

STAGE FLASH

Date: 27/4/12
Day: 1
Special Stage: SS2 Glen Dhu 2 (6.36km)

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

It is still really loose at the rear, the back end is always trying to overtake us.

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

It felt a lot better than last time, we're putting more focus in for tomorrow.

3. Tom Cave / Craig Parry (Citroen DS3)

I've got confidence but can't push. The setup is really wrong.

4. Jarkko Nikara / Petri Nikara (Citroen DS3)

We're catching the car in front and so we had dust in the stage.

5. Elfyn Evans / Andrew Edwards (Ford Fiesta R2)

Much cleaner, happier than first time.

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

I've got no power, it doesn't feel like it's in stage mode.

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

A bit cautious. No more spares and we had a puncture on the first run. I didn't want to risk it.

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

Still not happy, we'll have to try and sort something for tomorrow.

11. Jussi Kumpumaki / Marko Salminen (Ford Fiesta R2)

We've gone a second faster and it's darker. That's ok.

12. Alastair Fisher / Daniel Barritt (Ford Fiesta R2)

Tricky stage in the dark, Lots of small crests but confident with the notes. We may have rubbed the grass once but it was ok.

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

Stick in third all stage. Hope to fix for tomorrow.. the joys of rallying!

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

Cooked brakes, I'm using them too much. Slower than the first run, I think an engine mount is broken.

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

Faster than first run. Damaged steering arm so no confidence in right handers.

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

That's the best stage I've ever done! Really focussed, brilliant

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

Felt grippier than first run, but that could just be me not going so quick.

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

Better than first time.

23. Chris Ingram / Joe Cruttenden (Renault Twingo R2)

Had a massive moment flat in fifth on a long lefthander, I'm sure we went around it backwards!

24. Ruary MacLeod / Paul Beaton (Ford Fiesta R2)

Much quicker than first run, much happier.

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

My second Keilder ditch experience in two stages. I heard five left but it was three left.

25. Nick Allen / Andy Bull (Renault Twingo)

I had a slight problem which slowed me but probably helped. I think it is the diff.

26. Matt Cotton / Glyn Thomas (Ford Fiesta ST)

Lack of commitment to the notes. I'm driving as I see it, not as I'm being told.

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

Had a small off, the back end kicked up and put the front in a ditch. Hopefully just cosmetic damage.

28. Steve Rokland / Kim Hjalmarsen (Ford Fiesta)

Small dust problem but still felt good.

29. Arron Newby / Julian Wilkinson (Skoda Fabia R2)

I wanted to get through these stages. We had a good start but caught dust toward the end and I couldn't see anything.