

SERVICE FLASH

Date: 18/8/12
Day: 2
Service: ServiceD.

R1. Keith Cronin (IRL) / Marshall Clarke (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3T)
It's very slippery out there, so just keeping it steady. No dramas.

R2. Tom Cave (GBR) / Craig Parry (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
It's more difficult this morning because of the conditions. I'm pleased we've made up a place to fifth, so a positive start.

R3. Mark Donnelly (GBR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Renault Clio R3)
The clutch is not working at all now, which makes the stage starts really difficult and we're losing time. How many stages have we got left?

R4. Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Philip Pugh (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
It's slippery, but for different reasons: Stage seven was wet and stage eight seemed to have a lot of loose gravel and mud. You've certainly got to concentrate this morning.

R5. Alastair Fisher (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
No problems so far. I'm just driving sensibly and keeping an eye on the times.

R6. Guy Wilks (GBR) / David Moynihan (IRL) (Renault Twingo R2 Evo)
We've not got the best set up for the conditions this morning and there's a few issues with the rear brakes, but that's good as I can give the team more feedback for wet and slippery tarmac.

R8. Desi Henry (GBR) / Barry McNulty (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
Slid off the road on stage eight, tried to carry on, but damage to rear axle.

R9. Jonathan Greer (GBR) / Gordon Noble (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
Didn't have the best tyres for this morning's conditions. Disappointed to drop from third to fourth, but overall happy as I know we can go quicker.

R10. Osian Pryce (GBR) / Iestyn Williams (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)
Even though we had an overshoot between some walls on the first stage this morning, I'm really pleased we still managed to get back third place. Very pleased.

R12. Jukka Korhonen (FIN) / Mikael Korhonen (FIN) (Skoda Fabia R2)
I have never in my life driven on anything as slippery as that before (rich words bearing in mind he's from Finland)

R14. Matthew Cathcart (GBR) / James Morgan (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

Other than some hedge trimming, all went okay, which we're pleased about on roads like that.

R16. Callum Black (GBR) / Paul Wakely (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3T)

I was vary carefully in SS7 as that's the stage where I went off last year and, if I'd done it again, my team would have killed me!

R21. Chris Ingram (GBR) / Stephen McAuley (Renault Twingo R2 Evo)

Went off the road and into retirement on stage seven. Both crew members okay.

R22. Ruary MacLeod (GBR) / Paul Beaton (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I've been backing off too much because it's so slippery and I feel I need to build up some confidence on these sorts of surfaces.

R23. Niko-Pekka Nieminen (FIN) / T Suominen (FIN) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I've not driven on roads like this, so I have to listen to the pace notes very carefully and concentrate hard.

R25. Gethin Jones (GBR) / Kevin Devine (GBR) (Ford Fiesta ST)

Slid off the road and retired on stage eight.

R26. James Grint (GBR) / Craig Drew (GBR) (Citroen DS3 R3)

I'm not used to these conditions, so it's been difficult. Just want to get as many miles as possible under my belt so I can learn driving on surfaces like this.

R30. Arron Newby (GBR) / Martyn Taylor (GBR) (Skoda Fabia R2)

Stage seven was good and stage eight I went slower, just playing it safe really.

R33. Alex Parpottas (GBR) / Chris Davies (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

It's not been a great morning so far. The car wouldn't start in Parc Ferme, so we got a 40-second penalty by booking into service late. Then we went off where a few others did in stage eight. We nearly went through the gap, but just clipped a wall with the front of the car. But we didn't lose much time and it's fixed now.

R36. Garry Pearson (GBR) / Craig Wallace (GBR) (Renault Twingo R1)

Well we're still here! I'm even more cautious now as I have to finish to claim the Junior title.

R37. Steve Rokland (NOR) / Tom Andre Haldammen (NOR) (Ford Fiesta R1)

I've not driven on slippery tarmac before, so this is a new experience, It's tricky, but I'm still enjoying it as it's really great experience.