



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2017-02-09	Flash No:	1
Day:	Thursday	Distance:	1,90 km
Special Stage:	SS 1 Karlstad SSS 1		
Weather:	Overcast. -2° C		
Road Conditions:	Ice		

1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

"Not so bad. Okay, not the fastest but tomorrow the real thing starts. We need to be awake straight away. As first car on the road, I hope not too much fresh snow falls overnight."

10 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

"Everything is more than great - now I just need to hold the horses! I just try to get a good rhythm tomorrow. That's the most important thing."

2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

"It's getting loose in some places, really tricky and difficult to manage. I'm happy to start the rally like this."

6 - Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI

"Okay, it's not a 'real' stage - it's completely ice - but the car is working really well. A lot of fun."

8 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

"We played around with the car here and it definitely didn't work! Looking forward to tomorrow - bring it on!"

3 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT

"A bit inconsistent, but generally okay."

5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

"I used my shakedown tyres here, which are not so good anymore, but they were okay for this stage. But I was not so happy with the car's balance. I planned to do better than this."

11 - Juho HÄNNINEN / Kaj LINDSTRÖM

"The Yaris went well - better than the driver! A bit slippery but a nice stage for the spectators."

7 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

"Not so bad, but we lost a little time off the start line - got a bit bogged - Mads got ahead and made it stick."

4 - Hayden PADDON / John KENNARD

"Messy, I got caught out a couple of times. Tomorrow is when it starts!"

14 - Mads OSTBERG / Ola FLOENE

"Quite tricky. It's my first time in one of these cars on a stage like this. The car is fantastic but quite difficult in a stage like this. I cannot wait to get out onto the stages tomorrow."



37 - Lorenzo BERTELLI / Simone SCATTOLIN

"It was a good stage, quite smooth - my first stage of the season."

31 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

"Not the best start, I made a mistake after the jump. I need to concentrate tomorrow."

32 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON

"I enjoyed it. A great atmosphere, lots of slides!"

34 - Ole Christian VEIBY / Stig Rune SKJÆRMOEN

"It was a neat and clean stage for me - I'm happy with that. Very comfortable for now. A lot more slippery than I thought."

35 - Anders GRØNDAL / Roger EILERTSEN

"I was bit slow on the throttle, I have to do a better job."

36 - Eyvind BRYNILDSEN / Anders FREDRIKSSON

"It's looking really good. We had a good speed in Norway earlier in the season - we want to bring some of that speed here."

39 - Emil BERGKVIST / Joakim SJÖBERG

"So nice to drive here in front of so many spectators - I'm really looking forward to the weekend."

17 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

"I'm quite happy - shakedown was my first time in this car and I was fastest there."

40 - Eric CAMILLI / Benjamin VEILLAS

"On the start there was a mistake - we thought we had two more minutes to go, but we only had one!"

42 - Alexey LUKYANUK / Alexey ARNAUTOV

"Exciting, a nice stage, a good surface. We must stay calm and see how things work out."

43 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN

"A good stage, tomorrow is the most important - that's the proper rally."

44 - Hiroki ARAI / Glenn MACNEALL

"I missed a shift at some point and went a little bit sideways - but we made it – it's okay!"

45 - Gus GREENSMITH / Craig PARRY

"It's my first time on snow, so this is a learning rally for me. This one is all about the mileage. It was good fun though."

81 - Jukka KETOMÄKI / Jarkko ALANEN



"Quite slippery - not good for me."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)