANIAK**

No comment available.

**Car #25. ERIK CAIS/PETR TĚŠÍNSKY**

No comment available.

**COMMENTS**

Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen extend their lead over Thierry Neuville/Martijn Wydaeghe on a difficult test known as ‘the stage of a thousand bends.’ Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja jump Craig Breen/Paul Nagle for third overall, while Pierre-Louis Loubet/Vincent Landais complete the 20.72-kilometre stage at a slow pace with another puncture.

**ENDS**

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