

Quotes after SS1 & SS2

Cody Crocker/Ben Atkinson (APRC)

It was a bit of a mix actually. The first stage was very good for us, we won by about 10 seconds. We actually had a spin in that stage as well at the second last corner the rear just spun around and we stopped near a bank and we lost maybe 5 seconds. In the second stage we lost about 2 seconds to Taguchi so maybe the surface did not suit our tyres but the next few stages are like the first stage so that is good so I am really looking forward to that.

About the Stages:

The stages are a bit more slippery than when we did the recce cause there has been a bit of rain. The stages are very very tricky. He who gets it right will be the winner I guess and I hope we don't get it wrong. I hope it's a little more under control.

Hayden Paddon/John Kennard (PSD)

It was ok. I broke the hand break switch in the first stage so every time I pulled the hand break it locks up all 4 wheels. So it was difficult getting around the tight short corners. I'm still getting used to the surface cause its quite a bit different to what we are used to, its slippery and soft. The stages were good, they have dried out a bit seeing there was no rain yesterday.

Katsu Taguchi/Mark Stacey (APRC)

It was not very good because we lost some time in the first stage. We made a wrong tyre choice this morning. The conditions are very good, but its a little slippery.

Gaurav Gill/Jagdev Singh (APRC & PSD)

It was not what we expected. Is very slippery out there and we made a wrong tyre choice like Katsu and we lost time. We had no grip.

James Russell / Douglas Pickering (PSD, MRC)

Douglas: It went very well, although in the first stage we had a puncture because we went slightly wide and hit a culvert so we had to stop in the stage to change the rear right wheel. On the second stage we were pushing to make up time. Not for the Pirelli Star really, more to help us with our overall time in the Malaysian Championship.

Brad Ayling/Ben Searcy (DNF SS1) (PSD)

We are very disappointed. I am not sure of the extent of the damage but I don't think we'll be able to fix the car overnight.

In SS1 we clipped a tree which spun us into another tree. Our car is still in the SS. We can't tow it out until later today because we have to wait until after SS5 is finished.