

**STAGE FLASH****Date: 18 August 2018****Day: 3****Stage: Arena Panzerplatte 1****Weather: 14 degrees, sunny****Track: Dry****Flash N°: 8****Distance: 9.43 km**

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta WRC	"I didn't expect such a dirty stage. It was low grip, so we try to do better on the next one."
2	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC	"The stage felt okay, but it is very, very slippery."
3	SUNINEN Teemu/MARKKULA Mikko	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	"Just braked on the gravel and went a bit wide, but that's how it is when starting as one of the first on the road."
4	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"Still struggling in the junctions with this new style. I find it easy in third gear or fourth gear but when it's tighter I'm still using my old style."
5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I just struggled a little bit with the handling. Especially in the tight corners, I have no grip. It is getting more dirty so that is challenging."
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I didn't drive very well in some hairpins, I tried to push but I think in a few little places I will have lost a bit of time."
7	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"I didn't drive very well in some hairpins, I tried to push but I think in a few little places I will have lost a bit of time."
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"For sure it is dirty, but the rhythm was not great and I felt a bit stiff. But we can improve on the next one for sure."
9	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It was quite tricky to be honest, not easy to find a rhythm, let's see how the long one goes."
10	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"The conditions were quite tricky, there was a lot of unseen gravel on the road."
11	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC	"I was wide at one junction and a little bit raggedy and messy so there is room to improve."