

STAGE FLASH

Date: 18 August 2017
Day: 2
Stage: Graftschaft 2
Weather: 19 degrees, rain
Track: wet

Flash N°: 7
Distance: 18.35 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC	"It's okay and tricky. With Thierry, we obviously don't have the ideal tyre choice. Our soft compound is not working."
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC	"We used a tyre we have never used. It feels very good. Maybe we should have pushed more. The car is perfect, I'm enjoying it."
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC	"I just have no grip, especially here. Struggling in every braking zone. There's not a lot we can do. We have mix of something on the car."
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	"No one to blame but myself. Wet, slippery muddy tarmac? No thank you. This rally and the Monte are two rallies I know I have to improve on."
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	"I was on the maximum but I have so much wheelspin and locking on the braking. The conditions were tricky. I'm missing a lot of traction on the braking and on the throttle."
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC	"More tricky than the one before, a lot of mud here, tricky on the new tyres. I had to slow to pass Lappi. The car was in a ditch. He was out of the car."
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"A little bit better. Still tricky without 100 per cent confidence."
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I think we did a very good stage. The tyre was a little bit too much for the grip, but a clean stage. I'm very happy to be in this position at this point in the rally. Tomorrow we will be in a better place in the start order."
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"Difficult conditions for sure. I'm losing too much time on the cuts. I can't do the times Neuville and Ogier are doing."
11	HÄNNINEN Juhon/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"This was better than the previous one. Less standing water. Finally, it's not so horrid anymore. No fun. One stage to go and then tomorrow is a new day."

14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"Everything is okay. The car is fantastic. I just don't put the speed onto the road yet."			
23	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"We did a clean stage. For me it's the first time I'm driving on full wets. I'm happy."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"The full wets worked very well for me. Better grip than expected on these rain tyres. The rally is going to plan."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"It's difficult to drive in these conditions. You never know what will happen."			
33	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"I really enjoyed this afternoon. Pushing to the maximum."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I have to say that I like it more when the tarmac is dry. This was tricky, a lot of mud everywhere and a spin. I cut one tyre and had a slow puncture in the rear."			
36	GUERRA Benito/CUÉ Daniel	MEX/ESP	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It's difficult. I've never driven these rain tyres and the confidence they give you is amazing."			
37	TEMPESTINI Simone/BERNACCHINI Giovanni	ITA/ITA	CITROËN DS3 R5
"We finished these two long stages in difficult conditions. It was not so easy. I would like to have the opportunity to push more but it's my first time on these rain tyres."			
40	GREENSMITH Gus/PARRY Craig	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA R5
"Better to be safe than sorry."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"This one was not so bad for me. Better than this morning, when we were sometimes out of the lines. Generally, this afternoon is going much better."			
43	PIENIAŻEK Łukasz/MAZUR Przemysław	POL/POL	PEUGEOT 208 T16
"Very difficult conditions. We're struggling with the car a little bit. There's a lot of standing water and mud. In the hairpins it's hard to get the power into the wheels."			
44	BERGKVIST Emil/FLOENE Ola	SWE/NOR	CITROËN DS3 R5
"Terrible. We have problems with the differential. We had a good start this morning."			
47	TEN BRINKE Bernhard/THIERIE Davy	NLD/BEL	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"We are calm but it was a tricky stage. We're driving on three rain tyres and one slick. So it's a bit difficult in some corners."			
62	BRAZZOLI Enrico/BARONE Maurizio	ITA/ITA	PEUGEOT 208 R2
"The stage is very difficult and very slippery. But I'm very happy."			