

2009 NAC Insurance International Rally of Whangarei
Stage quotes

Special Stage 3
Mititai

Date: 6 June 2009
Road Conditions: Thick gravel
Weather: Showers, increasing to rain

Car 1 - Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson

Atrocious out there with being the sweeper, tyres are going off trying to get to the hard base, looking forward to this afternoon where some people can cop my dust.

Car 2 - Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey

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Car 3 - Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Still feeling really slippery and slow but the times disagree, tyres are chewing up quicker than suggested. Definitely looking forwards to this afternoon.

Car 4 - Gaurav Gill/Glenn Macneall

Still struggling with brakes, we had brake-fade and there is not much bite from the pads, so we can't go late on the brakes. I don't know what to do now, try some new pads out I think and lets hope we get some brakes.

Car 5 - Emma Gilmour/Rhianon Smyth

Hayden's been going very fast this morning. We are happy with where we are going, it's just learning to work with the car in slippery conditions. Road has swept bugger all, it's still really slippery.

Car 6 - Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Good. Alright, getting used to the car.

Car 7 - Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Very slippery, a long way for an old fella, two 30k stages in a row.

Car 8 – Richard Mason/Sara Mason

Not particularly happy with the car but we will take it. Roads are messy with different lines from the APRC drivers. Proving tough to hang on to. Happy with 12 second lead keeping in mind a long way to go

Car 9 – Brendan Reeves/Glen Watson

Started raining towards the end but made the most of the start of the stage. Looking forward to the super special stage.

Car 11 – Chris West/Chris Cobham

Car is having gear box troubles and intercom issues, but still feels good on the road.

Car 12 – Kieran Hall/Peter Hart

Tyres going off quick towards the end. Driving cautiously but still going sideways

Car 14 – Sloan Cox/David Calder

Rain making a little harder to see towards the end, great stage awesome

Car 15 – Kingsley Thompson/Richard Ellis

Good, had a bit of rain at the end of the stage, but you gotta deal with that.

Car 16 – Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

She's getting a bit slippery now with this rain coming in so, so we have to make changes to the car yet again and see if we can come up with an answer.

Car 17 – Brad Ayling/Brett Wright

That was a lot better than the first two this morning, we really struggled in the fast stuff but we are getting more confident with these notes and the car again.

We're a bit rusty through there, but we made it to the finish of the first stage so that was our first goal

Car 18 – Josh Marston/Raymond Bennett

Yea much better, still a bit washy in the back. I'm not really quite sure why it's doing that but we didn't catch Ayling that time so that was good, didn't get held up in his dust.

Car 19 – Kirsty Nelson/Malcolm Peden

Good, intercom still playing up but still good.

Car 20 – Jouni Arolainen/Tapio Suominen

Had to be pushed off start line [Official results show 'exclusion pending']

Car 21 – Patrick Malley/Linzi Malley

Something niggling, hard to be confident when you can't pick what the problem is. Still, made it to the end of the third stage, so better than last round.

Car 22 – Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

That one was pretty long, same as the one before that as well, pretty tiring for me. Losing confidence in a few places so can make up a bit of time somewhere.

Car 23 – Daniel Harris/Darryn Green

Pretty good, felt good. The first two were a bit untidy but tidied it up for that one so felt pretty good.

Car 24 – Ben Hunt/Jeff Cress

A lot better, I finally got some confidence back and pushed a bit harder so should be good, see what the time is.

Car 25 – Dominick Unterberger/Warwick Martin

[Withdrawn, off road in SS1]