

*2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei*  
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**Whangarei town basin**

Date: 7 June 2009  
Weather: Fine and mild, with dark clouds moving in

**Car 3 – Hayden Paddon/John Kennard**

It's a bit of an honour to be first on road for an international event, but it makes it fairly impossible to compete with Richard who is eight cars behind us in the morning stages. So it's been a bit of hard work with the loose gravel on top and I've been struggling to carry the speed we'd like to. But never-the-less we're enjoying it and we're still competitive against the Asia Pacific even being first on the road, so that's got to be promising. So hopefully this afternoon on the repeat stages if we can claw back some of the time to Richard and put some pressure on him you might never know what will happen.

**Car 2 – Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey**

Not a very good morning – we lost time to Cody, we think because we cut (grooved) the tyre too much. So it's moving everywhere on the road. The main thing is we are still holding second in APRC; we must keep going and concentrate on finishing.

**Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson**

We made a few changes to the setup of the car and it seems to be a big improvement so that's a big thing for us. We're pushing along, just trying to keep a good pace. It's obviously very tricky and you get confident once you get a car that's going well and your stage times get better. So we've got to be careful not to overdo it. We've got Katsu in control so we're pretty happy with that.

**Car 5 – Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth**

It's still pretty slippery out there; a lot of loose gravel off line, some of the stages more than others. Still having quite a lot of tyre wear, which is surprising because it doesn't feel like you're using them. I think the roads will stay damp for this afternoon, I don't think they'll be either swept or dry, but there should be more of a line hopefully. We're happy with the first couple of stages, but struggled in the last two. The car had bit of an oil smell and we were struggling to stay on line; the car just isn't pulling itself straight. It could be the turbo, so hopefully the guys can do something in service to fix it.

**Car 4 – Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall**

We had a puncture in the long stage so we had to stop and change it. We have no clue what caused it; we were just a couple of kilometres in and picked it up. The brakes still aren't where we want them to be. We're having fun, the roads are pretty good today, they're nice and the times are not so bad, considering the first stages. We just need to be a little more cleaner and get used to the surface. But I'm enjoying myself.

**Car 6 – Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy**

Not so good because we had to adjust the rear suspension and we lost some time on the first three stages because the car was sliding too much in the rear. I could not drive it so was just taking it easy. Otherwise no problem.

**Car 7 – Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen**

The roads are pretty slippery where we are sitting. They are grouse roads, there is certainly no doubt about that. Obviously the people up the front are trying very very hard by the look of it. The stages are quite damp actually.

**Car 11 – Chris West/Chris Cobham**

The car is really good. We probably suffered a little bit with tyres in there with a lack of. We only used four instead of six, but it would have severely compromised this afternoon if we used the extra two that we need to repeat them. I think it's more the fact the second two stages suit the car, as far as they are downhill. That's the biggest archilles with this, is the tight twisty stuff, we're struggling. So we're down on time there, but where it's fast we can keep the momentum going and it's not really a disadvantage and that's showing in the times.

Car 8 – Richard Mason/Sara Mason

We're happy with road position today. The car feels better today than it did yesterday, which is nice. All in all it's been quite nice this morning. There is not much time in it for the day, like Hayden could pull finger this afternoon and go a bit quicker. I see Chris West has picked up his act, which is nice to see. So I don't think there is any room to lift off.

Car 12 – Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

I'm happy with the way the car is going. I had a bit of trouble in that last stage – it wasn't flowing. But it was driver error and something to improve on for this afternoon, but at the same time we posted some alright times so I'm pretty happy with the morning's effort.

Car 9 – Brendan Reeves/Glen Weston

It's pretty good. Quite damp out there from the rain overnight so the gravel is pretty heavy compared to yesterday morning. But the times are still good. We're sitting in fourth so we're happy with that.

Car 15 – Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

Had a good morning actually, the last was really good – we gained some time on the boys in front of us so we're happy. It's going to be a real close fight with Matt Jansen, there's only 0.1 of a second in it after the last stage.

Car 16 – Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

We've got a good close fight today, so it should be good. It's definitely a better day than yesterday. Yesterday started out a bit hard, but this morning we're there on the pace so we've just got to keep trying this afternoon and try and claw back some time from Sloan (Cox) for the day. No real problems today, so it's going good.

Car 14 – Sloan Cox/David Calder

It's a lot better today. I've started off with a decent pace that's I'm really happy with. Hopefully next pass I can pick up my pace a little bit more, but happy with my stage times so far. No problems so far, so hopefully it stays that way!

Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennett

Same story, it worked for the first stage this morning but then the second stage it started overheating again. We're just going to figure out if it is worth it to keep going and risk further damage to keep getting points for rookie and junior titles.

Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen

Things are going much better this morning than yesterday. Yesterday I only did two stages, and now I've done four – So I'm happy! I love these roads.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden

It's not too bad. Better than yesterday that's for sure because we've got intercom, which is a good bonus. I don't know, it just doesn't seem to be happening today.

Car 21 – Patrick Malley/Linzi Malley

Only fourth gear. We've tried to fix it in between the stages. But I can't find anything wrong with the gear shift linkages. The boys will have a proper link – but there's nothing wrong with the gear shift linkages so it's probably internal. We'll just have to keep on trucking, there's not a lot more we can do. It's... Frustrating.

Car 22 – Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

We are going well this morning. Patrick is unfortunately having a few issues, which is working in our favour. Other than that, I'm driving alright and everything seems to be going to plan. We'll go back and attack those stages again and try and improve our times a bit more.

Car 24 – Ben Hunt/Jeff Cress

It's going not too bad, I think Patrick (Malley) is having a bit of trouble so we've moved up a place or two. It's going good in the car, feels alright.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin

Going well so far. We had a puncture in the second stage – But it's just one of those things. For the rest of the day we'll just try to get to the end and have as many points as we can. Salvage what we can.

Car 26 – Tomoyuki Nakagawa/Jamie Kibble

We had a couple of good spins down the road but we've done it a bit quicker. First stage was good, second stage had a spin, third stage had a spin. Probably just got to get to the end, just cruise along now.