



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 05/10/2019  
**Section:** 3  
**Special Stage:** SS16 Dyfi 2 (25.86 km)  
**Weather:** Raining  
**Road Conditions:** Wet

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

I had wrong settings in the morning so I had no more grip than in the morning. The rain was disturbing a bit and there's a lot of standing water, with big watersplashes. I had fog on the windscreen and not enough heater and blowers but it's part of the game.

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

It's very wet, still a nice stage. Very slippy in some parts.

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

A lot of standing water, a lot of changing grip. More wet than I expected I guess.

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

One mistake in the morning, some understeering but it's caused by the driver so I can't complain.

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

I can't see anything.

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

It was very difficult with the fog now. Very slippery conditions but we had a very clean run. Nothing more to say.

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

That was definitely a tricky stage. A lot of standing water, puddles which were not there this morning. Maybe a bit too careful in the small very slippy section but when I felt that the grip was OK I tried to push. Let's see what the guys do behind.

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

It was really horrible weather conditions. OK, the grip wasn't so bad but really difficult to see, my window was steaming up a little bit so I struggled in a few places.



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

It was a very difficult stage with much more rain and fog so happy to be here.

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

Still one more stage to go, the small stage at the beach. So far it's been a good run.

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

We rolled on the previous stage, so here we tried to go really safe and just get to the finish. It was a big mistake and we're very lucky that we're here.

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

It was ok, the conditions are difficult here. Careful.

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

About half the stage on a puncture, 12-14km.

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

I was too careful. It was tricky with the conditions so I just try to finish. I lose a lot of time.

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

Very tricky, we need to understand which gravel is OK and which is not OK. Also we have no water for the screen so we used Evian and the water splash to clean the windscreen, and aren't pushing in the corners in the fog. Many places we aren't pushing, we have no tyres now, it's not possible to drive fast in the slippery conditions.

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

It's very very slippy and muddy. We had medium tyres, compared with Rovanpera so it seems he's a little bit faster with that. I'm happy with my driving, happy with Phil and the car works well, so actually everything is perfect.

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

It's very very slippy, difficult stage. I just had to keep it clean. I did my best and couldn't do much better than that.

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

[Deflated rear tyre]

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

I was just over the finish line so that's when I first saw the car with the puncture. I wasn't disturbed by that so no problem.



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

It was good, tricky and very slippery in places, lots of standing water but all in all really happy. Tyres worked well so yea, good.

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

[The front end damage] is from the previous stage.

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

Everything has had the same thing happen, you can't see anything. It was very challenging, I enjoyed it a lot.

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

No problems. The middle of the road for us was good. Not a good time but no problems and that's the target. I don't know the times of the other guys but we are in the fight.

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

Today was a longer day for us but we have a good job and the stage is difficult and very slippery. We are happy.

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

Can you get a rock or a stone for the wheels please?

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

A lot of braking to keep to the line. We are 5 seconds faster than Tom so we'll keep going like that.

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

We had a good stage, not a good day. We try to enjoy it and I think we are getting better and better so just keep smiling and driving.

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

What can I do? Smile! Sadly yesterday we retired but now not so good [pointing at stage time].

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

We got a puncture so we had to change it.

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

Fantastic. Just fantastic. Really really slippery, these special stages are much more destroyed than in the morning because many cars passed. Very wet. Fantastic pleasure. FANTASTIC!

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

That was fun, good, slippery. More slippery than I expected it. At this point there are big gaps so we are just cruising and making sure we are not doing anything stupid so mission accomplished.



97. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / MJ (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)  
Perfect [thumbs up].

102. Josh Cornwell (GBR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)  
It was alright, got a bit of a sweat on again. It's getting bad out there. It's getting rough.

76. Enrico Oldrati (ITA) / Elia De Guio (ITA) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Oh well, now it was a good stage for me, I tried to push. Unfortunately in the last stage we got a puncture and lost position so let's see for tomorrow.

104. Edward Lewis (GBR) / Dominic Adams (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
Really tough, completely wrong tyre choice set up.

105. Louise Cook (GBR) / Stefan Davis (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)  
That was tough, really hard. So rough in there, so slippery. It was really nice the first time through but that time wasn't nice. I'm glad to get to the end of that one.