



STAGE FLASH

Date:	18 November 2018	Flash N°:	1
Day:	3	Distance:	19.27 km
Special stage:	20 (Sapphire I)		
Weather:	Clear skies, 21degC		
Road conditions:	Gravel, slippery sections.		

Car 11. CRAIG BREEN/SCOTT MARTIN

“Disaster of a stage – spun twice in places I thought I was safe. That stage was really super tricky.”

Car 3. TEEMU SUNINEN/MIKKO MARKKULA

“Difficult, especially when the grip level is changing a lot. Hard to concentrate. To be honest, it was one of the hardest stages.”

Car 5. THIERRY NEUVILLE/NICOLAS GILSOUL

“On a very tight corner I couldn’t get out of the line and lost 10sec. Very tricky, the day is not over.”

Car 2. ELFYN EVANS/DANIEL BARRITT

“It was okay. Very tricky conditions to be honest. In some places grip is reasonable, for some there is high grip and others you just take off – so very difficult to judge.”

Car 1. SEBASTIEN OGIER/JULIEN INGRASSIA

“So difficult – I thought the last km’s would be drier but some super slippery sections in there. Not a relaxing Sunday drive for sure.”

Car 9. ESAPEKKA LAPPI/JANNE FERM

“I am trying to keep Seb behind.”

Car 10. MAD S OSTBERG/TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

“I learned a bit from the first stage about the boggy sections and now it felt better and I could control the car better. A few slippery places where I tried to be calm and tried not to make mistakes.”

Car 6. HAYDEN PADDON/SEBASTIAN MARSHALL

“We are trying to pick a good speed – just have to keep the pressure on at front and keep the margin behind. Have to keep a safe pace but not too slow that you use concentration. I reminded Jari what happened at the last stage last year and that it is not over until it is over.”

Car 7. JARI-MATTI LATVALA/MIKKA ANTTILA

“For sure it has been a difficult morning. There are places that are giving you surprises as the grip is changing all the time. I don’t know what is going to be, as Paddon is not so far off – the situation is changing a little bit.”

Car 8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA

“I went off and I was stuck in reverse gear – what can I say. The plan is to stay ahead of Paddon. For sure it is not easy.”