

## SERVICE FLASH

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**Day:** 3 **Flash E**  
**Service:** E (Bostalsee)

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	FORD Fiesta WRC
<p>"It was another good loop for us, a clean drive. It is not easy, but we will keep trying. The gap to Ott did not really change – in fact, it changed a little in the wrong direction. Even with the championship in mind, it is no secret that I want to win and to score maximum points. Right now we are not achieving that, but there is still a long way. We are only halfway into the race, so we have to keep trying. This afternoon will be very hot. I can improve a little on this morning, let's hope our time improves too."</p>			

4	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC
<p>"It is challenging, for sure. We are basically just trying to improve. All the stages are different and all the corners are different, so I'm trying different styles everywhere. I am now working with my engineer to see how the other guys are driving the car, because they have been driving it for five years, so they know. We are improving, we're getting closer and closer. I certainly want to be up there fighting for the win and good results, not where I am at the moment. But that will come in the future."</p>			

5	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC
<p>"I have chocolate, for extra power. Maybe I should give it to the car. We are pushing and trying. I did not do the stages last year, even the last one was completely new to me, but we still pushed hard. The only reference I have at the moment is my team-mate Dani and our times are more or less the same, except for the long stage where he was a little bit quicker. The new differential is not quite working for me. However, it looks as though the diff from yesterday morning is still usable and wasn't damaged, so we will attempt to put that back on this afternoon."</p>			

7	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC
<p>"It was a good morning overall. I started particularly well on the short Arena Panzerplatte. Then Dani [Sordo] did an amazing time on the long Panzerplatte stage. I was a bit worried at that point, because I didn't know how it was going to be. But then Freisen and Römerstraße were very good for us, so we gained time on Sordo and Thierry [Neuville]. The competition is tough and hard, so I will try to keep the speed up and focus in the afternoon."</p>			

8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC
<p>"It has been a very tough morning. We knew it would be completely different, but there were a lot of new things for me, which I had to get used to. I was struggling in the morning and had to push myself really hard to find a decent rhythm. We managed to extend our lead, but still it was really hard work. I am doing everything I can. I know we can be a lot better, especially on Baumholder. We are definitely trying to improve our balance. This morning we had far too much understeer, which did not give me any confidence. I hope we can improve the feeling and then the afternoon will hopefully be more enjoyable. The gap is still very small and we really need to keep going."</p>			

9	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC
<p>"I think we'll go with stiffer springs, different roll bar, because Baumholder was difficult for me. I felt the car was rolling too much, I really couldn't trust the front. I think we can make it easier for me if we go for a stiffer car. I should have made the changes for the first pass, because, as we saw yesterday, I started to struggle on the second pass."</p>			
10	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 WRC
<p>"The eye exercises are something I have from my coach to really free my eyes to work better and have a better flow in my mind. We're just trying to develop the car basically, I need to change the car a little bit and my own style as well. But I think we need to meet halfway. It is important to bring forward every set-up option we have."</p>			
11	BREEN Craig/MARTIN Scott	IRL/GBR	CITROËN C3 WRC
<p>"It is nice to get things in a good way again, waking up from my slumber perhaps. Nice to come back with some positivity. No changes in service last night which was really good, I made a mistake with set-up yesterday because I thought it would work on the stages. It didn't work then but we kept it the same and it's worked this morning. "This morning I could just let it go and do what we want."</p>			
21	SERDERIDIS Jourdan/MICLOTTE Frédéric	GRC/BEL	FORD Fiesta WRC
<p>"We had some difficulties with the set-up in the morning and we were much too stiff for Panzerplatte, so it was quite difficult. Then we improved the set-up a little bit and at the end of the loop it was very good on Römerstraße. We are improving and going in the right direction, so I am already excited about the afternoon."</p>			
22	GRIEBEL Marijan/RATH Alexander	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 WRC
<p>"In principle, the morning was almost too good to be true. The four special stages passed without any problems or mistakes at all. Panzerplatte was okay, the rhythm could be a bit quicker and I could brake a little later here and there. However, I have always said that, with a lead of over a minute, it would probably be daft to push ourselves right to the limit, in case something were to happen. With that in mind, everything was really good this morning and we hope that we can continue this way in the afternoon and avoid any punctures. I am simply enjoying it. Every so often you look at the times, as you are ambitious and want to get a decent result. But then you get back to just enjoying it. The way the car accelerates out of hairpins is awesome and great fun."</p>			
43	KREIM Fabian/CHRISTIAN Frank	DEU/DEU	ŠKODA Fabia R5
<p>"This morning was actually really good. We got through it with relatively few mistakes. Panzerplatte is Panzerplatte and any mistakes are punished, but we got through it pretty well. There were one or two slight moments on it, where we lost a bit of time, but otherwise we are happy. It is hard to push much harder. If I want to be up there challenging in WRC 2, then I personally am already pushing hard. However, we will obviously do our best to climb one or two places."</p>			
87	SCHWEDT Roman/GERLICH Christoph	DEU/DEU	PEUGEOT 208 R5
<p>"Panzerplatte was pretty cool. The smaller stage was particularly good fun and a great way to start the morning. On the whole, I made a few mistakes with my braking, after which we had to reverse and obviously lost a fair bit of time. But that did not matter so much, as we wanted to make sure we finished and got through cleanly. And we have managed that on the first loop. Driving an R5 car here is quite special: firstly, to have the opportunity at all. Secondly: it is hard</p>			



to keep telling yourself not to compare what you are doing with the others, but just to shut all that out and not look at the times – just to drive and gain experience.”