



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 05/10/2018  
**Section:** 2  
**Special Stage:** SS8 Brenig 2 (29.13 km)

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

The conditions are much better. The car was working quite okay, I had the feeling that this was better. Maybe we could do a bit more but there is more grip.

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

Front left puncture

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

I tried to push hard, the time is not great but I pushed as much as I could on this one. There are more cars in front that we need to catch

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

It's getting better but still way, way too slow. I'm not brave enough, I'm too afraid of the mud.

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

It was not a good stage for us. I struggled to find a good rhythm, I hit a stone and broke the windscreen. I was a bit too cautious then after that

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

The changes are helping and the car is more consistent. Some small mistakes here and there, losing the front a lot with the understeer and I had to use the handbrake more than I would prefer

3. Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Mikko Markkula (FIN) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

I spun on one junction and I lost a lot of time.

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

Really surprised by the time actually, it felt quite good. Looking at those times maybe the road is deteriorating.

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

I think it is getting a lot slower to be honest. The heavy rain always cleans the roads and that's when the guys at the front benefit. I thought the stage was quite good, but you shouldn't lose 22 seconds with a drive like that so the grip must be fading



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

I try my best. It's difficult. The car went well in there, a good rhythm but the guys around us are doing well. It's difficult.

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

Feeling better with this run, Kalle is going well today.

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

Good battle with Pontus, looking at my own battle not what is behind.

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

Clean run, no big mistakes, try to continue like this.

35. Ole Christian Veiby (NOR) / Stig Rune Skjaermoen (NOR) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Really difficult day, handbrake locked on at the start of the stage.

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

Driving normal drive, not taking too many risks.

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

That was OK, but Kalle is going too fast.

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

Tyre went off the rim.

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

Had a puncture, kept hitting banks afterwards.

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

Feeling not so bad.

41. Marco Bulacia Wilkinson (BOL) / Fabian Cretu (ARG) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Perfect, enjoying and having fun.

42. Simone Tempestini (ROU) / Itu Sergiu (ROU) (Citroen C3 R5)

Had a puncture.

64. Tom Williams (GBR) / Phil Hall (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

More tricky this afternoon, more mud. Managing the gap.



63. Louise Cook (GBR) / Stefan Davis (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Much cleaner than the first time round, but we won't be setting the world alight with that time.
62. Enrico Brazzoli (ITA) / Luca Beltrame (ITA) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
Very good.
61. Taisko Lario (FIN) / Tatu Hatamalainen (FIN) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
We had two punctures and had to change them both.
89. Paulo Nobre (BRA) / Gabriel Morales (BRA) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
Very happy, best stages we've done all year. Fantastic grip.
82. David Bogie (GBR) / John Rowan (IRL) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
Good push, tricky but a good stage.
81. Matt Edwards (GBR) / Darren Garrod (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Had a puncture and we had to stop and change it.
83. Rhys Yates (GBR) / Elliott Edmondson (GBR) (Skoda Fabia R5)  
Held by Edwards on the stage a bit, difficult stage.
84. Tom Cave (GBR) / James Morgan (GBR) (Hyundai i20 R5)  
Had a minor issue after service but sorted. No clean run all day but happy with our progress on our first international event in a year.
85. Gaurav Gill (IND) / Glenn Macneall (AUS) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Not so good afternoon, had a spin and got stuck on the tight part.
86. Alex Laffey (GBR) / Patrick Walsh (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Lost the brakes but still going.
87. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / Mj Morrissey (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
No problem, better run this afternoon.
93. James Williams (GBR) / Tom Woodburn (GBR) (Opel Adam R2)  
Great, a bit bumpy and slippy in places but enjoyed it.
92. Steve Rokland (NOR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
Had a puncture 12km before the finish, not good.



100. Jordan Reynolds (GBR) / Peredur Davies (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Good feeling in the car, more grip than expected but still slippery in places.

91. Jean-Baptiste Franceschi (FRA) / Romain Courbon (FRA) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Unlucky, two punctures in stages.

95. Tony Jardine (GBR) / Tom Cary (GBR) (Mitsubishi Evolution IX GT)  
Navigator still feeling ill.

88. Sacha Kakad (GBR) / James Aldridge (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
No issues but not a brilliant day.

97. John Morrison (GBR) / Peter Carstairs (GBR) (Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IX)  
Better second time through, slippery in the middle but enjoyed the afternoon.

101. Finlay Retson (GBR) / Tom Hynd (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
No brakes towards the end, OK stage, enjoying the afternoon more.

99. Scott Partridge (GBR) / Fiona Scarret (GBR) (Subaru Impreza)  
More grip this afternoon, changed the tyres in service so it was a bit more enjoyable.

105. Bart Lang (GBR) / Sinclair Young (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
It's the first stage its all worked well, buzzing now.

104. Alex Waterman (GBR) / Harry Thomas (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2T)  
Puncture 7/8km from the end.

107. Nabila Tejpar (GBR) / Richard Bliss (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
All fine.

108. Jonathan Mulholland (GBR) / Jeff Case (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Enjoying the stages.

109. Stephen Southall (GBR) / Richard Bestwick (GBR) (Ford Escort Mk2)  
Brilliant, really enjoyed.

106. Saleh Hijazi (GBR) / Stephen Landen (GBR) (MG ZR)  
Good stage, took it easy. Slippery and dug up.