



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2018-02-17	Flash No:	11
Day:	Saturday	Distance:	14,21 km
Special Stage:	SS 11 Vargåsen 1		
Weather:	Overcast. -2° C		
Road Conditions:	Ice/snow		

1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

"I tried. I had fun in the car, it's a beautiful stage, very clean. I cannot do better with this start position. For sure others will be faster."

8 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

"A good stage, really slow and technical. It looks like every car is pulling snow onto the road, its slippery. For me not so bad."

7 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miiikka ANTTILA

"I did a big mistake in the first corner - I came far too fast. We used to do it in fifth gear, I did it by memory and went wide. I lost the speed and couldn't get it back."

10 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

"A lot of snow banks in here, and it's easy to get caught. A reasonable stage for me, but for sure it will clean. I'm concentrating on the points, that's all I can do."

5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

"The gearshift problem turned out to be a small electronic issue that we could fix in the car, so I guess we lost only five or six seconds, while we tried to work out what was going on. We had a 360 spin on the second stage but other than that a good morning - we were able to increase the gap a little bit. Not that bad. Breen is trying to push, it's his first opportunity to try and win a rally I think, but I think we can control."

2 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT

"Not the best stage for us. We need to keep hoping to find something. It didn't feel like a bad stage but the time is not good."

9 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM

"It narrows more than two years ago. At least somebody had taken out the snow bank! A clean stage but the time is not so good it seems."



4 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG

" One mistake, the spin, but other than that an okay morning I guess. It could be better. We'll make some changes in service now and hopefully we can come back strong in the afternoon. Yesterday we wanted more precision and we got that today at the expense of grip. Now we have to go back to the other setting and live with it. We have definitely not given up."

11 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" It's been great again. I'm having fun. It always happens every time I can get a good feeling in the car. The confidence is up and the times just come. It just works and I can drive the way I like to drive. I'm not feeling the pressure too much, but it's there, we're near the head of the rally now. It's been a good morning, I'm just trying to push on. We have a good pace, but I'm looking at the Toyotas coming behind me. For now I'm loving it - 200kph with my best mate by my side."

3 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

" "We hit the snow bank at Colins crest, so not a great stage,""

6 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL

" I felt we lost a lot in here. The car is set-up too aggressively for this stage. I like that set-up and it will be better for the afternoon loop. We have to be patient."