

2006 HELLA INTERNATIONAL RALLY OF ROTORUA

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1 Cody Crocker-Ben Atkinson

Very tough. It's my longest stage ever in time. The windows were foggy which didn't help. Went through the big water hole and went off, hit the bank and had to stop to correct. It was very slippery towards the end.

2 Eli Evans-Matt McAdam

That was hard work. I nudged the bank and went off through the water puddle, up the bank and luckily back on to the road. Tyres did the job. I was on softs. I was very tired towards the end.

3. Hiroshi Yanagisawa-Tadashi Misaizu

Retired at start.

4. Rifat Sungkar-Herkusuna Mohamad

Not a good time. It was my first time in the Motu. There was too much water. I went off on SS2 with medium tyres on, when I needed softs. I need to change oil in gearbox. I selected the wrong gear at times. We are very slow.

5. Brian Green – Fleur Pedersen

Motu is in the worst conditions that I've ever seen. We had the wrong tyres and should have used muds. The last half of the Motu was very slippery although the car is running well.

6. Dermott Malley - Linzi Malley

I drove the last 32km in the Motu blind because my co-driver has been sick since the start of the morning and was very sick in the last stage. Even my son beat me – that's very embarrassing. Looks like we will be driving blind for the rest of the day.

7. Fan Fan – Jun Wei Fang

I hit the bank in the Motu and it needs an alignment. Have damage to the left rear of the car.

8. Subhan Aksa – Hade Mboi

The diff is not working and Mark passed us. Slowed down so we could make it back to service. The tyres were okay on mediums.

9. Mark Tapper – Jeff Cress

It was fun although the tyres went off two-thirds of the way into the Motu. I was getting some wheel spin and would like some more horsepower.

10. Chris West – Garry Cowan

I am struggling overall. Had foggy windscreens in the first stage. It's a hard drive so far. No real problems with the car.

11. Richard Mason – Sara Randall

Struggled for last 10kms in the Motu – found out I had flicked the centre diff switch off by mistake. Overall though felt really good and had a really good first stage.

12. Sam Murray-Rob Ryan

I caught Todd 10km from the end but could not pass him. I have had three punctures already and I hit a bank in the first stage.

14. Todd Bawden – Damon McLachlan Emma Gilmour-

That's hard and I felt dizzy. Ran out of hydration before the Motu. Long time since I have done this and I was not fit enough. They are too fast for me. It's better than I drive to finish.

16. Emma Gilmour – Chris Cobham

It was okay. The car is fine. Had a flat in the first part of the Motu and never got the hang of it after that stage.

17. Glenn Smith-Colin Smith

I bent the sump completely around by going through the ford too fast. That cost me a lot of time. The engine sounds bad.

18 Dean Sumner – Paul Fallon

The engine is getting hot. It's the same problem we had in Dunedin. The temperature is going off the clock. Very unhappy and frustrated.

19. Brett Martin – Raymond Bennett

We are trying hard. The tyres went off. It's very muddy. We also had a puncture in the first stage.

20. Dylan Turner – Sandy Bansal

It was terrible. I had a spin before the bridge. Caught Smithy and Emma. Got mud on the screen and had another spin. Passed Smithy again and caught up to Emma. Also hit the left rear on a bank. All in all it was crap.

23. Lee-Anne Barns – Erin Kyle

The demister was broken so I couldn't see. The tyres were not gripping at all.

41. Dave Strong – Bruce McKenzie

It was predictable. It had two rivers running down the middle of the road. I dropped a fair bit of time there. I've planned on that hoping a few would drop off. Now I will have to make it up.

42. Kayne Barrie – Peter Leith

No problems. Tyres were good. Put a wet cut in them and it paid off. Heaps of fun. It was very slippery.