



STAGE FLASH

Date:	17 November 2018	Flash N°:	1
Day:	2	Distance:	28.83 km
Special stage:	14 (Welshs Creek II)		
Weather:	Sun, light breeze, 24degC		
Road conditions:	Dry, very dusty		

Car 5. THIERRY NEUVILLE/NICOLAS GILSOUL

"I have to give it everything – I can only try to catch the two cars in front of me. It is just a disaster when you are first on the road – but I have learned a lot."

Car 2. ELFYN EVANS/DANIEL BARRITT

"To be honest in here, I don't know the reason. If maybe there something small broken in the back, I'm not so sure. I just don't have the feeling with the car today – understeer on turn in and oversteer on exit."

Car 3. TEEMU SUNINEN/MIKKO MARKKULA

"We would like to be fast but Thierry is faster. Slippery in places but it is okay."

Car 1. SEBASTIEN OGIER/JULIEN INGRASSIA

"This morning was more difficult – now I've had a pace note change it has been easier this afternoon even though I nearly had a stall at the start."

Car 9. ESAPEKKA LAPPI/JANNE FERM

"It is a bit boring at the moment. I thought I could gain a few seconds to Hayden but he was too fast in the previous one. The gaps are big behind and in front and it is tough to concentrate."

Car 8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA

"I am doing my best – and doing everything I can. It is not the easiest of conditions but consistent. Fun though. Manufacturer is the priority so need to secure this position."

Car 6. HAYDEN PADDON/SEBASTIAN MARSHALL

"We were prepared to drop a little bit in this stage to look after the tyres for the next one – which is a key stage for me. I really enjoyed the stage even though overheated the tyres and was sliding about. Ott is on another planet so we will forget him – otherwise it is good."

Car 11. CRAIG BREEN/SCOTT MARTIN

"It felt nice. Struggled with the rear and spun in a really narrow place and had to go back up the road to turn around and got caught in my own dust so probably lost 10-15 seconds. Otherwise not too bad."

Car 7. JARI-MATTI LATVALA/MIKKA ANTTILA

"It was not too bad to be honest. Ott was very strong on this stage. We made a few mistakes so lost a bit of time in some sections but generally good."

Car 10. MADIS OSTBERG/TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

"I am trying to drive to the limit – we are a little bit like the last stage before service and lacking more and more balance with the car. It is nervous and difficult to control. The risk is a lot higher the speed is a lot lower."

Car 4. ANDREAS MIKKELSEN/ANDERS JAEGER SYNNEVAG

"It's not too bad – just trying to get into a rhythm. We are not fighting for a top position. But would have to say Tanak's time is very fast – I would struggle with that."

Car 33. ALBERTO HELLER/JOSE DIAZ

"Fine – very nice stage and very happy. It's all going to plan and okay."

Car. 32. ARMIN KREMER/PIRMIN WINKLHOFFER

"It is okay. We have good speed and are trying harder but tomorrow is also a long day."

Car 71. ELI EVANS/BEN SEARCY

"Half-way – it's going well. The Skoda is tough as hell – I'm just trying to drive my best, have fun and try be fast everywhere. Harry's had some dramas in that stage which is who we are fighting with the championship. Yesterday we were down and out, now Harry's had issues – its crazy."

Car 74. STEVE GLENNEY/ANDY SARANDIS

"We are getting there and equalling the boys in front. The car is setup and comfortable to drive and less stressed – but we are chewing up the tyres as everyone else is."

Car 34. GIANLUCA LINARI/PIETRO OMETTO

"It was good. The time is better than this morning. It is important we look after the car for tomorrow – it is more fragile than the world rally cars."