



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 2019-02-15  
**Day:** Friday **Distance:** 21,26  
**Special Stage:** SS2  
**Weather:** Sunrise today at 0748hrs, so it's still rather dark out there. We're expecting a clear day with a few clouds, very light winds and a relatively warm high of 6°C.

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### 3- TANAK

A great start from Ott. He's quickest so far in 10m09.1s. That's 4.1sec quicker than Ogier. "Actually quite good grip, just a few slushy places. Overall the conditions are quite fair at the moment, all good," he says.

### 4- MEEKE

Slowest so far, 8.2sec off Tanak's pace in the sister Toyota. "It felt clean but I wasn't taking full advantage of the grip available. Okay, I'm happy to have a sensible start."

### 5- LOEB

He slots fifth fastest, a full 18sec slower than Tanak. "I feel I'm being too hesitant in the car, I'm not driving free yet. I need to find my rhythm."

### 6- LATVALA

A strong start for Jari-Matti who is second quickest so far. "The feeling was good. I'm really happy to drive here. I was too aggressive in a couple of places but otherwise all good."

### 7- SUNINEN

And it's a good start from the young Finn, too. Second fastest. "The grip is amazing but I couldn't use the car as I wanted. We can go much faster."

### 8- LAPPI

Sixth quickest. "Quite okay. Some really small things and maybe I'm driving a bit wrong. I need to find out more."



**9- TUOHINO**

The experienced Finn 56.1sec off the pace after a spin in his Fiesta. "One spin and we stopped the engine too. My first time here since 2006. I don't have the confidence yet."

**10- WRC 2 PRO GREENSMITH**

"My second only snow rally. We'll do our best to build experience."

**11- WRC 2 PRO ROVANPERA**

"Quite okay but I need to get comfortable with the set-up"

**COMMENTS**

(The news from the stage)