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Sebastien Ogier (M-Sport World Rally Team)

Andreas Mikkelsen (Skoda Motorsport)

Ott Tanak (M-Sport World Rally Team)

Quickest in shakedown, how was the Fiesta Seb?

SO: It's very hard to judge right now. I've had so little time in the car, but this is a good start today. We cannot make any conclusions from this shakedown its very evolving conditions. There's some saving tyres for the rally as well as some different tyre choices. I feel not complete ready, with only two days testing, but I am ready to make the best. The rally is going to be difficult, it's very slippery with a lot of tricky conditions. A lot can happen. But the tyre choice looks predictable, now we have stay on the road

Is it going to be the trickiest Monte ever?

SO: The Monte is most of the time tricky, but this will be one of the trickiest; I am used to it. Tyre choice is pretty clear. In some places we will have full ice and snow and on some there is tarmac. The tyre choice is somehow easier.

So you won't need a call from your dad?

SO: No hopefully I don't need a call from him to tell me I'm wrong!

Andreas, are you sure you're in an R5 car? You're second quickest?

AM: Like Seb said, it's a special shakedown with everybody looking at tyres and figuring out new cars. We had a good run, we were early on the road and this help us – but it's still a surprise to be second. I didn't believe this was possible. It's a bit special, but it's good.

It must feel very good?

AM: It's a special position [we're in] after last season. I got a great opportunity to do this rally with Skoda and it's better to do this. Hopefully we can contribute to Skoda and help win WRC2. We will really push hard for that.

Is the pressure on to win WRC2 after you won Rally Australia?

AM: Maybe yeah. To be honest, it's not easy jump one car to another. I only tested on snow and ice and tomorrow we'll be on slicks and this will be a completely new experience for me. We'll see how it goes, but the feeling so far is nice. There are a lot of good drivers, a lot of guys who are quick in WRC2 here in Monte Carlo, there's Kevin [Abbring] and my two team-mates.

Ott, you're back in M-Sport main team. How does that feel?

OT: I'm not sure how it feels for Monte Carlo, but for the season it feels good. There are many news things that are new for everybody, there's a lot to learn through the season, but I enjoy this. It's nice to work with Seb, I'll try to get more like that (him).

How much advice has Seb given you?

Actually he's a nice guy. It's been really nice so far, I try to listen to everything he says and use it in my favour.