



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Day:** 2      **Flash N°:** 8  
**Special stage:** Maria Las Cruces 1      **Distance:** 23.90 km  
**Weather:** Bright and sunny, 8-9°C  
**Road conditions:** Damp in some places

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### **Car 1. OGIER/INGRASSIA**

“It looks like he (Neuville) had a big crash. I hope they are okay. The car is not fantastic but I keep fighting. We keep trying.”

### **Car 2. SUNINEN/SALMINEN**

“There were some mistakes at the end. I tried to take care a bit about the tyres so that we can set a good time in the next one.”

### **Car 4. LAPPI/FERM**

“I was really slow in this one. I killed the tyres on the first one. If I would push on this one I would not survive to the finish.”

### **Car 5. MEEKE/MARSHALL**

Started the stage with no windscreen after the crash on SS7 and set a stunning time. “It wasn’t my plan...,” said an emotional Ulsterman with a wry smile.

### **Car 8. TÄNAK/JARVEOJA**

“We are still in the middle of the rally. Nobody is safe. It can happen to anyone. We need to manage the tyres.”

### **Car 10. LATVALA/ANTTILA**

“I would say it was not an easy stage. It was like a flat over a crest and there were a couple of marshals on the road and Thierry (Neuville) had rolled. It was a nasty place. I went wide but, okay, at least it was a clean run.”

### **Car 11. NEUVILLE/GILSOUL**

Big crash on the stage over a fast crest. Car came to rest on its side partially blocking the track.

### **Car 19. LOEB/ELENA**

Stage winner - “I try to drive well. I lost a bit of time in the first one so I had to push. I liked this stage.”



**Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN**

“It has been okay. It was not perfect. I am struggling with some certain sections.”

**Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN**

“This stage was fantastic. Incredible. But a lot of cleaning for me. Some junctions on the final part were not right with me for the pace notes.”

**Car 89. MIKKELSEN/JAEGER**

“Just taking it careful. Trying to keep the concentration up, be safe and be fast at the same time.”

**Car 23. ØSTBERG/ERIKSEN**

Lost time on SS7 with a puncture,