



MEDIA ZONE GAP: END DAY 2

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Quotes

22. GRYAZIN-ALEKSANDROV

“Hopefully we can improve. The last stage was quite tricky, so we decided to slow down things a little bit. We are looking forward to tomorrow. The plan is to get better.”

23. DAPRÀ-GUGLIELMETTI

“This morning was a quite better. In the afternoon, we had a big moment in the first one [SS7]. We lost some rhythm. The second one [SS8] went well but we were starting behind. We had a lot of snow and at some point, we needed to shut off the lights, and we lost 7 or 8 seconds. In the last one [SS9], we struggled a lot in the slush but we’re happy.”

24. JÜRGenson-OJA

“Similar story, in general I think it’s difficult for me to really commit with my experience. This is my first time in this event, but my feeling is improving a bit.”

25. YAMAMOTO-FULTON

“A bit tired in the morning, condition-wise, it was better. We picked up some pace. But we had to deal with a lot of rain as well. We improved a lot in the afternoon. It was a good day, at least, we’re here.”

26. CAMILLI-DE LA HAYE

“Yes, it went well. We were the fastest this afternoon, that’s the main thing to remember. We managed to set a good time and close the gap in the snowy conditions this afternoon, which is encouraging for the rest of the rally. Tomorrow is still a very long day, and so is Sunday. We’re in a fight with Gryazin, still a bit far from Rossel [Léo], who built a nice advantage this morning. We kind of handed him a nice gift with those 50 seconds lost in the first stage, but we weren’t very good with the car setup, it was too soft. I expected it to be very icy like it was last night, but it wasn’t. That’s why there was such a big gap this morning, but we recovered well this afternoon.”



28. ROSSEL-MERCOIRET

“The day went pretty well. We are in the lead tonight, it was not the main goal of the rally, but we are pretty good with the car and we feel great in all conditions. We are not always the fastest, but I think we are the most regular, so for now it pays off. We didn’t make any mistake. We have a fairly steady pace but without going beyond the limit, even if we don’t really know where the limit lies in these conditions. For now everything is fine.”

29. SARRAZIN-ROCHE

“It’s a really complicated Monte-Carlo. That’s what we came for and we certainly got it. The progress compared to last year is huge.”

31. INGRAM-KIHURANI

“Very difficult. Probably the most difficult day of my career. To be back at this level after a year, it was crazy. I’m happy to still be here and we’ll try to enjoy the rest of the rally. We just have to survive.”

34. DELECOUR-DE CASTELLI

“It wasn’t easy. In SS8, we had a heavy snowstorm, and our side lights weren’t working very well, so we couldn’t see anything at all. We were almost stopped, we couldn’t see the road, it was really complicated. At the same time, on this new stage we got a puncture right at the start, which forced us to change a tyre. It was difficult all the way to the end. And on the last stage, we tried to play it safe and bring the car home. We enjoyed it a bit more. We’re trying to clock up as many kilometres and as much experience as possible in these conditions, which are far from easy.”

35. PELAMOURGUES-POUGET

“We made a mistake... It’s usually my style to retain the negative points, but today it’s impossible to do so. Yesterday we started quietly, in the second stage we had a very good time. This morning, we are doing the scratch in the first stage under really delicate conditions. We’ll see tomorrow what our strategy is: trying to get a result or be regular until the end. We are in learning mode and it’s successful. I am happy for once! It had been a long time since the rally had moved me in a positive way to have tears in my eyes. It’s been several times that it was in a negative way. It feels really good.”

38. BURRI-FELLAY

“Incredible. We got hit by a snowstorm. We picked up 10 cm in 30 seconds. We couldn’t see where we were going. We were driving without the lights on, it was so intense. In the last one [SS9], it was the same thing.”



39. WARTIQUE-ANDERNACK

“We had a snowstorm in the second to last special. It was very complicated, I’m not happy at all with the tyres. We didn’t have any feelings throughout the day. The car is great, but we have no feelings. These are snow tyres that only have the name, not the purpose.”

40. PIGUET-HADDAD

“It was very hard. We got hit by a snowstorm.”

48. COVI-LORIGIOLA

“It was crazy. That is the only word I can use. You can’t see anything, it’s slippery. Long day, I am happy to be here.”

54. CHERAIN-VERMEULEN

“What a nightmare. We started the loop with a good stage [SS7]. We were very well ranked, and then we got caught in the snowstorm in the last two [SS8-SS9]. It was completely crazy, we couldn’t see two meters ahead. That’s how it is. We’re already happy to be here, because even at 20 km/h, it was scary. That’s part of rallying.”

56. VON THURN UND TAXIS-HAIN

“I’m very happy to be here, a very difficult stages. So crazy! So much snow! There was a snowstorm on the second stage [SS8] and in the third [SS9], strong snow and a lot of snow on the road. We were driving so slowly, but it was still slippery and very difficult.”