



## MEDIA ZONE GAP: MID-DAY 2

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### Quotes

#### 21. ROSSEL-DUNAND

“It's okay, we're trying to get going again. We'll see how the feeling is, it was pretty ok.”

#### 22. GRYAZIN-ALEKSANDROV

“We didn't make any mistakes in the stages, but we can do better and need to be better in some places.”

#### 23. DAPRÀ-GUGLIELMETTI

“Much better than yesterday. Today we are enjoying it more. We are faster and we have a good pace. We reset our mind from yesterday and we'll try to keep this pace this afternoon.”

#### 24. JÜRGenson-OJA

“It was quite difficult, we felt fast only on the last stage, but before that, it was not so enjoyable because we were not confident with the road conditions or ourselves. The tyre choices were the best it could have been, but it's just the driving that is not so good.”

#### 25. YAMAMOTO-FULTON

“Tricky, the last one was especially trickier. There was a lot of slush. I'm not happy with my pace at the moment but still, we need to be patient. We just need to stay on the road and that's the way we go. Let's see what the afternoon brings us, maybe a better feeling.”

#### 26. CAMILLI-DE LA HAYE

“We limited the damage because we didn't feel comfortable with the car this morning. We didn't want to do anything stupid, so we drove slowly for too long. We took zero risk and paid the price. In the second one, we started very fast, then settled down and lost about ten seconds. In the last one, it was okay with the snow.”

#### 28. ROSSEL-MERCOIRET

“We had three very different stages. I'm not pushing a lot, but I'm not making too many mistakes, so we're not losing time unnecessarily. We'll see for the next ones, the weather can change and we'll need to make good choices, which will probably make the difference.”



## 29. SARRAZIN-ROCHE

“It was a good morning. Very complicated, I didn’t necessarily have the right tyre choices, but we’re happy.”

## 30. KOHN-WHITTOCK

“This morning was tricky for everyone. We didn’t have such a good feeling, but we’ll try to do better this afternoon.”

## 31. INGRAM-KIHURANI

“Difficult morning, we just wanted to survive because we made a few mistakes. We’ll try this afternoon to make some time back.”

## 32. CHATILLON-CORNUAU

“It was steady after the little mistake last night. It was very complicated, and we tried not to make any mistakes despite the crazy conditions. We’re here and we’re very happy.”

## 34. DELECOUR-DE CASTELLI

“At the moment it’s too complicated, we can’t find a rhythm. We’ll try to improve our times a bit, but it’s true that it’s still difficult. In these particular conditions, it’s easy to make a mistake. We’ve been looking for some rhythm since yesterday, but we’re not managing well so far. Still, there’s a positive side, it’s all part of learning, and we know we have room for improvement. »

## 35. PELAMOURGUES-POUGET

“The rally goes on, we’re happy to be here. I hope it lasts!”

## 37. MOLLE-DUBOIS

“Complicated morning. We got a flat tyre from the start in SS4. We chose not to change the wheel and to go all the way. In the end, we would have lost the same time if we had stopped. The SS5, like everyone else, new choice of tyres for the loop. Then, in ES6, it gets worse and worse. I think one of the previous crew brought a stone in the cuts, so we broke a rim, but the tyre that I thought was flat, wasn’t. It’s complicated to have a clean stage honestly. We got through it, but the waste of time is a shame. That’s how it is. It will clean a little this afternoon, but the ropes will get worse and worse, we expect quite a bit of mud.”

## 38. BURRI-FELLAY

“We went in on the inside and got stuck in the corner. We couldn’t get out. We managed to get out after about seven minutes.”



## 42. KEFERBÖCK-MINOR

“It was very tricky at the beginning of the morning, the roads were very icy and slippery. We couldn’t see anything. We had no chances with the tyres, no grip. But it’s funny. The second stage was good, it wasn’t so icy. The third one, was snowy. We had a driver in front of us, lost some time but it’s ok.”

## 43. BOLAND-MJ

“It’s my 21<sup>st</sup> Monte-Carlo. The conditions are definitely bad on this one, very slippery.”

## 45. DRIVAKOS-BANTE

“This special stage is very complicated, difficult and intense. Due to the snow and the ice for 4-5 kilometres. We have to do it step by step.”

