

STAGE FLASH

Date: 18 August 2017
Day: 2
Stage: SSS Wadern-Weiskirchen 1
Weather: 18 degrees, light rain
Track: completely dry
Flash N°: 2
Distance: 9.27 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC
"Not a good start actually, we had a spin. Not such a good start into the rally. We drove into a field, lost probably five seconds. We did a compromise with the tyre choice."			
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC
"Some places are a bit slippery. It's difficult to judge the brakes in a few junctions."			
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC
"A bit of understeer in the junctions. The road is getting dirtier for sure but Sordo's time is good so I can't blame it on that."			
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"I'm on full soft tyres, so I had to look after them. We're waiting for the rain. We have to be patient."			
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"We have three hard tyres and one hard on the car. A different package to what Seb has. I think this was a good choice."			
6	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC
"Good balance in the car. I tried to do my best. It will be complicated with the weather."			
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC
"A really stupid mistake last night. But okay all I can do now is go again. I try to get the end of each stage as quickly as possible today."			
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"Pretty decent. Trying not to make any mistakes. Neat and tidy. One small mistake but otherwise okay. We have two hard and two soft tyres. Making a choice here is like flipping a coin – we just don't know what the weather will do."			
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"There's a lot of movement in these [soft] tyres. I don't think they were correct for this stage. The time is not so bad, but we were pushing hard. There was a lot of gravel on the road."			
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"We went slightly wide into a steel rod on the side, it's broken the front right wing a bit. Everything else okay."			

11	HÄNNINEN Juho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"Okay. We lost a bit of time but the car feels really, really cool."			
12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"I'm pretty pleased to be honest. No risks, just checking how much dirt there is on the road. First lap a bit careful, the second was already better. It's still not wet, but in some places a bit muddy."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"It's fantastic. It's really not too easy to drive this car. It's difficult to put the enormous power of the car onto the street. Really not so easy to drive in some sections. Over the day we will improve."			
22	RAOUX Jean-Michel/MAGAT Laurent	FRA/FRA	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"For the first stage on Tarmac in this car it's not so bad."			
23	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"Very nice. It's okay, much better than I thought."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It was okay. A bit hard to find the right exits out of the junctions, but no drama. No big risks."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"A complete disaster. At the start we were just told to go straightaway. The time is not right. We are not starting on the right time."			
33	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"A good stage. I want to say a huge thanks to the team for getting my car fixed for today."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"Last night was a surprise but in this little R5 car I really enjoyed it. I kept it smooth with no slides and it went well! Last year I was close to winning the Super Special in Spain, but I didn't think we'd do that against the new cars."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"Everything went perfectly. Unfortunately, our tyres were too soft. I had expected rain and didn't think that it would stay dry."			
44	BERGKVIST Emil/FLØENE Ola	SWE/NOR	CITROËN DS3 R5
"It is not easy to find a rhythm on this difficult stage."			
71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I'm not satisfied, the tyres were too hard."			
75	GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin	DEU/DEU	MITSUBISHI EVO X
"We were too soft on the rear. But with this kind of weather you don't know which tyres to choose."			



78	GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin	DEU/DEU	TOYOTA GT86 R3
"My tyre choice was too soft because I expected rain. I was too cautious and have to improve."			

84	SCHWEDT Roman/DR. WICHURA Henry	DEU/DEU	OPEL ADAM R2
"We are very happy. We had a good start this morning and immediately found our rhythm. Let's continue like that."			