

## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 18 August 2017  
**Day:** 2  
**Stage:** Graftschaft 1  
**Weather:** 19 degrees, partly cloudy and sunny  
**Track:** dry

**Flash N°:** 4  
**Distance:** 18.35 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC	“Conditions are not so easy but we have to push. I’m not perfectly happy with the car. I do my best with what I have. Somehow, I cannot get the set-up to my liking. I’ll handle it. It’s just for today.”
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC	“I think this morning it’s been really challenging. The conditions kept changing. You have to drive with your eyes open.”
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC	“Struggling for confidence in the braking. I didn’t have the best run and ran a little wide in some hairpins.”
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	“It was feeling quite strange, I had a slow puncture. After 6 km it was completely gone. I have no idea what caused this puncture.”
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	“I have a lot of understeer in the fast sections. In the slow corners, it is okay.”
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC	“Not too bad. Not too bad. For the first time this morning I had equal tyres [softs all round] and I felt more confident. I’m still struggling for a bit of confidence.”
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	“Terrible. I touched a wall and thought I had a puncture. I missed a braking point, went off and did a full 360 in a field. I need to keep it calm.”
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	“This was not really a perfect drive from me. I made two little mistakes. I haven’t done well on this stage before so studied the onboard and finally I mastered it! The car is amazing, it definitely has potential and I think we showed that.”
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	“I touched it a little on the kerb or something. It was trickier than I thought. It was damp in some places. I don’t have the experience from last year because back then I retired on the first day.”

11	HÄNNINEN Juho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"Much better than the stage before because I didn't go into the vineyards this time. The car feels really good. It's giving me more of what I can use."			
12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"I'm really, really surprised at the moment. It's difficult for the others as well. Our tyres were completely wrong on the last stage but I'm really satisfied with this. I tried to push a little bit on the braking."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"We had to stop in the stage. Something is loose with the rear suspension. We must go and have a look."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It's okay, but a bit careful, braking too early in places. Not that bad."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"Not so good. I need to improve. I did some mistakes."			
33	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"I have to clutch. On the startline it takes ten seconds to go. Any mistake would be the end for us. Also, I have the wrong springs. Not a good morning but we're still there and we'll push like hell when everything is okay again."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It was dry, just a few patches at the start. The soft tyres were not the best way to do it but we did our best."			
36	GUERRA Benito/CUÉ Daniel	MEX/ESP	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"In one junction, I went straight on and stopped. I had to reverse. I lost maybe 15 seconds."			
40	GREENSMITH Gus/PARRY Craig	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA R5
"Just driving through, we still have the same steering problem we had last night at the Super Special."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"That was okay. Running much better on two hard tyres crossed."			
45	BONATO Yoann/BOULLLOUD Benjamin	FRA/FRA	CITROËN DS3 R5
"I'm happy. Two good special stages. Better than Poland. I like driving through the vineyards but I prefer drinking them."			
48	ARMSTRONG Jon/O'SULLIVAN Noel	GBR/IRL	FORD FIESTA R5
"Struggling a bit. The set-up is too soft and I'm struggling on the soft tyres too."			
66	TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen	DEU/AUT	FORD FIESTA R2
"This stage was better than the one before, because then we didn't have a handbrake."			

71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"When we had a hit on SS3, the damper was ripped off. Now, we had to drive accordingly. That cost a lot of time."			
75	GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin	DEU/DEU	MITSUBISHI EVO X
"Car is working. We're still driving. Therefore, everything is fine."			
82	SCHWINN Sebastian/GRIEBEL Felix	DEU/DEU	MITSUBISHI EVO X
"We were not aware of a hit – suddenly the [front left] tyre was gone."			
84	SCHWEDT Roman/DR. WICHURA Henry	DEU/DEU	OPEL ADAM R2
"I still don't know whether I'm supposed to like the vineyards or not. But this is a totally new challenge and an entirely new world. However, we handle it better and better."			