



STAGE FLASH

Date: Friday, May 10th
Day: 1 **Flash N°:** 3
Special stage: Espigado 1 **Distance:** 22.26 km
Weather: Bright and sunny, 11-12°C
Road conditions: Moist surface in places but no standing water

Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA

“He (Neuville) had new tyres. He did not do the last stage. The conditions were difficult. I struggled with the visibility. I struggled with the sun.”

Car 2. SUNINEN/SALMINEN

“It was difficult for us. I could not trust the notes. We did the recce in full fog. We have been struggling with the pace.”

Car 4. LAPPI/FERM

“It has been very difficult. I tried to do my best all the time.”

Car 5. MEEKE/MARSHALL

“I have been struggling with the notes and it does not feel nice in the car. I am hesitating. It’s a combination of everything. Notes, new stages, shafts of light coming through the trees...”

Car 8. TÄNAK/JARVEOJA

“He (Neuville) had brand new tyres. That’s how it is. It’s demanding on these roads with all the shadows and the sun.”

Car 10. LATVALA/ANTTILA

“I am not still happy. I do mistakes at the end. It is not what I wanted. But, okay, the time is good.”

Car 11. NEUVILLE/GILSOUL

“Very demanding stage. I tried to do good. I don’t know if it’s good enough. We got a bad time in the last stage (notional after red flag stoppage), which I don’t agree....”

Car 19. LOEB/ELENA

“Behind it starts to be more greasy with the passing of the cars. I tried to do a good stage. No mistake. Tricky in some places. It is going better and better.”

Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN



“I really struggled a lot. I had no rhythm at all. We wrote a lot of the notes in the fog, so it’s difficult.”

Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN

“It was very technical and tricky. You need to be committed to do well.”

Car 89. MIKKELSEN/JAEGER

“When it’s twisty and nice flow to it we are quiet fast. But I am not confident in the other places. This is like Finland and I am struggling a bit.”

Car 21. GREENSMITH/EDMONDSON

“It’s tough but the car is making it tougher. Every time I get the foot on the throttle, it cuts. The pace notes are not great either and the times are nowhere.”

Car 22. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN

“We have lost some time again. It was difficult for me. The last one was slippery and I did not have the confidence here. We will do some changes for the long one next time.”

Car 23. ØSTBERG/ERIKSEN

“I think it was a tricky morning. I struggled a lot with the confidence with the braking. I think the driving is going quite well. We are trying to push and be careful at the same time.”

Car 47. FERNANDEZ/RIQUELME

Stopped and reported to have blocked the track in SS2.

Car 49. ISRAEL/RAMOS

Lost time a short way into SS2 and then stopped with technical issues.

Car 51. MARTINEZ/ALVAREZ

Stopped shortly after the start of SS2.