

STAGE FLASH

Date: 19 August 2017
Day: 3 **Flash N°:** 11
Stage: Freisen 1 **Distance:** 14.78 km
Weather: 14 degrees, slightly cloudy
Track: mostly dry, tight corners muddy

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA WRC	"Okay, fastest so far, but let's see what happens behind us."
2	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	FORD FIESTA WRC	"It was a bit better than we expected. But some places were still quite muddy and it's not easy to find the rhythm. We're managing okay."
3	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD FIESTA WRC	"It was difficult. I spun on virtually the first right-hand corner on the stage and lost a lot of time. I'm pretty disappointed by that mistake."
4	PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian	NZL/GBR	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	"Every corner has a haybale on the inside and we've touched a couple of them to try and get a tight entry."
6	SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	"It's difficult. Every corner is full of mud. From my road position, it's like a gravel stage. The time is okay. I'm happy."
7	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN C3 WRC	"There's a lot of mud in there. A lot is dry but where it's muddy, it turns into slime – and that's really, really tricky. A bit like Monte Carlo."
8	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I had an overshoot and the stage was a lot drier than I thought. It's incredibly tricky."
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I had a spin in a junction and stalled. Okay, I will continue fighting. But it's a shame."
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"I'm not happy at all. One place was too slippery and I ran wide into a field. It took some time to get back. I'm really annoyed with myself."
11	HÄNNINEN Juho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC	"It's okay. Nothing special but a bit trickier than I expected. Quite a lot of mud is on the road. The car is really, really good."

12	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA YARIS WRC
"I went onto the fields two times and lost a lot of time. We don't have anything in the pace notes and suddenly the road is full of mud and it's like being on ice. You have no chance."			
14	KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin	DEU/DEU	FORD FIESTA WRC
"A good feeling for the car and the tyres were good. We're pushing a little bit. For us it's really important to go fast but to also make it to the finish."			
31	TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas	SWE/SWE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"After our problems we are in the middle of nowhere now. Just keep going like this, you never know. There's another run though Panzerplatte."			
32	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD FIESTA R5
"Pretty muddy but still quite an okay stage compared to the situations. The feeling is coming back a bit but we need to change a few things."			
33	CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"It's an interesting fight now, I like it. He was very fast on this stage because I was pushing to the maximum."			
34	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"In some corners, you have some mud. I tried to stay on the tarmac because that's where you have the most grip. Some small moments but we are pushing to keep Eric behind."			
41	GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"Good. There were some slippery places but we knew that before. A nice rhythm and I pushed more. The pressure is off me now."			
42	LOUBET Pierre-Louis/LANDAIS Vincent	FRA/FRA	FORD FIESTA R5
"I spun in the stage. I lose a lot of time. I was stuck in the ditch."			
71	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA FABIA R5
"It was very difficult because it was quite slippery and muddy in some places."			
66	TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen	DEU/AUT	FORD FIESTA R2
"It was quite slippery – especially at the beginning and towards the end of the stage. Not easy to make the correct tyre choice. I'm on soft tyres."			
75	GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin	DEU/DEU	MITSUBISHI EVO X
"It was slippery but nice to drive. Everything went well for us."			
78	GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin	DEU/DEU	TOYOTA GT86 R3
"It was difficult. The tyres are too soft. I think it was still quite okay."			