



### MEDIA ZONE GAP: MID-DAY 3

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#### Quotes

##### **21. ROSSEL-DUNAND**

“The first six kilometers were a disaster, we did the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> time. We then had a cleaner part and then towards the snow, from the new portion, I had more grip and I was able to push more. It’s still survival. There are ways to have some fun but we’re not fast enough.”

##### **22. GRYAZIN-ALEKSANDROV**

“Tricky conditions. Not easy to drive at all. I tried to drive safely and make no mistakes but it’s really tricky.”

##### **23. DAPRÀ-GUGLIELMETTI**

“It was good in the first stage and very bad in the second one. We didn’t have a good rhythm, we expected more ice so let’s see what happens next.”

##### **24. JÜRGenson-OJA**

“The day was more even, condition-wise, more understandable. Just more ice which you need to take care of it, but still difficult. The time on the last one was quite decent so I’m happy.”

##### **25. YAMAMOTO-FULTON**

“A lot of things happened! The first stage was full of ice in different types, it was wet and made us slow down. I slid on a tight right corner. After that, I caught up with the crew in front. We’re here and I hope we can gain something from the mistakes we’ve made.”

##### **26. CAMILLI-DE LA HAYE**

“We didn’t do very well with the tyre choice. We didn’t know how to use them properly.”

##### **28. ROSSEL-MERCOIRET**

“Not easy, it was tough. I had to redo a lot of lines, as if I was sweeping what the first ones were doing. You could see the road was improving a lot. We’re trying not to make mistakes. We have a small gap to second place and a big gap to fourth to stay on the podium, so for now everything is fine.”



## 29. SARRAZIN-ROCHE

“It was a complicated morning for us. In the first [stage] we didn’t drive very well honestly. We refocused on the second one, which was a bit better, yet we still made a small mistake that made us lose quite a lot of time. We’ll need to refocus for this afternoon.”

## 30. KOHN-WHITTOCK

“Tricky, we just went through both [stages].”

## 31. INGRAM-KIHURANI

“We really enjoyed the first stage, the long one. We did a good time, a top 3. It was a good experience. Second one was also great. We’re really going well on the snow, but on the tarmac we still struggle.”

## 32. CHATILLON-CORNUAU

“Two nice snowy stages. The conditions were a bit tricky, but our goal is to be in Monaco tonight and tomorrow. We’re not taking too many risks. We’re a bit slow, but we’re trying to enjoy it.”

## 34. DELECOUR-DE CASTELLI

“The first stage was more or less okay, and on the second stage we tried to do what we could, but it didn’t really pay off. »

## 35. PELAMOURGUES-POUGET

“Very good, I’m happy. We’ve found the pace we’ve been hoping for since the start of the weekend. I made a few mistakes in the snow, we visited a few of the local fields [laughs]. But the pace is what matters and it’s very good. In the last stage, we finished on the podium, so it’s perfect!”

## 37. MOLLE-DUBOIS

“The first one went really well, honestly, I felt very comfortable on the snow in this stage. Finally, some proper Monte-Carlo conditions. The tyres worked pretty well on that one. On the next stage, we relied on the notes from the opening crews, but the conditions had really changed since then and we should have ignored them. We lost 30 seconds at the end because they had announced it was completely icy, which it wasn’t, but I have 100% trust in them, so I preferred to play it safe and avoid making a mistake.”

## 38. BURRI-FELLAY

“It’s going okay. We went through hell yesterday but it didn’t get to us. We’re still here. This morning was nice. It’s always difficult to know how far you can push and whether you’re doing too much or not enough. We don’t have anything to chase, we’re trying to find some enjoyment and bring the car back in one piece.”



### **39. WARTIQUE-ANDERNACK**

“This morning was quite difficult. The stage was beautiful but the grip wasn’t huge. In the second stage, there was a lot of slush on the road. The idea when you drive in these conditions is that you can give 10% or 15% more, to gain a lot of seconds. It’s my first real Monte-Carlo and I want reach the finish line. That’s the priority for me.”

### **42. KEFERBÖCK-MINOR**

“It was such difficult stages. We only have to survive.”

### **43. BOLAND-MJ**

“The first stage was very slippery. The last one wasn’t bad.”

### **45. DRIVAKOS-BANTE**

“Yesterday was very difficult and crazy. This morning was difficult too, but it is the Monte-Carlo. The first stage [SS10] was complicated, so was the second [SS11] one but it was better. Let’s see how it goes.”

