



STAGE FLASH

Date: 04/10/2019

Section: 2

Special Stage: SS2 Elsi 1 (11.65 km)

Weather: Heavy showers

Road Conditions: Wet but good surface, tight and twisty.

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

It's tricky. It's very different to yesterday. Very hard to find the feeling. It's an OK pace.

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

I was too wide over the finish. Not an easy start to the day, it's really low grip.

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

I'm fighting with the balance of the car I have no confidence in the bumps so I try to do as good as I can. Our car is quite long for those kinds of stages. It's quite a handicap, you have to use a lot of handbrake. I struggle but the time is not so bad.

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

Very difficult, very hard to push. It felt a little bit better but it's still bad.

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

It took me a while to get a rhythm, it's so narrow in here. It's different from the rest of the rally.

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

I lost the rear in oversteer, I turned in and got it back. The rear was a little bit in the ditch but no dramas.

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

It's really difficult. Difficult to be on the limit everywhere but we need to try and push.

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

I don't know what happened. I can't do any better to be honest.

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

It's good. The feeling was good and everything was working ok. A busy stage. I wish my pace was the same last night but there we go.



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

It's not so bad but very difficult. First time I drove the car on a stage like this but it was OK.

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

I had quite a good feeling in the car.

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

It was OK, it was really difficult with smaller sections and new pace notes but it was ok.

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

Pretty hectic. Serious bit of road. Felt like I was pushing but didn't feel like I was carrying the right speed which is never good.

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

Not an easy stage, difficult to find a rhythm. Not so easy.

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

Difficult, but much better than I expected in some places. We need to find the rhythm, it will take time for sure because this rally is a huge challenge but I hope it will work.

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

It's obviously a very tricky stage. Haven't got any feeling at the moment. Just need to ease our way into it and gradually build up.

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

It's not an easy morning, not an easy stage to wake up to! It's very narrow and twisty. It's ok, and I drove smoothly.

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

It's difficult, it's not easy. The time is good but... it's the first stage of the forest and it's a long rally. Not so bad.

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

It was OK but I was surprised by the grip. I was very careful. More grip than I expected.

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

Wow, it's a proper start! A wake up call! A fun stage, I went off a little in the second corner and lost a few seconds but all ok.

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

It was very difficult, the condition was very tricky. We are going as fast as we can, we will see.



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

My feeling of the car is good now after shakedown, changes etc. But the road is slippery and the race is long!

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

It was really slippery, tricky and a lot of fun! So far so good. This is GB rally, a lot of mud, a lot of tricky curves and we need to pay attention to our pace notes.

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

Nice! I am really happy to be here, first time in Wales. I'm impressed. The car is impressive, I'm happy. I'm from Chile, really far away but we're motivated and we want to finish the rally without problems.

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

Very enjoyable, with the rain it's a little bit busy because of the stones. But it's good.

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

It was ok, very unsure of the grip. Oliver's stuck in the ditch there.

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

It was ok, we made a little mistake at the beginning so I was careful after, but it was ok. Beginning of the rally so we need to improve.

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

It was difficult to be honest, some corners I linked up quite nice and others I was **** through but I enjoyed it, it was good.

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

Really good I enjoyed this stage so much. Nice flow and really tricky. That was the first stage of it and I really enjoyed it.

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

It was slippery, no rhythm. I was trying to push but it was difficult.

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

It was great. Morning stage, fun to be here.

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

That was proper conditions! Really tough stage, we caught a car with a problem, I think Oliver Solberg has gone off. That was tricky!

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

Very slippery but I drove it safely through the stage and have good feeling with the car. The second loop the conditions will be worse.



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

Clean run, a little conservative. There are slippery corners in there, I've never experienced conditions like this. Taking it easy, no risk We're relatively happy with the performance.

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

It was really good, very tricky stage. We are happy to be here.

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

It's wild in there! But it's going to be a good time. Looking forward to this afternoon. First time driving in Europe, first time driving in the wet, so have a lot to learn but we'll see how it goes.

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

Tricky stage to start on, just finding our rhythm.

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

It's pretty good, good to get the first stage under the belt.

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

Good. No big problems, nice drive and trying to understand how to drive on slow corners. First corners could be better I think. We are looking for good lines and think we need to improve pace notes. I feel a lot of difference in my driving style now.

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

Quite difficult, we stalled once but otherwise ok.

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

That was my test! Don't know about the first stage! Went ok. Not a lot of rhythm to start with, just a case of building the speed and confidence in the car. The commitment wasn't there in some places.

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

We've got a problem with the electronics on the wheel, don't know what it is.

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

I didn't hit anything, but we have a rear puncture. I drove in the middle of the road, I don't know!

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

Not too bad, Big ruts there but it's ok.

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

Really nice. Didn't get into a good rhythm at the beginning but by the end feeling quite comfortable. Need to work on it and push harder as the day goes on.



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

My first is very very nice. It's difficult, big puddles!

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

Nice, it's alright. Wet and very slippery in lots of places, it can catch you out but we just get to the end and it's ok.

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

Very nice stage, wetter than on the recce but I think we did ok for our first time in this group. Very happy. Going to continue, hopefully we'll end in the top 6.

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

Tough stage, took it steady but we'll build on it.

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

Nightmare! Screen's fogging up.