



STAGE FLASH

Date: 03/10/2019
Section: 1
Special Stage: SS1 The Dayinsure Oulton Park Stage (3.58 km)
Weather: Light rain
Road Conditions: Wet

93. Matt Edwards (GBR) / Mark Glennerster (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)

It's been a great year, you know. You were the first one to say it three years ago weren't you? So we've done it twice since then and here it'd be a bit of a miracle so, yea we've worked hard to get here and we're looking forward to a good rally and ... the end of a good weekend.

94. Tom Cave (GBR) / Dale Furniss (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)

What a terrific stage to start the rally with! There's no grip at the end, it's like driving on ice. I think I enjoyed it!

95. Josh McErlean (GBR) / Keaton Williams (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)

Yeah, it's pretty good! We had a false start but that's all part of the learning curve. It's good fun on the slippy surface

54. Oliver Solberg (NOR) / Aaron Johnston (GBR) (Volkswagen Polo R5)

The whole windscreen has fogged. I didn't see anything, I almost stopped. I lost three or four seconds towards the end. The first corner I lost a few seconds there. No, no, no.

55. Petter Solberg (NOR) / Phil Mills (GBR) (Volkswagen Polo R5)

Yeah it was tricky but the hand brake was still on, so the car didn't work for the first hundred metres. So after that, the car was OK. Oh! Very slippy, this last part. Oliver, how did he go? Very difficult. Experience!

81. Keanna Erickson-Chang (USA) / Niall Burns (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R2)

It was a little bit of a tricky one. It was mostly dry when we recced it earlier so we were finding out how slippy it is. Tomorrow stages, particularly that first one is going to be a tricky start.

80. Ryan Booth (USA) / Rhianon Gelsomino (AUS) (Ford Fiesta R2)

It was good, we probably should have put the lights on as it was hard to see out there. It went pretty well.

78. Fabrizio Zaldivar (PRY) / Fernando Mussano (ARG) (Ford Fiesta R2)

It's really slippy. I thought it was going to be a little bit easier but it's really difficult and slippy.



77. Sean Johnston (USA) / Alex Kihurani (USA) (Ford Fiesta R2)

Super fun! Wow, this last little bit, the tarmac was that special extra slippery, drifty, zero grip stuff, but it's super fun.

76. Enrico Oldrati (ITA) / Elia De Guio (ITA) (Ford Fiesta R2)

The first time here, I'm really happy to be here. The real rally starts tomorrow so we'll see.

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

It's great to be on my home event. We want to push hard but there's going to be a huge championship battle. We know what we are doing, we're driving our own rally.

74. Roland Poom (EST) / Ken Jarveoja (EST) (Ford Fiesta R2)

Oh yes it was tricky with this front wheel drive car. I think the rally will be good, I'm looking forward to it.

73. Dennis Rådström (SWE) / Johan Johansson (SWE) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I think it was too big a push in there, a little bit too wide. We want so much this weekend, we need to be more clever but it's enjoyable.

72. Jan Solans (ESP) / Mauro Barreiro (ESP) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I don't know about the time but it was so slippery, so difficult.

71. Tom Kristensson (SWE) / Henrik Appelskog (SWE) (Ford Fiesta R2)

These are not the stages I enjoy so much. I just try to make it through, I'm happy to be here, I'm satisfied. It's a tricky rally. A lot of things will happen but I will do my best and do my own game and we will see what happens.

42. Craig Breen (IRL) / Paul Nagle (IRL) (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

Quite a tricky stage. I just tried to get through it with no mistakes. It's a big weekend.

7. Pontus Tidemand (SWE) / Ola Floene (NOR) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

It's difficult. It's more wet and slippery than expected but we got through it and that's important. It will be an exciting day tomorrow, I'm looking forward to the real rally starting now.

33. Elfyn Evans (GBR) / Scott Martin (GBR) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

It's been a difficult time to be off but it doesn't get much easier being back here tonight! But it's all good. Looking forward to tomorrow, let's see what we can do.

4. Esapekka Lappi (FIN) / Janne Ferm (FIN) (Citroen C3 WRC)

There is no grip! I have no idea what I did, I tried to be very slow but it feels horrible! A lot of surprises tomorrow but the stages are nice. I think I will enjoy it.



3. Teemu Suninen (FIN) / Jarmo Lehtinen (FIN) (Ford Fiesta WRC)

It's extremely slippery especially when we had mediums. I made some mistakes and the tyre choice is what it is. Tomorrow the rally starts so I have to get the good driving and the good rhythm.

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

I forgot to push the screen blower. I didn't put the heated screen on and in the watersplash I lost visibility. I lost time, it was a **** run.

5. Kris Meeke (GBR) / Sebastian Marshall (GBR) (Toyota Yaris WRC)

That was tricky! Really tricky! It's Rally GB, dark, slippery, tricky. It was like ice. There's no points for today, let's try and have a good weekend.

89. Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) / Anders Jaeger (NOR) (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

We could already see on the recce that it was going to be slippery. For me it was better than I expected. It's a important weekend, every weekend is important but toward the end of the season you can't throw away points, it's important now.

11. Thierry Neuville (BEL) / Nicolas Gilsoul (BEL) (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

I had a good stage. Very tricky, a lot of surprises. I thought the tyres would work better here but it's about a compromise. We didn't know where we were going but it's a very nice place and good spectators. When it's raining and wet it's better to run first. I have a good feeling with the car, we have some work to do on the setup, we'll try to get a good rhythm and work on the setup.

