



STAGE FLASH

Date:	2019-02-15	
Day:	Friday	Distance: 24,88
Special Stage:	SS6	
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- NEUVILLE

First to complete following Ogier's exit. "They went off and are trying to get back on I guess. They are in a narrow place. We saw they were okay so we continued. With missing aero at the front of my car I have no clue how the tyres will last. I tried to drive gently but fluid."

2- TANAK

7.5sec quicker than Neuville. "My tyres were moving about at the end. The conditions are bad with the narrow roads and the slush. With Seb out I have just one car ahead now and that makes it worse."

3- MEEKE

"My style seems to suit the muddy conditions better than the morning stages. It's going to be a long hard rally in conditions like this."

4- LOEB

Quickest so far, nine-tenths up on Tanak. "This one was better than the previous one. I tried to drive clean, stay in the line, make no mistakes. It's so easy to go off. So, finally a good stage. We have to drive clean this afternoon."

5- LATVALA

Slower than Loeb by 2.3sec. "It's been okay. On this stage I took it a bit carefully. I didn't have the best feeling at the rear so I backed off a bit. It's okay, I'm happy with the time."

6- SUNINEN

5.2sec quicker than Loeb and Suninen take the lead of Rally Sweden. "That's nice to hear. It felt really good! Big moments but okay, that's the game. We have to go flat out."

7- TIDEMAND

12.6sec slower than stage leader Suninen. "I can focus a bit more on the driving now [the throttle issue is fixed]. I'm feeling more confident but I struggle a bit with understeer."

8- MIKKELSEN



A good run for Andreas who completes third fastest. "We saved the tyres a bit too much on the previous one. Here I had a clean stage but it's hard to feel comfortable to push in these conditions. Not a great stage. I need to improve."

9- LAPPI

Seventh quickest. "Just keep it in the ruts and that's it. We are missing our front splitter so we have no front aero. It's not comfortable at speed but we can manage."

10- EVANS

Fourth fastest. "Not perfect, but okay, we'll take that."

11- BERTELLI

1m23sec off the pace but Lorenzo is through with a smile on his face. "The big moment was over the jump. I think I lost some front aero and I nearly over jumped it!"

12- TUOHINO

"I enjoy every kilometre. It has started to go better and better."

13- WRC 2 PRO ROVANPERA

"Much better but I must say the conditions are really hard. It's my first time on this type of roads on the studs. It's hard to find the balance."

COMMENTS

(The news from the stage)