



STAGE FLASH

Date: 2019-02-16
Day: Saturday **Distance:** 23,13
Special Stage: SS13
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 with a lot of gravel

1- MEEKE

Nine-tenths slower than Latvala, Meeke has a fight on his hands. "Horrible. That's like the trickiest stage I've ever done in Monte Carlo. The only thing on your mind is survival."

2- NEUVILLE

Quickest so far. "I had a good stage but I don't know about the tyres. Towards the end I slowed down because I don't want to destroy them. We have to be clever."

3- LOEB

Exactly 5sec slower than his team-mate Neuville. "We have to save the tyres I think. I only have five - so no option. We try to not be too aggressive." Why only one spare when everybody else is carrying two? "A little misunderstanding I think."

4- OGIER

6.7sec slower than Neuville. "Still very tricky - for everybody I think. We have never been in this position before. We still try to work on the set-up. We're going to try some more things now."

5- LAPPI

1.4 sec slower than Neuville and he keeps the pressure on. "Good, good. I'm trying. This is an easy car to drive but it's tricky here. Being on the pace and to be off is a very fine line. Lose the car in the slush and you can lose the whole race."

6- EVANS

10.5sec off the pace. "A terrible stage to be honest. A mountain of oversteer, it was very difficult."

7- TANAK

Another fastest time and Ott's lead over Mikkelsen is up to 51.7sec. "Conditions definitely a lot harder than the previous one. We kept steady, in the line. Everything is working, I just have to do the job and preserve the tyres for the super special."



8- SUNINEN

Sixth quickest on stage and Teemu has Meeke's sixth place in his sights. "Let's see. This stage was an okay time. We were trying to take care of the tyres."

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COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)