### **46. MARCHINO-OMETTO**

“It is much better today. It’s a beautiful day and the scenery was incredible. We are very happy. There was snow and mud but it was really fun.”

### **47. VOSSEN-BLEIJENBERG**

“It was terrible, we had no grip at all. I don’t know if it’s about the tyres, but I have the feeling that they give absolutely nothing. I think I have more grip with the tyres on my recce car than on this car. It is what it is, we were careful but also probably too slow.”

### **49. FONTANA-ARNABOLDI**

“It was a really great morning, the conditions were improving. I think we did two pretty good stages. Now we still have to get better because we need to recover a lot of time, to try to win this rally. It’s still long, everything can happen!”

### **50. ROSSI-SARMEZAN**

“Tough, but like everyone else. We ended up in a small ditch, so we lost about 4 minutes. After that it was ok, the main thing is that we’re still here. Very little grip, even with studded tyres, it was really like dancing. It’s very hard to stop on the ice. It’s constant, 30 km with almost no grip. It takes a lot of concentration. We made a small mistake, and there will be others. The main thing is that we’re here and everything’s okay.”

### **51. ROYÈRE-GRENIER**

“Not too bad, we’re here so we’re quite happy. It was complicated, tricky. I think the tyre choice was the same for everyone, so no issues on that side. There wasn’t much grip, but we’re dealing with what we were given.”



#### **54. CHERAIN-VERMEULEN**

“The first one was very complicated. The snow was starting to melt, so it was really tricky. Then in the second stage, we set the fifth fastest time overall, which is cool. It's crazy, the conditions are definitely improving, but being ahead of Ogier in the stage is still pretty nice. It feels good. We'd already set the ninth fastest time yesterday, so that's cool.”

#### **56. VON THURN UND TAXIS-HAIN**

“Very difficult, the tyres are very complicated to drive with. I was struggling so much in the first stage. You don't know what you're doing, it's like driving the car for the first time. Second stage was better, we had much more grip on the tarmac, I'm happy to still be here.”

#### **62. DESSI-GIULIANO**

“We're really doing a proper Monte-Carlo! It's been years since I've seen roads this beautiful with snow. We struggled a bit with this car, it would be better suited for the 24 Hours of Le Mans than for a rally. It's a very beautiful edition that reminds me of my youth. Everyone struggled because no one expected so much snow. On the other hand, the road profiles are really typical of a snowy Monte-Carlo. Even the landscapes are stunning. I think the spectators also enjoyed it. Today was truly magnificent and left great memories for everyone. 2026 is a great year.”

#### **63. GAZDA-JURGAŁA**

“Not so good for us in the first stage, we went down. The car was stopped for about 3 minutes, but the fans were doing a good job, and we got to the finish line. It was a very beautiful stage. The second one was good, very muddy but ok.”

#### **64. DOLCE-GIROUD**

“It went well. We really enjoyed it. The studs weren't working well. Driving in snowy conditions with those tyres is like asking for trouble. It's really a shame. We're still here, but if we had a bit more grip, we'd be enjoying it a lot more.”

#### **66. OLDANI-D'AGOSTINO**

“We are happy to be here. We won the last stage, so we are satisfied. The target is to stay focused until the next stage, which has a lot of ice and snow.”

#### **67. SPATARO-MUFFOLINI**

“I come from Liguria and I'm very happy to see the snow. It's a real Monte-Carlo, just like I imagined it. I'm very happy to experience it, even if it's difficult to drive in these conditions.”



## 68. BERARD-LAGER

"It went quite well this morning. It's still very complicated with the changing conditions: mud, ice, snow. It's very hard to adapt, but the openers did a great job. It's already not bad, we don't complain."

## 72. MICHELLIER-RICHARD

"It was great. Coming downhill, it was so muddy. Otherwise, in the snow we had fun, so it was good. The ice has melted. We're doing well for now."

## 73. PALMERO-PASTORINO

"Still tricky, still snowy. Dirt on the second [stage]. It was calmer. I mean, we were a little calmer [laughs]."

## 74. MORINI-MARQUEZ

"It went well, in the end the ice had melted a bit, it was fun."

## 75. DESBORDES-DESBORDES

"We do the best we can. Those spots are hard to come by, so we attack behind the four-wheel drive. We do as we can, we try to stay on the road. We hesitate to really attack because we already have a good pace and a bit of an advance. We need to manage that. The rally is still long."