



STAGE FLASH

Date:	17 November 2018	Flash N°:	1
Day:	2	Distance:	21.28 km
Special stage:	11 (Urunga I)		
Weather:	Clearing skies, 22degC		
Road conditions:	Dry and firm surface		

Car 5. THIERRY NEUVILLE/NICOLAS GILSOUL

“Something is broken but the car is still okay to drive.”

Car 2. ELFYN EVANS/DANIEL BARRITT

“Not so loose as before – but completely different type of stage. The last 5km is loose and wide.”

Car 3. TEEMU SUNINEN/MIKKO MARKKULA

“No issues – still struggling with grip on the loose gravel. Difficult to find the braking points in such slippery conditions. It will be better in the second loop.”

Car 1. SEBASTIEN OGIER/JULIEN INGRASSIA

“It was always a tricky stage in a forest – we just tried to drive through.”

Car 9. ESAPEKKA LAPPI/JANNE FERM

“It was not a good stage for me – made a lot of mistakes and bad lines.”

Car 8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA

“We are trying our best. The road condition is not the best today – another clean stage but let’s see what happens.”

Car 6. HAYDEN PADDON/SEBASTIAN MARSHALL

“It’s not over yet. This stage is my Achilles heel of the rally – always has been. We’ve been smooth – perhaps too smooth. We can improve a lot but hey, if we have only one bad stage of the rally we can manage it.”

Car 11. CRAIG BREEN/SCOTT MARTIN

“I had a dead rear tyre from the start and then hit a tree stump.”

Car 7. JARI-MATTI LATVALA/MIKKA ANTTILA

“Ott has been driving fast. On the team side they told me to concentrate on my own thing and own drive.”

Car 10. MADS OSTBERG/TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

“Just hard to match the Toyotas’. Their cars are faster on this stage. The grip is much lower on this stage. I have some new tyres for this afternoon – maybe that will help.”

Car 33. ALBERTO HELLER/JOSE DIAZ

“It was one of the most difficult stages of the rally. No grip and very tough. We are here and happy.”

Car. 32. ARMIN KREMER/PIRMIN WINKLHOFER

“Very difficult but we had good speed and the car is working well. We will see what we can do for the next one.”

Car 72. HARRY BATES/JOHN MCCARTHY

“Hard work for us. Eli has got new tyres and we’ve got old tyres, so expected to get beaten in there.”

Car 71. ELI EVANS/BEN SEARCY

“It appears I have a collapsed front-right tyre. Hit a rock on the inside of a corner over a crest. I had a make a decision to either drive on it. If I had of stopped I felt it would have been the end of my championship so I decided to drive on a dropped 1min20. So I took it easy and didn’t want to damage the car. I don’t know if it was the right thing to do but it is done now.”

Car 76. RANA HORAN/MICHAEL CONNOR

“I can’t see as I’m seeded now behind someone who is going slower – that is how it is going.”

Car 34. GIANLUCA LINARI/PIETRO OMETTO

“Today has been difficult for me – going right instead of left, but it is okay.”