



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2018-02-15	Flash No:	1
Day:	Friday	Distance:	1,9 km
Special Stage:	SS 1 Karlstad SSS 1		
Weather:	Overcast. -2° C		
Road Conditions:	Ice/snow		

1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

" Not a good stage, I didn't drive well. A bad start but okay, we will try to do better tomorrow."

2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

" We will try to fight, this is one of my favorite events and especially this year with the snow conditions. Whatever, we will push hard, tomorrow is the key."

3 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

" It would be great to be able to fight for the victory but there are many good drivers. Tomorrow we will start and I hope I will wake up in a good mood."

4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

" I never went well in this super special, I'm sure the others will go faster but the car felt surprising good in here. Tomorrow will be a different rally, if the snow comes tonight it will be a challenge."

6 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT

" The best winter conditions I have seen since 2014. An exciting rally in prospect."

7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM

" I hope I can manage the same way as Monte Carlo - except the next stage. I didn't feel so comfortable on the shakedown, I hope tomorrow's stages will be better suited for us."

8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG

" It feels very nice to be back at Sweden in a rally car and not as a reporter like last year - this is where I belong."

9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" Okay, a little bit of a surprise with the rear again in some places, but I'm ready to go and play in the snow tomorrow."

10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

" Nice to be back in this car. It's difficult to find the rhythm in this class."

11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL

" It felt like a long time away so it's good to be back. This is a good way to shake off the cobwebs. We'll give it a good push tomorrow."



12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN

" Okay, this was the first stage in the car and I don't have a lot of feeling. I need to learn more. I was quite nervous in here, afraid of making a stupid mistake. I'm glad to get it over."

13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

" I'm going to put on a show - it's a serious job. I hope it will be good weekend."

15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON

" Absolutely fantastic here - good to beat Johan. Now we focus on the rally tomorrow."

16 - Ole Christian VEIBY / Stig Rune SKJÆRMOEN

" Really fun to see all the spectators out here, I really enjoyed it, clean through."

19 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN

" I was very excited for this rally. We went well on the recce. Looking forward to the proper rally start tomorrow."

23 - Kevin ABBRING / Pieter TSJOEN

" Just the second time I see snow with a rally car. My first time with Hyundai 2015. It's a privilege to be back."

25 - Mattias ADIELSSON / Andreas JOHANSSON

" It feels really good in the car - a great package. I've done only 250km in this car but I'm ready for this rally."

26 - Janne TUOHINO / Reeta HÄMÄLÄINEN

" When I saw the times this morning I thought okay - let's try and get the podium here!"

32 - Emil BERGKVIST / Ola FLØENE

" It's important that you get a good start here. It's my home rally and I'm very grateful to everyone who has helped me. The car feels good."

33 - Terry FOLB / Christopher GUIEU

" This is my first rally in Sweden and I don't have a lot of experience. A podium would be a good result."

46 - Johan KRISTOFFERSSON / Patrik BARTH

" A lot of fun, this place is where I'll feel the most comfortable in the rally! Nice to drive against Pontus here - very good."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)