





# STAGE FLASH

Date: 2018-02-16 Flash No: 4

Day: Friday Distance: 19,13 km

Special Stage: SS 4 Röjden 1
Weather: Overcast. -2° C
Road Conditions: Ice/snow

#### 1 - Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

" It's normal for a Sweden winter."

#### 2 - Ott TANAK / Martin JARVEOJA

"The organisers can screw themselves. No plough for the last six kilometres. Deep snow. It was already unfair to be first on the road here."

## 3 - Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

" Quite okay, but the last six kilometres had not been ploughed very well. Almost aquaplaning in the conditions, very tricky at this end."

## 4 - Kris MEEKE / Paul NAGLE

"In a straight line I hit something on the right-hand side. I thought it was a puncture. It's like this when there is so much snow - it can hide something."

## 5 - Thierry NEUVILLE / Nicolas GILSOUL

"I took it a bit more carefully, lots and lots of snow. The road is getting better with each car, so I tried to use my advantage."

## 8 - Andreas MIKKELSEN / Anders JAEGER-SYNNEVAAG

" A good morning. This stage was tricky towards the end. The front runners definitely have a disadvantage. I'm not pushing to the max. So far so good."

## 9 - Craig BREEN / Scott MARTIN

" Really hairy. At one left-hander near the end I had the steering right over on the stops."

## 10 - Teemu SUNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

"Better driving, and now I try to push a bit more. Tight competition here in Sweden."

#### 11 - Hayden PADDON / Sebastian MARSHALL

"This last section is very tricky, with more snow. There's a bit of a line, but its a bit like tobogganing - push too hard, get out of the line and you're in trouble."

#### 12 - Mads ØSTBERG / Torstein ERIKSEN

" It's tricky to learn the car in conditions like this. I did my best, for sure there is room for improvement. I just have to learn with every metre."







## 13 - Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

"The stage was very good but I don't feel very comfortable in the car. I will fix it in service and come back better next time."

# 15 - Pontus TIDEMAND / Jonas ANDERSSON

" Not easy. We need to clean the road a bit for the R5 cars because the track width is not the same as the WRC cars."

## **COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)