

## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 19 August 2017  
**Day:** 3  
**Stage:** Freisen 2  
**Weather:** 18 degrees, cloudy  
**Track:** dry

**Flash N°:** 16  
**Distance:** 14.78 km

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| 1  | OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien  | FRA/FRA | FORD FIESTA WRC  | "I cannot go for crazy risks for an extra three points but I keep the pressure on and see what happens. Good grip now in this stage."   |
| 2  | TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin         | EST/EST | FORD FIESTA WRC  | "More consistent grip in these drier conditions. Can just drive cleanly and it's for sure more enjoyable like this."  |
| 3  | EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel        | GBR/GBR | FORD FIESTA WRC  | "As good as we could have hoped on the cross tyres. A bit unfair on Juho, I know he has a problem, but we have to make the most of what we've got."   |
| 4  | PADDON Hayden/MARSHALL Sebastian  | NZL/GBR | HYUNDAI i20 WRC  | "Cutting the bales a bit in here again. It's really enjoyable. When it's dry like this I can drive with full confidence."   |
| 6  | SORDO Dani/MARTÍ Marc             | ESP/ESP | HYUNDAI i20 WRC  | "A bit better but still dirty. I'm trying to push but we had a lot of understeer. We lost a lot in the long corners."   |
| 8  | BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott          | IRL/GBR | CITROËN C3 WRC   | "A bit more consistent. Not as nervous as before. Not a million miles away from the guys ahead now. We'll keep the push on."  |
| 9  | MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders    | NOR/NOR | CITROËN C3 WRC   | "I think both me and Seb are pushing to the maximum – I know I am. I'm enjoying the fight, I hope it goes all the way to the last stage tomorrow – that would be cool. My confidence in the car is getting better and better with every kilometre." |
| 10 | LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka | FIN/FIN | TOYOTA YARIS WRC | "I enjoyed the stage, I think a good run. Let's see."   |
| 11 | HÄNNINEN Juho/LINDSTRÖM Kaj       | FIN/FIN | TOYOTA YARIS WRC | "Missing one damper on this stage was not easy. Now I just need to get through the last stage."   |
| 12 | LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne         | FIN/FIN | TOYOTA YARIS WRC | "I thought it was a good stage but again the time is no good. I just don't understand. It's very frustrating."  |

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| 14 | KREMER Armin/WINKLHOFER Pirmin    | DEU/DEU | FORD FIESTA WRC  | "Tricky like before but good to drive. Cleaner, not so bad."  |
| 22 | RAOUX Jean-Michel/MAGAT Laurent   | FRA/FRA | CITROËN DS3 WRC  | "Not a bad afternoon. I enjoyed Panzerplatte very, very much."  |
| 31 | TIDEMAND Pontus/ANDERSSON Jonas   | SWE/SWE | ŠKODA FABIA R5   | "A bit more confidence now. We are enjoying. We keep going like this."  |
| 32 | SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko      | FIN/FIN | FORD FIESTA R5   | "Pretty okay. A few mistakes. Still on tarmac I need to improve."   |
| 33 | CAMILLI Eric/VEILLAS Benjamin     | FRA/FRA | FORD FIESTA R5   | "It's drier now, more grip than this morning. Looking forward to tomorrow. Still a long way to go."   |
| 34 | KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel         | CZE/CZE | ŠKODA FABIA R5   | "After the puncture, we try to go as fast as possible. Hopefully we can get a podium at least."   |
| 41 | GRIEBEL Marijan/KOPCZYK Stefan    | DEU/DEU | ŠKODA FABIA R5   | "My feeling was pretty good. But right now, we are the slowest. So, obviously that wasn't quick enough. I want to be faster than the others."                                   |
| 44 | BERGKVIST Emil/FLØENE Ola         | SWE/NOR | CITROËN DS3 R5   | "It's very difficult without a gravel crew. Ola and myself are doing a good job. I'm enjoying this. This is where I belong, I feel. I will fight to stay in this championship." |
| 45 | BONATO Yoann/BOULLOUD Benjamin    | FRA/FRA | CITROËN DS3 R5   | "I have no clutch. I hope I can get the car back to service."   |
| 47 | TEN BRINKE Bernhard/THIERIE Davy  | NLD/BEL | ŠKODA FABIA R5   | "The situation is a little bit better, we're going faster. The feeling is getting better and better."   |
| 66 | TANNERT Julius/HEIGL Jürgen       | DEU/AUT | FORD FIESTA R2   | "It went better than in the first loop. It was drier and easier to drive."  |
| 72 | LIM Chewon/WYDAEGHE Martijn       | KOR/BEL | HYUNDAI NGi20 R5 | "I was trying to get better. The condition was better, so I had a better rhythm. I've learned from the tricky stages. It's a fantastic rally."                                  |
| 75 | GASSNER Hermann/THANNHÄUSER Karin | DEU/DEU | MINI COOPER S R5 | "There was a huge stone in front of us. That's so annoying. We had a puncture and had to change the front-right wheel."   |
| 78 | GASSNER JR. Hermann/KRAMER Jasmin | DEU/DEU | TOYOTA GT86 R3   | "I suspect my dad a puncture. All okay with me."  |