



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Day: 2**      **Flash N°: 9**  
**Special stage:** Pelun 1      **Distance: 16.59 km**  
**Weather:** Bright at start and turning to low-lying fog, 8-9°C  
**Road conditions:** Damp and slippery in places

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SS8 was red-flagged shortly before SS9 was about to start after Thierry Neuville's accident. The stoppage affected all the WRC Pro and WRC 2 cars.

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

"The solution is not available. We do always the best to take maximum points. That's the way you win championships. But we want to be faster."

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

"It's been better. The conditions are easier. I am still struggling with my rhythm, but I am trying my best."

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

"Another big surprise. I was expecting softs and medium to last a bit longer as it was a bit colder. But it was a mistake to take the mediums."

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

"I seem to be going a bit better. A slow corner this morning, I didn't hug it enough. That's it. I cannot breath in sixth gear (no windscreen) and I cannot hear the notes."

### **Car 8. TÄNAK/JARVEOJA**

"We have some margin to manage and we are trying to take it nice and clean, so no worries."

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

"The rear tyres are completely gone. It was really difficult at the end of the stage. The tyre wear was higher than expected. It appears I was having more tyre wear than other drivers."

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

**Andrea Adamo – Hyundai Shell Mobis WRT** principal said: "He had a big one (Neuville - SS8). He was out of the car. The medical car and helicopter were there and we are waiting for more information. I have seen a destroyed car the same as you have seen. That is not my issue at the moment. My concern is for Nicolas and Thierry."



**Car 19. LOEB/ELENA**

“It was comfortable in the car. I was struggling in the fog on that stage at the end. I am learning how to drive the car. It is different to what I was driving in the past.”

**Car 33. EVANS/MARTIN**

“He (Loeb) had a good stage in the last one. We will keep trying. We will have a discussion with the guys now and see what we can do.”

**Car 37. BERTELLI/SCATTOLIN**

“After a flat six there was a hard braking for a hairpin. I don't know if I heard the note late and I rolled very slowly.”

**Car 89. MIKKELSEN/JAEGER**

“Fog makes it a bit like the recce. We are used to it not being perfect. Very on the safe side and just driving.”

**Car 22. ROVANPERÄ/HALTTUNEN**

“It's going like it should be. I don't know about this loop. I start to feel some problem with the damper and I think we have some problem with the pressure in one of them. The car is not handling like it should be. I want to get back and fix the problem and have some fun on the next loop.”

**Car 23. ØSTBERG/ERIKSEN**

“Not so good. We had big problems on the first stage with the rear brakes and the fluid came out. We were up on the splits and ready to fight for the win. We are running now with front brakes. Now we are out of the battle.”