

STAGE FLASH

Date: 18/8/12
Day: 2
Special Stage: SS8 Tardree (6.4km)

R1. Keith Cronin (IRL) / Marshall Clarke (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3T)
Very tricky this morning. I'm being extra cautious. I'm not pushing at all, just trying to hold the lead.

R4. Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Philip Pugh (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
This stage felt very loose in places, so I drove very conservatively. I think these stages will suit the R3 cars more with long straights.

R9. Jonathan Greer (GBR) / Gordon Noble (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
I expected dry weather, so I went on the cut slick but we had a shower on these stages.

R10. Osian Pryce (GBR) / Iestyn Williams (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
I don't think there is a right tyre choice for these two. I was on inters which I think was the best. I'm just happy to get through.

R2. Tom Cave (GBR) / Craig Parry (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
SS7 was ok, but I struggled in 8. I went for a slick and I couldn't get any heat into them. But my time was ok.

R16. Callum Black (GBR) / Paul Wakely (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3T)
Mega slippery! SS7 was where I went off last year so I was mega steady. I was on inters all round which I think was the right choice. The problem is the unpredictable surface whilst I get used to the tyres and maps of the DS3. I ned to keep working at it!

R5. Alastair Fisher (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
It's very greasy. you can't afford to step out of line at all. I'm not sticking my nose out, just trying to drive smartly.