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WRC1 Post-event Meet the Crews 14th September 2025

Present:

Sébastien OGIER - TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT
Vincent LANDAIS - TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT
Elfyn EVANS - TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT
Adrien FOURMAUX - HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM
Juha KANKKUNEN - TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT

Welcome to the WRC1 post-event Meet the Crews.

Q:

It's the final event for the South American tour. Sebastien Ogier, you've been on the top set in both rallies. Congratulations. It's going to be a really, really tight fight for the title this year. How are you feeling right now?

S.O.:

Good, better than two weeks ago, even though it was also a win. But it's been frustrating to lose those points on Sunday in Paraguay; everything is counting. Today we've been rewarded with the maximum, so that feels amazing. I'm really happy with that. Two points are not much, with three rallies to go and still 105 points to go. It's a long way to go.

Q:

Did you take maximum risks out there?

S.O.:

For sure, it was a push because this power stage is a bit tricky. There are only eight kilometers, and we know a few tens can change many points. I didn't want to feel the frustration from Paraguay again. There were some rocks in the line in the middle stage, which forced me to back off and lose some time. So, towards the end, I pushed to the maximum to get everything I could. You are happy when the gap is so small.

Q:

How tough has it been this weekend, and how demanding is it when it's coming to the crucial rallies now, where you've really got everything right?

V.L.:

As you said, it's quite a huge effort to have this kind of result for this kind of weekend. I'd like to be honest. From the first day I started my career with Seb in Japan, I said I only work well when I'm under pressure, and I guess he knows how to do so. It's been a huge weekend for us. I feel a bit more relieved and even happier than Paraguay, because now we have brought many points back. It's been

difficult in the car because we faced strong conditions yesterday morning, after heavy rain. But also on Friday morning, after the first stage, when we lost almost 10 seconds, I thought it was going to be a long weekend. I'm happy, and I will take time at home to enjoy it.

Q:

Is your relationship with Vincent close enough for him to question your decisions in stages like Friday and Saturday?

S.O.:

He didn't dare yet. But, honestly, I would have deserved it.

Q:

How motivated are you for the next round on tarmac as we move to CER (Central European Rally)?

E.E.:

It's definitely been a tough weekend. I'm happy with the turn of pace we lacked in Paraguay. We have a lot of learning to do again; it's been a while since we were back on tarmac. Obviously, that was for Canaries, and I don't think it's going to be so similar to Central Europe. There will probably be a lot of work to do now, to get in a good place with the car and to prepare well for Central Europe, but I am looking forward to it.

Q:

How do you feel about today? Are you a bit frustrated or not?

E.E.:

Naturally, of course, I'm disappointed not to score more points. That's part of the game of being in the championship, but Seb was very strong. We gave it a good shot, but it wasn't enough today.

Q

Let's turn to Adrien Fourmaux now. How happy are you to be on the podium?

A.F.:

I'm really pleased to be on the podium, to be fair. It's been a good weekend. We pushed from the start to take the lead, but suddenly, Toyota was really quick on the wet. I have no regrets. I've been building a lot of confidence and my pace in every rally. I try to continue my job and do my best in every rally. For me, the championship was completely different. It's been quite a long time. I just try to do my best on every rally and see what I can bring for the rest of the season. It was really nice to share with all the fans in Chile, but also in Paraguay. The atmosphere was really nice. With the weather it was a really big challenge for us.

Q:

We've seen the pace; you can do it. Can it be done in the next three rallies?

A.F.:

For sure, I'm really chasing it. We have a target. The level of the championship is fantastic for everybody. Let's go for it.

Q:

What a weekend it has been for the team. How do you sum it up?

J.K.:

I can't be happier. We had a good week two weeks ago, but this one was probably even better. We scored one point out of a maximum this weekend. We had about 100 people working, and everybody was doing a really good job. Especially all the drivers, but these two guys, Elfyn (EVANS) and Seb (OGIER). They won first and second place two weeks ago, and again they made the game. I have a dream team behind me.

Q:

What can Kalle Rovanperä do to bring himself back into the fight?

J.K.:

Kalle (ROVANPERÄ) had a bad weekend two weeks ago and this weekend as well. He is straight that it is his mistake. A little mistake can cost you so much time when you're fighting for the win. He's 21 points behind, but he's still in the game. At least I can be proud that all my drivers are first, second, and third. It can't be much better than that.

Q:

We all check the numbers with Seb (OGIER). You are the mathematician of the team, right? **S.O.:**

Actually, I haven't watched them. I just know it is a good day because we take 35 points. It is difficult to know, but I think that (the difference) with Kale (ROVANPERÄ) is 21 or 22. We will find out. Now it's time to enjoy and celebrate tonight.