



## STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2018-02-18</b>	<b>Flash No:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Distance:</b>	<b>21,19 km</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>SS 18 Likenäs 2</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

" We hope the conditions on the Power Stage will be okay. That is the only target for us now."

### 2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

" We will try on the Power Stage. We tried to be extremely careful here to keep a good set of tyres. Let's see what's possible."

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

" The feeling is there, I'm happy now. More difficult on the second pass than the first. When you break the ice, the snow on the side makes it more slippery."

### 4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

" Absolutely no way we can score points on the Power Stage. We're first on the road."

### 5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

" We have increased the gap now and can go carefully."

### 6 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT

" It will be very difficult to salvage any points from the Power Stage in this road position. We'll try. Never say never."

### 7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM

" Okay, more tricky conditions now, I just tried to be very clean. I thought I was careful, maybe too careful?"

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

" I thought I had a puncture on the front left. The car wouldn't turn well to the right. It never got worse, so I drove normally again, but it cost us some time."

### 9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" Sorry if you're fed up hearing this, but it's so much fun, it's just a pleasure. We've been fighting for a year to get back in this rhythm. One more stage to come, I could do another three or four days of this."

### 10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

" Better now, I was using the car more, getting used to the new set-ups. Small problems with the wipers, but okay."



**11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL**

" It felt better, a step in the right direction. We'll see. The Toyotas are fast on this stage. We have a little gap for the last stage, we'll certainly try to defend it."

**12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN**

" The car is similar to earlier, not perfect but it feels better when the grip is increasing. That did help a little bit here. Not perfect but okay, I was pushing."

**13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD**

" Lots of things in the road. A lot slower than before, but that's how it is being first on the road."

**15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON**

" I really was trying, not so much more to do."

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

" I think so. A clean run through with no mistakes. I'm in a position where I'm unable to fight. That's it."

**19 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN**

" This stage we pushed very hard. We had a half spin in a slow section, so not so much time lost. Otherwise very good."

**COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)