

## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 24 August 2019

**Day:** 3

**Stage:** SS12 Arena Panzerplatte 1

**Weather:** 25 degrees, sunny

**Track:** Dry

**Flash N°:** 12

**Distance:** 10.73 km

1	OGIER Sébastien/INGRASSIA Julien	FRA/FRA	CITROËN C3 WRC	"It's going to be difficult, we know that. I'm not saving anything, we are just trying to go fast."
3	SUNINEN Teemu/LEHTINEN Jarmo	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta WRC	"Quite crazy. There is a lot of loose gravel and dust on the surface, so it was really slippery."
4	LAPPI Esapekka/FERM Janne	FIN/FIN	CITROËN C3 WRC	"We want to be sure that I have a chance to finish, if we start to get punctures. We had a very heavily landing on the jump - it was quite painful."
5	MEEKE Kris/MARSHALL Sebastian	GBR/GBR	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"I misheard a note in a real fast place and I braked when I had nearly 200 metres to go. Not bad."
6	SORDO Dani/DEL BARRIO Carlos	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"In some places it is really slippery with gravel on the top. At the beginning I didn't drive very well, as I could feel the car move a lot. Now we have a really long stage and we will see what happens."
8	TÄNAK Ott/JÄRVEOJA Martin	EST/EST	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"It is a completely new rhythm. My brakes were really bad in the beginning - they were locking all the time."
10	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"I didn't feel anything special, so I am surprised with my time"
11	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	"I had a good stage - we changed the set-up a little bit for this stage."
17	KATSUTA Takamoto/BARRITT Daniel	JPN/GBR	TOYOTA Yaris WRC	"Quite nervous after that, but now I understand how difficult this is. The next one is more tricky, so it is okay."
44	GREENSMITH Gus/EDMONDSON Elliott	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta WRC	"As soon as we came into it, I couldn't get the car stopped at the first big braking point. That knocked the confidence, I really didn't how slippery it was going to be."
89	MIKKELSEN Andreas/JÆGER Anders	NOR/NOR	HYUNDAI i20 Coupe WRC	

"It's very difficult to see the grip, because it is changing so much. We had a clean stage - the next one will be tough."

21	ROVANPERÄ Kalle/HALTTUNEN Jonne	FIN/FIN	ŠKODA Fabia R5 evo
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"It was quite okay. I think it is a quite slow time but otherwise it is okay. In some places the braking points could have been better."

22	ØSTBERG Mads/ERIKSEN Torstein	NOR/NOR	CITROËN C3 R5
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"I am still a bit surprised by the change of character, to be honest. I didn't test on this surface and I have forgotten it in a year."

23	KOPECKÝ Jan/DRESLER Pavel	CZE/CZE	ŠKODA Fabia R5 evo
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"Now we have a really challenging stage to go so hopefully we are not going to have a puncture."