

STAGE FLASH

Date: 17 August 2018
Day: 2
Stage: Stein und Wein 2
Weather: 25 degrees, cloudy
Track: Dry

Flash N°: 5
Distance: 19.44 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta WRC	"At least I can judge from Thierry that it was good, but we have to wait to Ott. This morning we were missing a bit but now we will see."
2	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC	"I don't really know where we are overall, but it was a good clean stage. The balance was a lot better than the first run that's for sure."
3	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	"I'm feeling that I'm doing better and better. I was struggling with the rhythm a bit at the beginning and lost a few seconds."
4	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I am working hard again and I had a good look in service to try and understand more. Did some adjustments, it feels very unnatural, but maybe they'll feel natural in time."
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I don't know, I tried to push. You can always go faster but it is really tricky, there were plenty of places in my pace notes where it should have been muddy but it was completely dry. I also lost the bite on the brakes as well."
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"My target is to go a bit higher than Lappi, the people in front are really fast and it is difficult. Some places are really dirty and slippery, it is hard to find the limit."
7	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It is an okay time, I can see Tänak and Ogier are going fast. I can't match them that's for sure."
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"This one is like a normal German challenge again, it was quite tricky in places. It is very messy, it is like polished mud in places."
9	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"The dust is a problem for me, so no chance."
10	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"We have an engine problem and I have lost power. We did a mistake and we don't have engine power. It feels like the same problem as we had yesterday."

11	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I can't release it and let it flow like I wanted. I'm in the ballpark but I wanted to be in the fight for a podium."
21	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	FORD Fiesta WRC	"The most difficult part is learning the car. We did 65km of tests, it is a lot of work to learn the set-up and the characteristics of the car."
22	GRIEBEL Marijan/RATH Alexander	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 WRC	"This one was really enjoyable, no rain, no intercom problems. I just drove it and it was a lot of fun."
31	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA Fabia R5	"It is really close, I'm really happy this battle [WRC 2] is going on. I'm glad I chose the hard tyres for this one, it dried up at the last minute so I'm glad I changed my plan."