



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2018-02-16	Flash No:	2
Day:	Friday	Distance:	21,26 km
Special Stage:	SS 2 Hof-Finnskog 1		
Weather:	Overcast. -2° C		
Road Conditions:	Ice/snow		

1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

" Difficult. There has been no snow plough in the road. I try my best, but there were a couple of moments. It's difficult."

2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

" The car feels good but there is a lot of loose snow on the top near the start. On the ice the car feels good. Ogier's lines are everywhere - he's pushing harder than I am."

3 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

" We didn't have a good run compared to Tänak. I thought we were doing okay but it was slippery and I didn't have the confidence. I don't trust the car in conditions when there is loose snow on the top."

4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

" Just a bit too cautious, any time I got the rear wheels out of the line. That's what I expected."

5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

" In some places more grip and suddenly you lose it. Not the perfect stage for visibility, I was looking for the road a lot. Not a good rhythm."

6 - Elfyn EVANS / Daniel BARRITT

" The road is getting messy now, lots of different lines. I tried to be neat and tidy but it's difficult to know where to push."

7 - Esapekka LAPPI / Janne FERM

" It could have been better but okay, I'm still here. The roads is getting cleaner for the guys behind. An okay start but not so good."

8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG

" I'm using the snowbanks a little bit here and there, the grip is tricky - up and down. Not an easy stage."

9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" I went straight in a junction and then sucked into a snow bank."

10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

" Not the best one, struggling to find the braking points and apexes."



11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL

" Difficult. Once you are off the ice strips there is no grip at all. In this light it's hard to see."

12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN

" Really tricky conditions, maybe I was too careful. I lost time at the end, I was slower there. I had a few moments near the start and I felt like I needed to take it down a bit."

13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

" It was okay. I took it steady. I wanted to get through this loop. Not fast, but I want to get through."

14 - Yazeed AL RAJHI / Michael ORR

" No problem, I just have a noise from the car I don't know what it is."

15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON

" Okay. A bit careful but we are here with no mistakes. Now we work from here."

16 - Ole Christian VEIBY / Stig Rune SKJÆRMOEN

" Wow. That's a surprise, actually. I didn't think I had a good run. Better for the guys behind I think."

17 - Lukasz PIENIAZEK / Przemyslaw MAZUR

" Really really tricky. We were off a couple of times, just little hits with the snow banks."

18 - Jari HUTTUNEN / Antti LINNAKETO

" I'm not so happy. We need to improve something."

19 - Takamoto KATSUTA / Marko SALMINEN

" I really enjoyed this stage. My feeling was quite good. no mistakes."

20 - Hiroki ARAI / Glenn MACNEAL

" It's okay. I got stuck in a snowbank and lost some time."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)