



2010 International Rally of Whangarei
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Whangarei town basin

Date: 4 July 2010

Weather: Heavy rain, weather deteriorating rapidly.

Car 2 Chris Atkinson/Stephane Prevot

We're down the order a bit (road position), but the first stage it worked well. The other two we were losing out because it got slippery but in the last one it was full rain so we lost more – but that is the way it is. I think now we're going to do a bit of testing. They are different conditions (with heavy rain falling) so we will see if we can make the car work in these conditions.

Car 3 Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

It has been going alright. We knew the first stage this morning there was a bit of gravel so we were going to struggle a little bit – but it doesn't sound like it is sweeping too much. But we drove a steady pace through there then in the next two we pushed quite hard – especially since that stage record from 2004 still stands. So I really wanted to get in front of that. We have a good lead but I still want something to keep aiming for – so stage records is the aim today. We knew in these conditions we could do it in the first pass so it has been going good and the most fun I've had in the car ever.

Car 5 Gaurav Gill/Glen Macneall

Basically we've broken the gearbox – all we've had is second gear since the beginning of the second stage this morning.

Car 4 Alister McRae/Bill Hayes

Yes it started off pretty well; the last stage the heater and the demister is not working on the screen so the screen misted up so we couldn't see anything, which is not much fun. But other than that we're going well no problems. The changes we made yesterday after the first loop were better and then the first stage this morning - it was loose, it wasn't working very well. But I'm happy enough with the way the car is going, we just need to make sure the screen stays clear for us.

Car 9 Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

It started off alright – certainly better than yesterday. Then the rain conditions affected me quite badly – with the fogged window and I lost quite a lot of time. I'm still happy and will hopefully push a lot harder this afternoon.

Car 10 Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

It is getting slippery out there, especially in that last stage, we were really struggling for grip in some of those corners. I don't think it helps that we are running standard medium Dunlop's so we are struggling a bit more than everyone else really – so we will keep pressing on for the rest of the day.

Car 11 Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Very wet – car is okay; roads are good and we just slipped on a bridge – it was like ice, went off and hit a bank on the last stage. But car is okay – no damage.

Car 14 Emma Gilmour/Ben Atkinson

Yes, a bit of a slow start. We went for a really aggressive cut on the tyres. In the first couple of stages they were damp but it wasn't raining and the tyres sort of wore out a bit too quick, but then they probably worked ok in the last stage so it wasn't an easy morning, but all in all it was ok.

Car 15 Chris West/Chris Cobham

A lot better; we just probably made a bit of a mistake with the pressure on the tyre which cost us a bit in the following stages but certainly we know where to go back and fix that. We just need to press on with what we're doing. The car feels really good, but conditions are deteriorating rapidly. The last five kilometres in there were just atrocious and it's really starting to come down (the rain).

Car 16 Richard Mason/Sara Mason

The day is pretty well buggared for us so we will continue with a test session for the rest of the day.

Car 22 Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

Morning has been pretty good actually. The third stage this morning got very slippery and very wet so we sort of backed off a little bit to conserve the car as there has been a lot of carnage in there already. But it's very hard to drive in all that rain.

Car 27 Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

It's been not too bad. That last stage we hit a bank that about ten others hit and lost quite a lot of time to Steven (Barker) so I think he has taken the lead for the morning. It was very slippery in that one.

Car 29 Daniel Palau/Thierry Song

Bad conditions; the roads are very slippery so we have made many mistakes on two stages so we want to finish now.