

## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 19 August 2017

**Day:** 3

**Stage:** Panzerplatte 1

**Weather:** 12 degrees, sunny

**Track:** dry

**Flash N°:** 10

**Distance:** 41.97 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC	"I was a bit too cautious. I think Thierry stopped and I was driving a bit different. I would love to score maximum points but the gap to the top is quite big."
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC	"It was very tricky. 6 km before the end the rear left tyre gave up. I thought we had a puncture. I'm happy, we had a great stage."
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC	[Right door opened during stage.] "Really negative. A few distractions inside the car, not easy."
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	"We picked up a puncture. I don't know where but it's easy to pick one up in here."
6	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	[Left hand bandaged.] "I'm slow. I didn't take any risks. Very muddy and slippery. But I'm out of the race anyway. I have hurt my hand. It's difficult to drive."
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC	"Not bad. A bit better rhythm today. We changed something last night and I immediately felt more confident today – even on the road section."
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	[Front right tyre damaged.] "I would see the rubber flying off towards the end, it was quite distracting. I tried to manage things on this stage but it was so, so tricky."
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"Very difficult, much drier than we thought. We should have had least two hards on. I didn't push the tyres too much."
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"Not good. That's not going to be good time. It's a lot drier than I expected. I spun one or two times. I was on full softs."
11	HÄNNINEN Juhho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"It was tricky, but not so bad. Easier than yesterday. Grip kept changing. Quite a nice stage."

12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"It was nice. A really clean stage for us. No drama, no moments. I think we had a tyre advantage but I don't think we used it. I was much too slow."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"I think we had not the right tyres. We were going soft, but it tried to too quickly in here."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
[Right rear tyre came off. Rear door and wheel arch heavily damaged.] "It just came. We hit nothing."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"One of the worst stages in my life. I had a puncture and had to stop and change the wheel."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"A good stage but a huge challenge. I tried to find a good compromise not to destroy my soft tyres."			
39	GILBERT Quentin/JAMOUL Renaud	FRA/BEL	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"We had some spins in the last couple of corners."			
40	GREENSMITH Gus/PARRY Craig	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA R5
"In terms of driving that was probably the worst stage of my life. Absolutely stupid. Two overshoots in the first couple of kilometres. I just wasn't listening. Shocking."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"I had a puncture front right. When I recognized it, it was too late and we went into a ditch. There we lost 30 seconds."			
42	LOUBET Pierre-Louis/LANDAIS Vincent	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"Puncture in the middle of the stage. My fault. I cut and I punctured. It's like that."			
66	TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen	DEU/AUT	FORD FIESTA R2
"The hard tyres were okay. But it was quite slippery in the wet corners in the forest."			
71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It is drier and cleaner than I expected. We have cross-fitted hard and soft tyres. Maybe I was driving a bit too cautiously."			
75	GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin	DEU/DEU	MITSUBISHI EVO X
"We had too soft tyres. I was very cautious. We made it through without a puncture and this is already half the job."			
78	GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin	DEU/DEU	TOYOTA GT86 R3
"The tyres were too soft. The car doesn't feel so well yet. It's the first time for us on such a hard surface. There's still a lot of work to do."			