

After SS3 & SS4

Hayden Paddon/John Kennard (DNF SS3)

We took a slippery corner which had a bump in the middle of it. It unsettled the car and we hit a palm tree with the front right corner of the car. We pushed wheel well back into the wheel arch which damaged the oil cooler. So we weren't going anywhere. We can hopefully fix it and try to be back in the race tomorrow.

Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson (APRC)

No so good really. As far as time goes we did a pretty good time, but we had a few 'offs'. Otherwise we're pretty happy with how its going. Katsu is obviously putting the pressure on but we are going to try and keep doing what we are doing and keep at that, keeping our own pace rather than try to go all out just to try to beat him.

Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey (APRC)

Very difficult. The stages are very muddy and slippery. In the last 5 klms we had a puncture in our back tyre but we didn't lose much time. It is very very slippery so I think everyone will have some problems.

James Russell/Douglas Pickering (DNF SS3) (PSD & MRC)

We hit a big rock in SS3 and punctured two tyres. I thought about limping back on the rim of one tyre, but it would have done too much damage. We have some steering damage too, so we'll fix it over night and start again tomorrow. If we don't do well in the Pirelli Star we can still earn points for the MRC overall and in our class.

Gaurav Gill/Jagdev Singh (DNF SS4) (APRC/PSD)

It was very bad luck. About one and a half kilometres out from the end of the SS we went through a mud puddle. What we didn't know, or expect, was that there were rocks under the mud. A rock knocked off the pipe to the oil cooler and we lost all our oil. We limped to the end of the stage but I think the damage was done. We may have done some serious engine damage. We wont know until later tonight whether we can start tomorrow or not.

The first stage we had the wrong tyres, but after changing them we were flying! We were fastest in SS3 and were doing really well in SS4 until the rock incident. I'm sure we would have continued to clock great times.