



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2019-02-15	
Day:	Friday	Distance: 24,88
Special Stage:	SS3	
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.	

1- OGIER

He's through. How was it? "This one a bit more difficult than the first. There was more fresh snow on the top and the grip was lower. The car is good, I had fun in the stage."

2- NEUVILLE

"I pushed a little bit more but I think the conditions are getting faster. Some fresh snow here and we are making some lines [for the drivers behind]."

3- TANAK

Quickest so far, 6.4sec up on Ogier. "A good stage. The beginning was a bit looser than the first stage. It's cleaning a bit. The weekend is long but for the moment everything is working."

4- MEEKE

10.9sec slower than Tanak. "My rhythm is not good enough. The car feels good, I'm clean, but I'm obviously not adventurous enough with the grip. What more can I say?"

5- LOEB

13sec off the pace but Seb appears happier in the Hyundai. "A better rhythm in here but still not enough I think. Compared to the first stage I drove better, the confidence went back."

6- LATVALA

Jari-Matti felt he was too aggressive on the opening stage. How was this one? "A better rhythm. Still too aggressive in a couple of places but generally good."

7- SUNINEN

Another stormer from Teemu who slots his Fiesta quickest so far: 12m47.0. That's second overall. "I can be happy with this driving, but the lines are quite wide. I'm not sure I have any bumpers left at the front or rear!"

8- MIKKELSEN



Sixth quickest, but Mikkelsen is missing something. "A clean run, but if I stay in the in the lines I don't get the traction out of the corners. We will try to hang in there for the opening loop and hope it's better on the repeat."

9- LAPPI

Fifth quickest. "A bit better than the previous one but with this push the time should be better. No issue but I just can't go faster."

10- EVANS

10th quickest. "Not ideal. It's felt better than that to be honest. We started well and I'm not sure why we lost the time here."

11- GRONHOLM

"Again! Not a clean stage. There's always something. Oy, oy, oy!" Are you having a good time? "Yeah, yeah, yeah..."

12- BERTELLI

Explains his time loss. "I simply didn't see a junction. I was confused by an orange arrow sign. I lost 30 seconds."

13- WRC 2 PRO OSTBERG

Potentially the new leader in WRC 2 Pro. "I lost some time passing Kalle, we slowed down quite a lot. Before that not so easy. I have absolutely no rhythm. I'm not confident with the car. I feel my lack of experience."

14- WRC 2 PRO ROVANPERA

He lost 2m22sec in that spin. What happened? "I don't like to drive like I am at the moment. My mistake - that's it."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)