



STAGE FLASH

Date: 06/10/2019
Section: 4
Special Stage: SS19 Brenig 1 (6.43 km)

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

It's quite OK to be first on the road. There was more grip. There was quite a bit of margin - I wanted to be sure that I was OK on the braking so I left quite a bit of room on the braking. I could have gone faster.

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

I'd love to be in the heat of a battle fighting for a tenth. It's a very, very safe pace. This rally is very much what could have been.

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

Yes it's starting to get better and better. I broke the code of how to drive these World Rally Cars now. It's a big difference from earlier.

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

We just keep doing our best. Didn't get everything perfect in there but we did our best. A bit more grip than expected in a few places but OK.

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

I was flat out but it's moving a lot. I don't think this one was the best. Let's see for the next stage and one more to go on tarmac so you never know.

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

These stages are tricky in their own way, easy to make a mistake. This morning the conditions are muddy and slippery, it's difficult to judge the braking.

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

It's not good enough but I don't know how to go further. There is no magic here to do, let's try to finish as fast as we can but the pace is not so good now.

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

We're going to see, I don't know. We're going to see. Nothing is wrong.

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

I'm just focussing on finishing the rally. We need to keep the pace and it's important we keep going. I'm feeling good in the car, quite comfortable.



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

I think just to enjoy the stages. Go quite carefully I'm not going too fast. A lot of spectators, it's nice.

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

One more stage is coming up on tarmac hope it's better than these gravel ones. It's yes no yes no. The feeling is a little bit crazy.

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

Tricky first one this morning. The conditions and the grip is changing a lot. Car feels good, let's get to the end.

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

Each day we're trying a lot of new things. Today we made another modification and feel a lot more comfortable in the car.

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

We are trying to experiment a little bit and it doesn't feel so nice, but maybe it is nice. I had to give Petter a hug this morning because it's so emotional. I had to ask for a selfie.

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

I have a lead but I don't have the full rhythm. It's a fantastic situation to be in this weekend.

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

Pretty, good, no problems.

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

We tried to stay on the good rhythm and be very careful. Difficult to judge the grip. We have to stay on the road.

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

This stage may be short but quite tricky and it's surprising how tricky the stage is.

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

Yes a good time. We found our pace notes for Friday. We have to fight. Big push.

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

All going to plan, three stages to go, just need to get this car to the finish line.

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

We are trying different things, we are continuing the stages and everything is fine I think.



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

Great rhythm. One little mistake that I need to fix for next time. It was in the notes but still surprised me a little. Other than that pretty good stage.

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

A silly mistake on the stage before, my co-driver forgot to close the bonnet and a long straight opened it. It's OK, we had a lot of time to the car behind so kept position.

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

Just getting a feel for the tarmac stages, just have to feel it out and hopefully get a better time next time.

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

Fun little stage, I like that one.

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

A bit better, confidence is better after a bit of a roll yesterday. A bit more on the pace today, we just want to finish on a high for the season.

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

I think we did a good job.

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

It's OK. Driving through. Easily. Sunday drive.

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

The stage was very tricky and slippery and easy to make a mistake.

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

The middle of the road, we want to finish, you know? It's a difficult stage so middle of the road and finish the race.

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

It's very slippery this one. It's very difficult because in the recce it was very clear.

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

Just tweaking the notes, hadn't really thought about the conditions, just looking forward to driving with no issues.

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

Tried to push but I hit a bale on the outside so lost a couple more seconds so need to get rid of those mistakes and then all good.



45. Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL) / Maciej Szczepaniak (POL) (Volkswagen Polo R5)
We have new problems! It's OK. We have a quite good feeling but so far not perfect.

93. Matt Edwards (GBR) / Mark Glennerster (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)
I don't think we'll be changing much, have a play with it really.

54. Oliver Solberg (NOR) / Aaron Johnston (GBR) (Volkswagen Polo R5)
It was a nice clean stage, I enjoyed it. A fun stage, very technical but I took it very very easy.

50. Paulo Nobre (BRA) / Gabriel Morales (BRA) (Skoda Fabia R5)
Very narrow, very slippery and first pass, everytime we make the first time of each stage we're a little bit insecure that the pace notes would not be perfect and here it's necessary, no little mistakes to finish the rally. And oh my god! It is so hard to arrive this Sunday here. We have been so careful. Maybe in the next one try a little bit more. Important thing is to go up the ramp in a few hours.

102. Josh Cornwell (GBR) / Dai Roberts (GBR) (Peugeot 208 R2)
Not very nice.

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

96. Patrick Dejean (FRA) / Lionel Currat (FRA) (Ford Fiesta R5)
It's OK.

100. Ruairi Bell (GBR) / Darren Garrod (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Not great. But move on to the next one and let's get on with it. It's hard to get used to the conditions and with such a short stage you don't really get into a rhythm very quickly. By the time you're ready to go, it's finished.

104. Edward Lewis (GBR) / Dominic Adams (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Not too bad, we were fairly cautious and got through it.

105. Louise Cook (GBR) / Stefan Davis (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
They are really hard to read those stages. They look really slippery and then there's loads of grip. really tricky to get it right. I'm kind of getting through now. I'm not reading it properly, you know? So it could catch me out.