

2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei
Stage quotes

Special Stage 15
Wairere 2

Date: 7 June 2009
Road conditions: Damp
Weather: Cloudy

Car 3 - Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

No pressure (referring to rally victory, Pacific Cup and Pirelli Star driver qualifier). Sense of Deja-vu from 2007 we broke the jack before the last stage and couldn't replace the front tyres. It's just happened again. So we've got absolutely shagged tyres on the front and they are doing the job. Just nurse it through the final stage. Re: Mason – These things happen, rallying can be cruel but it ain't over yet.

Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson

The first two weren't kind to me but the next one was alright. I seem to like that last stage and push on a bit in it so it's good to be on the pace. Probably some more improvements to develop the car. Unfortunate for Mason, takes the sport away, bugger.

Car 2 - Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey

Better than this morning. Cody a bit too fast. Fighting with Emma, she went very fast this morning but I will fight.

Car 5 - Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth

Car has intermittent fault making it difficult. Sorry to hear about Chris and Richard but takes a bit of pressure off. Haven't been able to do much in battle with Katsu because of electrical problem.

Car 4 - Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall

[Retired, broken oil cooler]

Car 6 - Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

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Car 7 - Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Happy to get the end that's for sure.

Car 9 – Brendan Reeves/Glen Watson

We hopefully have third now for the weekend so we are just going to sit there, the stage before last we got caught up behind Mason losing time, we were in first gear and couldn't see anything,

Car 12 – Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

We were going really well then we hit a post in the last stage. But hey we're still going and they still make glass!

Car 15 – Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

We've upped our pace a bit this afternoon, we have a bit of a competition going on with Matt Jansen and I think our times a pretty close.

Car 16 – Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

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Car 14 – Sloan Cox/David Calder

Getting a bit better, did quite a good time for the last stage (15). Pretty close in Star driver.

Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennett

I tell you it's pretty bloody hard to get through this having to go so slowly. Just gotta get through and collect some points, even the points for last are quite good.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden

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Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen

Good afternoon and good jump on the only jump (Hella Bridge). I hope there were some photographers there. Being from Finland he is an expert on Jumps.

Car 21 – Patrick Malley/Linzi Malley

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Car 22 – Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

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Car 24 – Ben Hunt/Jeff Cress

The afternoon has been good; we won a couple of stages and have been on the heels of Jagger. Tyres have gone off so just cruise home now. These roads are awesome; I'll definitely be coming again.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin

A lot better than the first time round. Just trying to get a bit of speed. Didn't get a puncture this time which was nice.

Car 26 – Tomoyuki Nakagawa/Jamie Kibble

That last one was cool, we were broadside coming up to the bridge but made it somehow. He (driver) has been improving all day. Just take it easy through here and finish.

Car 39 – Matt Summerfield/Dave Neill

Afternoon's been good, lost ten seconds to Reg in that one but still ahead.

Car 36 – Alex Kelsey/Dale Perry

It's been good, been a bit conservative because we want to finish. Learning to trust the tyres.

Car 33 – Stephen Barker/Brett Lightfoot

We are slowly getting faster and faster. From what I understand we have just nosed ahead of Sloan Cox which is good. Got about a second a K on him for the last stage.

Car 32 – Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Fun. We had a little notes problem in the start of stage 14 but got back on them. Then we saw the TransNet people at a junction and thought I could tip it in and get out of it but we just slid off the road. Slid into some mangroves and carried on down through the swamp for about 100m and then popped back out onto the road. Part of the dash fell off so I fired that out the window and carried on. Once again we went through Paparoa Station Road and it is the best stage in the world.

Car 31 – Geof Argyle/Tarryn Cox

Finally got it running properly and it's going well. Third overall for NZRC so happy.