



## STAGE FLASH

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2019-02-16</b>	
<b>Day:</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Distance: 14,21</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>SS14</b>	
<b>Weather:</b>	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.	
<b>Road Conditions:</b>	<b>Slush/ica/gravel</b>	

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### 1- LATVALA

Jari-Matti tells the story of his snow bank visit. His second in two days. "I had nothing to lose. I decided to push to see how I could go. It didn't work out. I should have accepted that the lines are very narrow."

### 2- TIDEMAND

Quickest so far. "A good stage, too loose to get a good time I think but the stage is the best in the world. Lots of Swedish spectators. Just amazing."

### 3- MEEKE

A huge 41metre leap over Coiln's Crest but Kris is 1.1sec slower than Pontus. "It's not been a good afternoon. Conditions went against us but that's my fault for not pushing yesterday."

### 4- LOEB

1.4sec slower than his pirouetting team-mate Neuville. "I have only five tyres and they are quite destroyed. I try to manage them on the last two stages, and they are okay."

### 5- LAPPI

Third quickest so far and Lappi stays ahead of Neuville by 2.6sec. But Neuville lost time with the spin. "And I stayed on the road," Lappi acknowledges. "For sure I didn't push enough. If I push harder I will do mistakes. So this is my speed."

### 6- EVANS

Two seconds slower than Neuville and Elfyn's podium challenge continues. "We have to keep trying. Not the day we wanted today but we'll keep pushing."

**7- OGIER** "I went a bit wide after the jump and had to go a bit sideways. I went a bit on the bank, it was not very close."

### 8- MIKKELSEN

Sixth fastest and the gap between his second place and fourth is down to 4.5sec. "It was very difficult to know what to do here, attack the corners or stay in the lines. Looks like I was too neat and tidy."



**9- TANAK**

The rally leader completes sixth quickest. "I've done everything I could today. Yesterday was the key. Today we are using the road position. No flight. It is going as planned."


**COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)