

**STAGE FLASH**

**Date:** 17 August 2018  
**Day:** 2  
**Stage:** Stein und Wein 1  
**Weather:** 19 degrees, dry  
**Track:** Dry

**Flash N°:** 2  
**Distance:** 19.44 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta WRC	"It is very close. Basically same time. Feeling is good, but not so much grip this morning."
2	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC	"Quite a lot of understeer which is surprising compared to what we had in the shakedown. Many sections are already very dirty and very difficult."
3	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	"I was able to enjoy, but a lot of challenges with a new car on a new surface, but just need to improve the driving."
4	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"We tried of course, I don't feel really perfect. We had a clean stage but I need to be more aggressive on the steering wheel and adjust my driving style a bit. The stage is getting very dirty as well."
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I'm not happy with the rhythm, I struggle a bit with understeer and oversteer all the time. There are differing levels of grip. I was just not confident enough in the behaving."
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I didn't feel really good with the car. We need to improve for the next one, it was difficult."
7	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It is in the ballpark of Seb's time. There are places where the dirt is coming onto the asphalt so I had to be careful."
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It was a very clean run. I didn't feel too comfortable at high-speed, stability is not so nice."
9	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"There are big cuts near to the finish, I've been on the middle of the road. The time is not the fastest but quite a relaxed drive and very clean."
10	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I was very happy with that to be honest, I enjoyed the stage to be honest. To have been away from asphalt for so long and to come back and be relatively competitive is good."



11	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC
"Yeah incredibly polluted. I was so cautious not to make any mistakes and to get brakings in on time. It was a clean run though, no moments."			
21	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	FORD Fiesta WRC
"Enormous stage now! It was fun, a lot of fun! On the set-up we have to change several things to be more precise and stop it drifting as much."			
22	GRIEBEL Marijan/RATH Alexander	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 WRC
"Definitely it is not easy, this car is so amazing fast. The end of the stage wasn't the best with the rhythm."			