



STAGE FLASH

Date: 04/10/2019
Section: 2
Special Stage: SS10 Aberhirnant 2 (10.26 km)

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

It was quite stressful in there. In the previous stage we lost the lights and the wires were damaged so we had to do a lot of work on the road section but now we have some lights so it's not so bad. There was some fog but nothing like three years ago.

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

It's a good day, we are in the fight for the win so that's what we want. The night is never easy, there was a little fog so I was hesitating a bit but I'm happy to be here.

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

The driving was good but we have to investigate. I was not on the tyre choice I asked for so we have to investigate. We did not lose too much time but we could have been in a better position. If it was really foggy it could have been dangerous but it was OK. The speed is high in the dark.

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

That was not good enough I was struggling to see a bit as I changed my lights as they were a bit too high and now they are too low so I couldn't see when I was braking.

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

I just had a big slide I aquaplaned a bit on the mud with the rear. A good day but it's not over yet.

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

I've been trying to make some good times. Not a perfect day for us, in the morning I made one mistake and lost 15 seconds. The grip level has been changing a lot so it's been difficult to be on the limit.

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

Not perfectly happy to be honest, it was ok, obviously difficult conditions. It's pretty fast in places, all ok. Fantastic atmosphere, it's really nice to come back to this and I look forward to seeing them for the rest of the weekend.

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

It was so foggy in some places which was a bit difficult but I wasn't driving in worse light. No dark and fog would make it easy. The car is very nice so I enjoyed the drive.



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

Really careful as we didn't have any spare wheels any more, on the last one we had a puncture out of nowhere so I was really careful going through.

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

We fixed a problem, fixed the water pump for now. Back to winning stages so it's a shame we can't fight for the win now. That's how it is. The pace is good and we're not even trying so. It's another day tomorrow.

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

It's really tricky because this stage was cancelled for us in the first pass so I have some knowledge from 2016 but maybe I am too old as I don't remember anything!

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

It's difficult, it's slippy, we are struggling with the lights. We have an electrical problem and the lights turn off and sometimes in the middle of a fast corner and it's scary.

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

It's important to stay on the road so we tried to do our best but we've been very careful at the end of the stage.

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

It was very difficult for us, my first time here and in the dark. We had a little fun because it was very scary.

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

We are happy to finish today and the last two stages were very difficult in the night but we are happy.

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

[laughs] I'm still nervous because it's not easy to identify the curves I try to go inside of the pace notes but even though we pass checking the pace notes the first time it's really not easy but it was night special stage, not pleasurable but challenging for me and a challenge I like!

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

Nice, nice, nice. The second stage of the night was better because we know it, we make it really slow the first pass now we tried to make our pace but it was difficult. We have one big, big, big moment there but we are ok here.

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

For the first pass in the night time stage it wasn't easy but I'm really happy. For all the day it was enjoyable and the car was really good, the team had a really good time.



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

The time is ok.

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

We don't have a tyre to change [to fix the puncture at the back].

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

The one before was eventful, we had a few issues with the lights, on Dyfnant, the first one, but that felt a bit better. It's been a long day, it has been a tough day but the stages have been mega. Tomorrow will be different stages, a bit wider, a bit faster, and I know them a bit better. We just managed it today but tomorrow we can push harder.

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

I'm happy, I'm here! So far so good we are really happy with the day. No issues, no drama. Looking forward to tomorrow.

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

I love rallying at night! Oh I wish we could do more of it. Happy to be here at the end of the day. Car is in one piece. We are in a good third place which was certainly unexpected. We're the best of the rest today in JWRC and the plan is to keep that up for the next couple of days.

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

The lights fell off about a mile into the stage. Couldn't see anything but had to get to the finish. We made it somehow!

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

That was a tricky stage to be on at night but wanted to get through it and on to tomorrow.

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

For me it was a bad run, because on a good run, no corners just straight. When curves are 200m you go flat out and you need to brake somewhere. My mistake, nice stage if I wasn't pushing so much, it is interesting to drive in such conditions. More like ice or snow in plus degrees. It feels like I am on the spikes on a gravel road.

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

We spun and we didn't hit anything but we lost more than 20 seconds maybe? I couldn't start the engine. This is the story. I'll try and enjoy tomorrow.

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

The car's fine, really good. Good afternoon, evening. Enjoyed the stages, time's good, so it's working.



97. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / MJ (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)
Not too bad!

102. Josh Cornwell (GBR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)
It was alright. We have a bit of a problem with the lamp pod. It was alright.