



## SERVICE FLASH

**Date:** Friday, May 10th

**Day:** 1

**Service:** A (Talcahuano)

**Flash N°:** 1

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### **Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA**

“It is not too bad. Not easy conditions with the low grip and visibility, a lot of places in the shade and then facing the sun. The feeling in the car is okay. We made the changes between here and Argentina. I hope to have more grip in the afternoon.”

### **Car 2. SUNINEN/SALMINEN**

“I have been struggling with the driving. The grip level is changing a lot and I was not happy with the notes from the recce. There are some short sections like Finland but this is a slower rally.”

### **Car 4. LAPPI/FERM**

“It has been a tough morning and we are quite far away. I don't know why. Even with that speed I almost crashed four times. Maybe the driver is very bad at the moment. We check everything is working like it should. If that is okay, I have no idea what to do.”

### **Car 5. MEEKE/MARSHALL**

“My own confidence is the problem. First one was okay but the next ones were the problem. I decided to keep it steady, a lot more slippery than I expected. It was completely me. Let's see if the afternoon is better. There was some orange road in the first one and it was very slippery. The next ones were a hard packed road but the tyre was sliding over the top with no grip.”

**Marshall** said: “I think across the board drivers were moaning about a lack of grip. It was difficult to get into the rhythm and you start to question things and flow is hard to come by. Hesitations on small crests add up across the stage. Everyone was in the same boat on the recce. It's a case of getting ready for this afternoon. It's another challenge to make those changes.”

### **Car 8. TÄNAK/JARVEOJA**

“It's hard to be happy. It has been going well so far but the rally is tough. The roads are challenging. It's fast, it's slow and constantly changing. The visibility is tough. First stage, I was not happy with the balance. After that, I did quite a lot on the road section and the chassis balance was better. Now the mechanics and engineers can do some other things. It's slippery because the surface is so hard. It is quite polished. I have some work to do with my notes. First time in Chile. It is a big job.”

**Jarveoja** said “We were working on the notes on the road section. I was driving and he was watching the video. As it is a new rally there are many new corners and crests. You have to be precise. He has



the video and my pace notes and he was going through it on the road section...”

#### **Car 10. LATVALA/ANTTILA**

“It did not feel good but I was happy with the times. I struggled with the visibility. The low sun and the road is wet and, when it is drying, the steam is coming up. We were hanging in the ditch on the first corner on the second stage and then again another moment after another 500 metres. I like the characteristics of the rally. When I get my coffee, I will be back in the groove...”

**Anttila** said: “There are a lot of changes for the notes. The tricky part is trying to concentrate when he is telling me back to change something. The third stage, the driving was good, but the middle one was so slippery. Now we have to change those notes.”

#### **Car 19. LOEB/ELENA**

“It’s not easy to find the rhythm when you arrive in the middle of the season on gravel. At the end it was quite okay. It is technical and fast in some sections. It was raining a lot yesterday and it’s a bit muddy at times. The stages are interesting. I try to concentrate on the notes.”

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

“It has been difficult with the grip being a lot lower than expected. We are trying to make some changes for that this afternoon. It’s a lot more polished than we thought. It’s quite stony here. It will be quite hard on tyres.”

**M-Sport Ford WRT team principal Rich Millener** said: “I actually think it’s not been too bad. We know tomorrow is key for the road position. Elfyn has to get in front of Kris for tomorrow. I am not disappointed where we are. It is not supposed to be easy. Making new notes and not knowing how the roads are going to develop are a complete unknown. One good thing is the roads are smooth and easier on the cars. It’s just down to the driving. I think it will be different this afternoon.”

#### **Car 89. MIKKELSEN/JAEGER**

“It’s been a tricky morning. We were on the pace on the first one and then we hit a rock and we struggled to get any feeling at all. I have no confidence. The engineers will get the data and we will see. The surface is similar to Finland with low grip.”

#### **Car 54. ROSSI/ALLENDE**

Stopped in SS2.

#### **Car 56. LYON/UEZ**

Retired in SS2.

#### **Car 59. ETCHEVERRY/VERA**

Stopped near the end of SS3.