



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 07/10/2018  
**Section:** 4  
**Special Stage:** SS20 Gwydir 1 (power Stage) (14.76 km)

5. Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL) (Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC)

I can only do what I have in my hands. I struggle with the handling. I tried but I'm pretty sure we cannot get a lot of points with that.

6. Hayden Paddon (NZL) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR) (Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC)

It's so slippery. Unbelievable how slippery it is. Almost more slippery than Monte Carlo. The pacenotes were not working right. Thierry was off the road a lot.

4. Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jaeger (NOR) (Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC)

It's hard to have a really good stage. I was feeling really bad yesterday so I didn't do any video training for this stage. Not a perfect stage at all but we're here.

10. Mads Ostberg (NOR) / Torstein Eriksen (NOR) (Citroen C3 WRC)

It was extremely difficult in there. I couldn't have a rhythm to be honest. The grip was changing and in some places it was so, so slippery with some mud dragged on the road which we can clean away, so it's getting faster again.

11. Craig Breen (IRL) / Scott Martin (GBR) (Citroen C3 WRC)

I tried to go for a cut. The tyres were really worn. I tried to give it everything in there and made a little mistake.

9. Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN) (Toyota Yaris WRC)

It was an OK run. So many surprised and the road is quite narrow. We followed the line from the others. It's impossible to keep it on the road as the grip is changing so much. I wouldn't mind if we didn't do the second run!

7. Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN) / Miikka Anttila (FIN) (Toyota Yaris WRC)

I can tell you, it was an extremely difficult stage. To push in these conditions there is very low grip, there is mud and everything. At one point I was sideways and flat over a crest and I thought I was going to hit something but I didn't. I was lucky.

1. Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

I'm happy to finish this stage. It's been very tricky in there. The feeling isn't too great so it's hard to push.



8. Ott Tänak (EST) / Martin Järveoja (EST) (Toyota Yaris WRC)

It is very hard. I want none of my opponents to feel how I felt yesterday, it was the worst I've ever felt.

2. Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Daniel Barritt (GBR) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

It was what it was, we just had to drive through.

36. Kalle Rovanperä (FIN) / Jonne Halttunen (FIN) (Skoda Fabia R5)

My Dad just called me and said "do your thing and it's going to be good"

31. Pontus Tidemand (SWE) / Jonas Andersson (SWE) (Skoda Fabia R5)

A small hit at the right rear. We have some spare arms so we can change it.

32. Gus Greensmith (GBR) / Alex Gelsomino (USA) (Ford Fiesta R5)

I was taking it easy but I might take a look at Pontus' car in a minute and see what happens next.

37. Jari Huttunen (FIN) / Antti Linnaketo (FIN) (Hyundai i20 R5)

That was a difficult stage. Braking was difficult on the downhill section, but the car was OK.

40. Stéphane Lefebvre (FRA) / Gabin Moreau (FRA) (Citroen C3 R5)

Very Slippery. There was zero traction and when I tried to turn there was nothing.

38. Pierre-Louis Loubet (FRA) / Vincent Landais (FRA) (Hyundai i20 R5)

Difficult, just no grip.

33. Lukasz Pieniazek (POL) / Przemyslaw Mazur (POL) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Difficult, we just need to finish and forget about it.

34. Fabio Andolfi (ITA) / Simone Scattolin (ITA) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Slippery, theres more stages for us to improve.

81. Matt Edwards (GBR) / Darren Garrod (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5)

There was spectators everywhere.

84. Tom Cave (GBR) / James Morgan (GBR) (Hyundai i20 R5)

Not pushing at all. Lots of spectators.

44. Chris Ingram (GBR) / Ross Whittock (GBR) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Good stage, mega slippy.

43. Eric Camilli (FRA) / Benjamin Veillas (FRA) (Ford Fiesta R5)

Was OK, I tried to push.



35. Ole Christian Veiby (NOR) / Stig Rune Skjaermoen (NOR) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
No feeling with the brakes, it was very tricky.

41. Marco Bulacia Wilkinson (BOL) / Fabian Cretu (ARG) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
Taking it easy, we have no spare tyres.

86. Alex Laffey (GBR) / Patrick Walsh (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Interesting stage, all OK.

85. Gaurav Gill (IND) / Glenn Macneall (AUS) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Quite slippery, we spun.

89. Paulo Nobre (BRA) / Gabriel Morales (BRA) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
Really slippery. For me it was really difficult, we went off and had to reverse. But we are here. The glass is half full and not half empty.

87. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / Mj Morrissey (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Yeah not so bad, slippery in there.

39. Nil Solans (ESP) / Marc Marti (ESP) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
I've not done much mileage so I'm learning what Wales Rally GB is about.

91. Jean-Baptiste Franceschi (FRA) / Romain Courbon (FRA) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Very tricky, the tarmac was very slippery. There was a tree on my line and it hit my mirror.

92. Steve Rokland (NOR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
It was OK, taking it steady, I can feel a soft tyre.

64. Tom Williams (GBR) / Phil Hall (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Nice and clean, think we're leading our class. We're really concentrating on the notes.

62. Enrico Brazzoli (ITA) / Luca Beltrame (ITA) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
Good, very difficult, no problems. I am happy we have maintained second in WRC3.

93. James Williams (GBR) / Tom Woodburn (GBR) (Opel Adam R2)  
Tricky, we have a problem with the diff. It's like having one wheel drive. We'll crack onto the next stages.

61. Taiko Lario (FIN) / Tatu Hatamalainen (FIN) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
Very slippery, we're third in WRC3 so happy with that.



95. Tony Jardine (GBR) / Tom Cary (GBR) (Mitsubishi Evolution IX GT)  
OK stage, previous cars have dragged all the mud onto the tarmac, going to have to amend the notes.
97. John Morrison (GBR) / Peter Carstairs (GBR) (Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IX)  
Good, thoroughly enjoyed it. Slippery, with lots of mud pulled onto the stages.
102. Spencer Wilkinson (GBR) / Glyn Thomas (GBR) (Subaru Impreza WRX STi)  
Good and wild.
104. Alex Waterman (GBR) / Harry Thomas (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2T)  
Slippery and quite interesting.
63. Louise Cook (GBR) / Stefan Davis (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
We are suffering from gearbox problems, I can smell something like brakes, we'll keep it going.
100. Jordan Reynolds (GBR) / Peredur Davies (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Car is all good, we just want to get to the finish.
106. Saleh Hijazi (GBR) / Stephen Landen (GBR) (MG ZR)  
We went wide on a hairpin and lost a lot of time.
108. Jonathan Mulholland (GBR) / Jeff Case (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Quite slippery, it was alright. We just want to make it to the end.
107. Nabila Tejpar (GBR) / Richard Bliss (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
I went off and then the Escort running behind us, caught us.
109. Stephen Southall (GBR) / Richard Bestwick (GBR) (Ford Escort Mk2)  
Bit slippery but we're getting used to it. That was spot on.
96. Kevin Horgan (IRL) / Liam Fouhy (IRL) (Skoda Fabia R2)  
It was alright, a bit slippery, but it was all alright.
111. Neil Andrew (GBR) / Dominic Adams (GBR) (Subaru Impreza)  
We had a spin and lost a bit of time, but OK.
105. Bart Lang (GBR) / Sinclair Young (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
I have to say that my team did an amazing job yesterday, I didn't plan on giving them that much work. We are still suffering from a missfire.