



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2018-02-18	Flash No:	18
Day:	Friday	Distance:	21,19 km
Special Stage:	SS 18 Likenäs 2		
Weather:	Overcast. -2° C		
Road Conditions:	Ice/snow		

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)