



STAGE FLASH

Date: 04/10/2019
Section: 2
Special Stage: SS6 Elsi 2 (11.65 km)
Weather: Sunny
Road Conditions: Surface very muddy and slippery.

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

Conditions are quite consistent. It's quite rough in places and the visibility is quite difficult with the mud on the windows and sun.

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

It's times like this that we need. Faster than Ott, we need to keep that up. It's rougher than expected and we had quite some impact. I didn't feel as comfortable as I expected.

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

It feels OK but we have a puncture on the rear. I could have done better but I was a bit unlucky.

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

I struggled to see in there, the windscreen washer water is coming but very little.

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

There's six of us within 10 seconds so everyone is on the same "mode". It's a little more consistent on the second pass. Let's see how the other stages are as they are all different.

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

I don't know if I have a rear left puncture, it's feeling very strange. I hit a stone.

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

We've been on the stage and stopped in some places as I could not see anything.

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

It's particularly rough, to be honest, slippery and difficult to get the car turned in in places but otherwise ok.

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

It feels better, so not so bad.



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

I was more careful than in the morning. A careful run.

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

Better than this morning. I had quite a slow run in here this morning so we need to improve, but it was ok.

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

It was much better than the first pass. We are getting used to the stages so it's getting better.

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

It's more difficult than in the morning, a little slippery the last part of the stage but we're ok. It's going to be very long for me. I'm trying to understand the new set up of my car but now we are on car tyres it's different than in the morning.

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

Not very good timings, I think the tyre choice is not the perfect one. That's why it is like it is.

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

It's very rough in some sections and the other is very good.

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

This stage was not easy for me.

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

Without the rain is better to see but on the other hand the special stages are completely destroyed due to the many cars passing so one thing compensate the other. I think I have more fun now, because I can see better than the special stage.

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

We are happy because second pass we know the road. It's impressive, the road is totally destroyed, loads of ruts. I am really happy with my co-driver because no mistakes and we're here.

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

It's not easy for us, after this morning it was more durable.

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

That was very, very, very rough! I did a big mistake in there, but it was ok. Car is good.

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

There was a puncture on the front right.



71. Tom Kristensson (SWE) / Henrik Appelskog (SWE) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Everything's fine, tried to avoid as much stone as possible so it feels good.

72. Jan Solans (ESP) / Mauro Barreiro (ESP) (Ford Fiesta R2)
I had a puncture I think.

75. Tom Williams (GBR) / Phil Hall (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Better now, a bit drier and a line you can follow. It's much better, we've got to push on now.

76. Enrico Oldrati (ITA) / Elia De Guio (ITA) (Ford Fiesta R2)
It's slippery now, we have much more grip. Conditions are worse now than before. But we're ok, we try to save for this evening and see how it goes.

77. Sean Johnston (USA) / Alex Kihurani (USA) (Ford Fiesta R2)
That was absolutely miserable. I was not having fun in there. The stage is destroyed, and no rhythm and no confidence. It was just getting through that one so I hope the next stages are better. To compare it to this morning I actually preferred it when it was downpour of rain and much more slippy to having these massive stones in the road. But it's part of the learning.

78. Fabrizio Zaldivar (PRY) / Fernando Mussano (ARG) (Ford Fiesta R2)
We had to be very careful and it was a little bit rough.

80. Ryan Booth (USA) / Rhianon Gelsomino (AUS) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Wow it got really rough after the second pass by but it went ok, we got through, nothing broke, so we're happy.

81. Keanna Erickson-Chang (USA) / Niall Burns (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R2)
Wow that stage has gotten pretty rough since the last time we drove it! Tricky stage but good flow and a lot of fun.

91. Nikolay Gryazin (RUS) / Yaroslav Fedorov (RUS) (Skoda Fabia R5)
Everything good, slippery but ok.

92. Takamoto Katsuta (JPN) / Daniel Barritt (GBR) (Ford Fiesta R5 Mkii)
Mostly better than this morning.

94. Tom Cave (GBR) / Dale Furniss (GBR) (Hyundai NG i20 R5)
We've sorted the problems in service so good run, good stage.

97. Eamonn Boland (IRL) / MJ (IRL) (Ford Fiesta R5)
It was very rough.



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

It was very rough and we didn't get into a very nice rhythm at all. But no problems, we'll move on to the next stage. Let's go.

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

Not doing very good at all, we've had to look after the car in that one. Not much you can do about it, got to use your head. But we got through it.

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

I think we did pretty good, Good stage. Feeling good with the car.