



## STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2018-02-17</b>	<b>Flash No:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Distance:</b>	<b>3,43 km</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>SS 16 Torsby Sprint</b>		
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>Overcast. -2° C</b>		
<b>Road Conditions:</b>	<b>Ice/snow</b>		

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### **1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA**

" I'm happy with my drive today. I've done what I could. Not much to catch today so I did a clean day with no mistakes - that's the only positive. The Power Stage is all I'm thinking about now."

### **2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA**

" The first part of the day was nice, second half not so nice. A tough rally. From our position in the road order tomorrow we will have no chance on the Power Stage."

### **3 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA**

" The morning was quite okay but I'm struggling with the car when there are ruts. Something is wrong with the front diff. We will change the transmission tonight."

### **5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL**

" It's already better than last year! A really lovely day for us. The car was working great, okay a small issue today that we could fix, other than that a good job. Good tyre management I think, I'm really pleased and big thanks to the team."

### **6 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT**

" Very few positives to take from today."

### **7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM**

" It's been a steady performance through the rally. I'm very satisfied if we can do top five times almost all the time. A good fight for tomorrow too."

### **8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG**

" Okay, a clean stage again, we had to wake up after the long road section. We paid a high price for our mistakes today."

### **9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN**

" Difficult to keep the car in the line. Not the best end to the day but we have to be happy with our speed."

### **10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA**

" I was a bit careful in here - a lot of ruts under braking."

### **11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL**

" We got half stuck in a snow bank near the start. The car over rotated on a hairpin. We hoped for more from today."



**12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN**

" I forgot to shut my door in the stage and in the first corner it flew open! I'm lacking experience in this car. My set up from the test is the one I'm using - it's the one I know best."

**13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD**

" It's been an okay day. Difficult to be at the front. I am old, but I learned a lot. Tomorrow? Flat out."

**15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON**

" "I will try my best in this situation. We will see."

**16 - Ole Christian VEIBY / Stig Rune SKJÆRMOEN**

" We should be happy with the day, okay, struggling a bit on the second loop but finishing well here. All going according to the plan."

**19 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN**

" These last two stages were slippery and tricky but I enjoyed this one, perhaps too much, I was a little too aggressive. Still three more stages to go tomorrow. I will keep good concentration and keep pushing."

**COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)