

STAGE FLASH

Date: 17 August 2017
Day: 1
Stage: Super Special Stage Saarbrücken
Weather: 26 degrees, overcast
Track: dry
Flash N°: 1
Distance: 2.05 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC
"The real fight starts tomorrow but tonight we have seen that it can be tricky. You can't win the rally tonight but you can lose it."			
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC
"If I have a good feeling in the car I will enjoy it. And I'm sure the times will come. I expect some very difficult conditions this weekend. Let's see."			
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC
"We went as hard as we could. We have a new hard tyre here which is unknown territory. Let's see what we can do with it."			
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"The hairpins are very tight. I touched a bale on the inside, but no worries. It's tricky in these wider cars."			
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"I had no good feeling at all in that stage after I saw what happened to Meeke. The same thing happened to me in Sweden. I took it quite steady. It's my first time starting a rally leading the championship. On a tricky stage like this, I think we did quite well."			
6	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
After damaging his rear-left wheel: "I know what I can touch."			
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"I am gutted for Paul and Kris. It's so easy to make a mistake in here. I touched a barrier on the first corner. It's going to be a long weekend. We'll go as hard we can."			
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"I'm really hoping that we can have a good result here. The car feels really nice on tarmac. I hope for good weather tomorrow, as we are starting further back."			
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"What happened to Kris was really unfortunate. This sort of city stage is good but why did they use concrete barriers and not plastic? That's not the way to do it. For me not such a bad stage."			
11	HÄNNINEN Juhon/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"Let's see where our times are tomorrow."			

12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"A win like in Finland? No way, no chance! I need more experience on tarmac and with this car. I'm just not confident enough to push. I need to try to be clever."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"It's really great and I'm happy to be here. My feeling for the car is not great yet. But the real start of the rally is tomorrow."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I can be a difficult weekend but I don't think about it. I like this rally a lot and I'm happy to be here."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"It's a pretty nice event here on tarmac with quite an attendance. Different than the forests of Rally Finland."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It's really, really tight and twisty. I think my soft tyres were gone after two laps. I'm really happy that I could open this stage."			
66	TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen	DEU/AUT	FORD FIESTA R2
"I had a spin."			
71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I cleanly went through this stage but I also didn't take any risks."			
78	GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin	DEU/DEU	TOYOTA GT86 R3
"I did not hit anything. I hope that the spectators enjoyed it."			
79	VOSSEN Henk/VAN BARSCHOT Sander	NDL/NDL	FORD FIESTA R5
"I've been here many times in a row. We just want to have fun."			
84	SCHWEDT Roman/DR. WICHURA Henry	DEU/DEU	OPEL ADAM R2
"What a great feeling, to drive my first special stage at a WRC round in front of such a big crowd – and this at my home Saarland."			