## 46. MARCHINO-OMETTO

“This morning was really difficult, there was a lot of snow, a lot of ice. I didn’t break anything, so I was able to finish, but it was very difficult. »

## 47. VOSSEN-BLEIJENBERG

“The stage was very tricky and slippery but it’s like that for everyone. But we made it through, so no problem. Snow is very nice but icy roads aren’t. Maybe the roads will be different this afternoon because there was a lot of traffic over the road and maybe it will be easier to drive.”

## 50. ROSSI-SARMEZAN

“It went well, a little slow, but it’s okay. For now, we’re still in the lead, so we’ll see. It’s still very long, so we mustn’t make any mistakes. It’s hard to find the right rhythm. The [studded] tyres aren’t easy on ice, not easy on snow, and even less on dry, but we’ll see this afternoon. »

## 51. ROYÈRE-GRENIER

“It was okay, there were sections where it was good and others where it wasn’t, we don’t really know what’s happening. We’re here to have a good time, and that’s going pretty well, so we’ll see the results later. »

## 52. GUIBERT-GRACIAL

“It went okay, we didn’t make any mistakes, so that was already a good thing because there were a lot of cars going off and getting stuck. For us, no mistakes, we’re gaining confidence in the car and improving our pace. We’re still far off, but not as far as yesterday.”



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

“I don’t know how much time we lost in the last stage this morning. Otherwise, the SS4 was great. Honestly, we drove really well in the SS5, but there was a lot of traffic. We’re doing our best.”

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

“It wasn’t so good. The first two stages were ok. We were careful, but in the third stage, we had a problem with the grip in the first section. We got into a cut and got stuck into it. Thankfully, we went back on the road but we lost a lot of time and that’s a shame.”

#### **57. BARNEAUD-BARNEAUD**

“We are a lot behind, so we tried to drive clean, and not to make any mistakes. The stages are very dirty, it’s complicated, but it’s a real Monte-Carlo. We’re here, now, we’ll try to get to the finish line. I’m not sure it will be better this afternoon because the ropes are full of mud. There will surely be less snow indeed.”

#### **59. FRANKE-WENZEL**

“Very tricky and slippery but it’s ok. We had four studded tyres.”

#### **61. BERARD-BERNABO**

“We’re still here, even though we went off three times: the rear, the front, and we ended up in a ditch, but we’re still going, even if the car is a bit damaged. We’ll see how it goes on the second run. Despite the studded tyres, it’s sliding a lot. »

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

Retired for the day following SS5,  
Cause: no spare tyre.

#### **63. GAZDA-JURGAŁA**

“It was quite good! Not so much ice because we went after many cars, so it was good. I think the next stages will be better because the ice will be completely gone.”

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

“It went well, we had a lot of fun! The first stage was tricky, but it’s like that almost everywhere. But we really enjoyed ourselves, and that’s the main thing! No traffic, no punctures, everything’s fine »

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

“Everything is going well today. It was much better. Unfortunately, yesterday we got tricked on the second stage. Now we should be able to make up the time we lost.”



## 67. SPATARO-MUFFOLINI

“It’s going well. We were in the snow like the rest of my category. It’s difficult and you can make stupid mistakes that cost you time. We’re ahead of two four-wheel-drive cars.”

## 69. CALABRINI-TARQUINIO

“It was a very difficult morning. We had a lot of problems.”

## 70. DE MATTEIS-BICO

“Very complicated. The conditions are very changeable. We went from snow, to wind, then to fog, to soil and mud. It’s very difficult.”

## 72. MICHELLIER-RICHARD

“It was tough. The first one was difficult, there was a lot of mud. We’ll see about the next tyre choices.”

## 73. PALMERO-PASTORINO

“Yesterday was tough, today is even worse. Luckily, we spun twice without hitting anything. We were lucky, but that’s typical Monte-Carlo conditions.”

## 74. MORINI-MARQUEZ

“It’s complicated, it was really, really dirty, but we’re still here, and that’s what matters.”

## 75. DESBORDES-DESBORDES

“It was very perfect. We had no incidents, and we didn’t get caught out compared to our competitors in the last stage where it was snowy. We’re not too bad.”

## 76. CAGNI-SPEZZANI

Retired for the day following after SS5.

Cause: electrical issue.

## 77. MATTEUZZI-FROSINI

“Everything is fine. It was entertaining because it was very slippery. We had to drive slowly because with two-wheel drive, we can’t accelerate in the snow.”