Challenge Day 5: More drama!

Today was another unbelievable day as the solar car of TU Delft completely burnt down! What an unbelievable and awful moment that must have been, just like it was for Team Twente when their car was blown over.

We were in total shock especially when seeing the pictures and reading what had happened.

*Picture from Vattenfall Solar Team on Twitter*

Before all this we were totally focused on reaching Port Augusta as it wasn’t an easy start this morning as we had several technical problems in the first 10km and pulled over 3-4 times, allowing other teams to overtake us.

*No time to lose!*  *Photo by Bart van Overbeeke*
It was another very long stretch with one Control Stop in the middle at Glendambo. Obviously people with a good sense of humor judging by this sign.

![Image of a sign welcoming to Glendambo](image)

After all was resolved it was a long 480km to Port Augusta, the final Control Stop and involved a lot of overtaking. We managed to overtake IVE just before the end of day stop. This means that only SunSwift is ahead of us and tomorrow we only have another 197km of the 3000km left to go!

The other good news is that we are finally out of the dark zone, there should be internet available all the time so now we can keep you posted of our progress much better and mostly much quicker.

Official update by the BWSC organization today:

**CRUISER CLASS SCORES UPDATE**

@SolarEHV 94.79  
@sunswift 50.55  
@ivetySophie 39.77

**Official Judging is still to come on Saturday!**

It is quite amazing to see how this team can stay focused for so many days with so little sleep. Every evening a team briefing and all the work that has to be done before catching some sleep. For instance on day 2 we had to pass a traffic light that is green for 30 seconds before turning red for five minutes! With the cars in front calling it on the radio we managed to pass the green light without having to slow down, some teamwork!

![Photo of team members working on the car](image)
Never knew one could be so thirsty, even after drinking at least two liters of water a day, your mouth and lips burn. Today’s hot curry was quite the surprise, making you even thirstier but it did warm us up a bit as the temperature dropped dramatically to just 9 degrees tonight. Big difference with the 28 degrees of two nights ago.

Tomorrow is the last day of the efficiency challenge and Saturday is the last day of the challenge with the award ceremony on Sunday evening (Sunday at noon in Dutch time) when the winner will be announced. Very exciting days ahead! #cantwait