

STAGE FLASH

Date: 02/6/12

Day: 2

Special Stage: SS3 Abbey St Bathens 1 (16km)

1. Mark Donnelly / Dai Roberts (Renault Clio R3)

I had a massive spin at the start of the stage and I lost a lot of time

2. Keith Cronin / Marshall Clarke (Citroen DS3 R3T)

I got no good rhythm. I'm all over the place, I didn't feel comfortable at all

3. Jarkko Nikara / Petri Nikara (Citroen DS3 R3T)

I lost the brakes at the end of that stage, I'm having to be careful

4. Elfyn Evans / Dale Furniss (Ford Fiesta R2)

There were tricky sections in there with the wet patches. I can go a bit faster

5. Osian Pryce / Iestyn Williams (Citroen DS3 R3T)

I dropped about a minute in there, I was too cautious

6. Jonathan Greer / Gordon Noble (Citroen DS3 R3T)

Very slippery, I had no grip. There is a lot of water there that wasn't there on the recce

7. Peter Taylor / Andrew Roughead (Renault Clio R3T)

I couldn't get the tyres to work, no grip.

8. Tom Cave / Craig Parry (Citroen DS3)

Big, big moment at the start. A lot of wet patches under the trees but I had a good run.

9. Jussi Kumpumaki / Jani Salo (Ford Fiesta R2)

That was a nice stage. I made some mistakes braking too early and we've changed some of the pace notes.

10. Jukka Korhonen / Mikael Korhonen (Skoda Fabia R2)

The rear dampers are too soft. We're going to try and adjust them now.

11. Desi Henry / Niall Burns (Citroen DS3 R3T)

[Stopped in stage]

15. Niko-Pekka Nieminen / Pasi Haataja (Ford Fiesta R2)

[Stopped in stage]

16. James Grint / Phil Clarke (Citroen DS3 R3T)

[Stopped in stage]

12. Callum Black / Paul Wakely (Citroen DS3 R3T)

That was fun, this car is completely different to the Swift.

14. Matthew Cathcart / James Morgan (Ford Fiesta R2)

That was slippy in places. I'm just getting used to the feeling of the tarmac

17. Gethin Jones / Kevin Devine (Ford Fiesta ST)

Lots of people off in there, I took it steady

18. Ruary MacLeod / Drew Sturrock (Ford Fiesta R2)

We had a good one. There are really slippy bits under the trees. Lots of people off in there.

19. Arron Newby / Martin Taylor (Skoda Fabia R2)

Awesome!

20. Chris Ingram / Ieuan Thomas (Renault Twingo R2)

Good run but the back end is very bouncy.

21. Garry Pearson / Craig Wallace (Renault Twingo R1)

Back end stepped out on one of the corners, but apart from that it was a good run

22. Alex Parpottas / Chris Davies (Ford Fiesta R2)

I'm happy but I couldn't judge the grippy places. I started fast but then backed off so that I didn't end up in the same situation as the cars that had gone off.

23. Nick Allen / Andy Bull (Renault Twingo)

That was fantastic! I didn't know you could have so much fun without taking your pants off!

25. Henry Felix Catchpole / Christopher Brooks (Renault Twingo R1)

A proper stage, my first in four years. I overtook the car in front - a nice overtaking manoeuvre on the inside!