



STAGE FLASH

Date: 2019-02-16
Day: Saturday **Distance:** 23,13
Special Stage: SS10
Weather: Sunrise today at 0745hrs, so it's still gloomy out there. We're expecting a clear-ish day with a few clouds, very light winds and a relatively warm high of 4°C.
Road Conditions: Ice/snow

1- MEEKE

Sitting sixth and pushing hard to keep Neuville behind. He's second quickest, 7.3sec slower. "I can only control what I do but I feel good," he says. "A bit more of an attack mode. A bit more confidence. If the road melts in the afternoon we could be in trouble with our road position."

2- NEUVILLE

5.4sec slower than stage leader Ogier here and Neuville moves ahead of Meeke into sixth place. "It was okay but if I try to compare to last year I struggle to keep the car on the road."

3- LOEB

Fifth quickest and Loeb remains eight overall.

4- LAPPI

9.2 sec off the pace and Lappi is shaking his head. "The car is handling how I want but I'm just not brave enough any more. I'm too cautious, losing a lot in the high-speed places. I guess it's from my mistake yesterday. I don't want to do that again."

5- EVANS

He holds fourth place but is coming under increasing pressure from Lappi and Neuville behind. "It was okay. A lot of changing grip conditions, difficult to read, but generally okay."

6- MIKKELSEN

Sixth quickest so far. "An okay stage. I made a mistake here last year so I tried to keep it in the lines. A clean stage. I could have gone faster but that comes with risk."

7- TANAK

Second quickest, and he pulls further ahead of Mikkelsen. "Okay, it was a technical stage and we had a clean run. Nothing special. I'm in a good rhythm at the moment."



8- SUNINEN

He completes with the loss of 1m29s and of course second place. He plunges to 8th overall. "We just got sucked into a snow bank and got stuck, he explains. "Too much speed and lots of loose snow."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)