

STAGE FLASH

Date: 16 August 2018
Day: 1
Stage: Super Special Stage St. Wendel
Weather: 27 degrees, dry
Track: Dry
Flash N°: 1
Distance: 2.04 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta WRC	"There are bales everywhere so it is easy to hit things. It is not a really enjoyable stage, it is so slow. But the real rally starts tomorrow."
2	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC	"I'm really looking forward to this one, the stages are looking great so let's wait and see."
3	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	"This stage I felt a lot of understeer and needed to pull the handbrake way too much."
4	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"They told us to wait, we stopped the car. Then with eight seconds until we started they gave us our time card and told us to start. We didn't get the car started right on time."
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"It doesn't matter, but I expected to have a little less grip and they were overheating which wasn't easy. Looking forward to tomorrow, it is going to be tough. It is always so nice to see the fans, it is going to be a good show for them and I hope I can get some strong points for the championship."
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"We are doing quite well this year, we are here for fighting. Let's see tomorrow, it is a long day and a long rally."
7	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"I don't know, the car didn't start the slide as I thought and then I clipped the bale. It's not the end of the world."
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It is tight for these cars and there is so much understeer. I guess it must be the same for everybody."
9	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"I'm a bit confused, it felt horrible. But about tomorrow, it's a challenge, for some ways I just like the challenge of this rally - that's why I like it, I like to beat the challenge."
10	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I have no power, I don't know why, but absolutely no power in the engine. I had to spin the wheels on the car because the engine kept dying all the time."

11	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"It was nice, just enjoyed it. I grew up on asphalt, it's what I love."
22	GRIEBEL Marijan/RATH Alexander	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"I was enjoying it as there was a lot of spectators from my home area. I was on the soft tyres and the car was moving around quite a bit, maybe the hard would have been better."
31	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA Fabia R5	"Let's see tomorrow, but I think the competition is very high. It is nice to look around and see all these cars with really fast drivers."
32	GREENSMITH Gus/PARRY Craig	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta R5	"Body feels sore, mind feels good! Good to get that one out the way, it's a great stage for the fans."
43	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5	"Really nice stage, very good for the spectators. A lot of fun and quite good!"