1. Sébastien Ogier (FRA) / Julien Ingrassia (FRA) (Citroen C3 WRC)

It's not an easy one. Very low grip in there. I try to be steady. I could be a little faster but it's not worth taking the risks. Tomorrow I will be flat out, there's nothing else I can do.

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

I had no lights, there was on the top of the trees, I missed and lost attention.

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

I have had nice experiences here, you can drive quite fast. The stages are quite tricky and things have changed from last year. I don't have experience of some parts but it's good to have a learning experience.

23. Gus Greensmith (GBR) / Elliott Edmondson (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5 Mkii)

It's a really strong WRC field this weekend, whoever wins it this week will deserve it. But man, that is so slippery!

22. Mads Ostberg (NOR) / Torstein Eriksen (NOR) (Citroen C3 R5)

It's so tricky in there and you can see that from being here. It was not so nice and suddenly about a third of the way in it was so heavy with rain. We were not so lucky with the weather but it probably didn't make any difference.



24. Jan Kopecky (CZE) / Pavel Dresler (CZE) (Skoda Fabia R5 Evo)

It was very slippy, heavy rain. Our main target its to get through to the finish.

25. Hayden Paddon (NZL) / John Kennard (NZL) (Ford Fiesta R5 Mkii)

It's felt like a long time. I have to blow out the cobwebs this weekend and get back intot he groove of it and see what I can do. I think it will be tough, we will try out best but it's learning the car and pacenotes. We'll do our best.

45. Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL) / Maciej Szczepaniak (POL) (Volkswagen Polo R5)

It's a good start. I enjoyed the stage. It's sometimes hard to see the road as there are a lot of strange corners but we knew it before. Third down is not bad!

41. Benito Guerra (MEX) / Jaime Zapata (MEX) (Skoda Fabia R5 Evo)

It's very tricky, I love it, it's very slippy and there are some corners that I didn't see when we did the recce in daylight. Now I don't understand, the last part of the stage is very slippy, the last corner is completely different. We need to push tomorrow if we want to get very good championship points, and tomorrow we will start the rally.

43. Pierre-louis Loubet (FRA) / Vincent Landais (FRA) (Skoda Fabia R5)

We have the rain again so it was super, super greasy.

44. Ole Christian Veiby (NOR) / Jonas Andersson (SWE) (Volkswagen Polo R5)

Really difficult start. It was difficult to see where the road was going. It's changed from the recce. The real rally starts tomorrow, we'll be flat out and do our best.

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

It was very slippy. We made one mistake, but in the end it was OK. Tomorrow will be difficult but we are ready for it.

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

Very slippy, not easy. The race will be long and the stages in the forest will be hard.

50. Paulo Nobre (BRA) / Gabriel Morales (BRA) (Skoda Fabia R5)

I don't like this kind of special stage, but it's part of the game. It's part of rally Wales and we are happy to be here. I made a lot of mistakes, I couldn't see with the rain, and it's so slippy. But tomorrow I am sure I will enjoy a lot. I am still smiling!

46. Alberto Heller (CHL) / Jose Diaz (ARG) (Ford Fiesta R5 Mkii)

Not so good, the car stopped and started, I've lost a few seconds, but that's how it is.



51. Rhys Yates (GBR) / James Morgan (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)

We had some issues with the brakes. Good fun though.

53. Adrien Fourmaux (FRA) / Renaud Jamoul (BEL) (Ford Fiesta R5)

So slippery from the start, so complicated. Looking forward to the forests.

56. Guillaume De Mevius (BEL) / Martijn Wydaeghe (BEL) (Citroen C3 R5)

It was a difficult stage. It was fun, but hard to get a good rhythm.

91. Nikolay Gryazin (RUS) / Yaroslav Fedorov (RUS) (Skoda Fabia R5)

Very slippery with rain on the stage. I wasn't expecting the first part to be as slippery.

92. Takamoto Katsuta (JPN) / Daniel Barritt (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5 Mkii)

Tricky, but I enjoyed it. Just before the start we got heavy rain so it was not so fun. Tomorrow will be hard with tough stages but we'll try to enjoy them.

96. Patrick Dejean (FRA) / Lionel Currat (FRA) (Ford Fiesta R5)

It was really hard! Tomorrow will be better.

97. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / MJ (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)

That was fun - slippy!

100. Ruairi Bell (GBR) / Darren Garrod (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

It was alright. It was very slippy but we got through it. It's good to be here so let's just get going now. Absolutely looking forward to tomorrow. Can't wait.

101. Philippe Casado (FRA) / Kevin Bronner (FRA) (Peugeot 208 R2)

Very difficult because the wheels were spinning, not good for me.

102. Josh Cornwell (GBR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)

It's slippery. Definitely looking forward to the rest of the weekend, it's good to get tonight over and done with. The game plan is to get to the finish, get some experience and confidence as we haven't been out for a while. So that's the main thing.

103. Diego Dominguez (PRY) / Rogelio Lopez (ESP) (Ford Fiesta R2)

Very tricky stage here. First time in the WRC, my dream came true. I think we are going to go a lot faster.

104. Edward Lewis (GBR) / Dominic Adams (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I couldn't see anything through the stage but we got through it.



105. Louise Cook (GBR) / Stefan Davis (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)

I can't see a thing! Foggy windscreen! From the start, just couldn't see a thing. I could see right-handers but no left-handers. Stef was literally my eyes. Oh well. At the moment, I've not got a clear head but I'll sort it out for tomorrow.