





Distance:

SS 12

Date: 27.01.2018

Day: 3 Flash N°: 49

Special Stage: ST LEGER-LES-MELEZES – LA BATIE-NEUVE Weather: Clear sky with patches of fog.

Road conditions: Wet Tarmac, a bit of snow, gravel, mud in the apex.

1. OGIER / INGRASSIA

« Try to stay in the lead. I think now we are finished with the snow. »

2. EVANS / BARRITT

« Just before the start the intercom packed up and I reckon I only heard 40 per cent of the pace notes. Okay, it's a stage I know, and I've been doing my homework, but I didn't get much information about the conditions. I just had to drive as I saw it. »

3. BOUFFIER / DEGOUT

« We have two studded and two snow tyres. The studs were very slippery in the mud. We have good fun. »

4. MIKKELSEN / JAEGER SYNNEVAAG

« Quite foggy in there, it was coming and going. »

5. NEUVILLE / GILSOUL

« I pushed a bit more in this one, but there was a lot of gravel and the road was very slippery. I enjoyed it though - the first enjoyable one today. »

7. LATVALA / ANTTILA

« Very slippery at the end. The mud was a problem here - not the ice. »

8. TANAK / JARVEOJA

« Nothing special let's say, not trying, a consistent run, I'm not pushing. Why am I not pushing? You should try driving here - these are tricky conditions. »

9. LAPPI / FERM

« Good. I was trying. After the puncture on the previous stage, I was trying really hard. A good run. »

10. MEEKE / NAGLE

« With Esapekka Lappi's puncture we're up to 4th, but he's not far behind. We lost a bit in here. »

11. BREEN / MARTIN

« Pretty hairy on this mix of tyres, but we're making progress up the leader board. Incredibly slippery and grimy at the end. »







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32. KOPECKY / DRESLER

« The safe option. With our lead we stay on the safe side. »

33. SUNINEN / MARKKULA

« The stage before was quite good. This was more difficult on the winter tyres but we are learning and will be faster here next year. »

35. DE MEVIUS / LOUKA

« No risks because I think we have a problem with the rear of the car. I just drove to the end and that's it. I need to check in service. »

36. SCIESSERE / ZANELLA

« Beautiful stage. A lot of spectators, it is motivating to go flat out! »

61. BRAZZOLI / BELTRAME

« Much better and faster than this morning! »

72. BURRI / LEVRATTI

« Better than this morning but there is a lot of mud in the apex. »

91. CAPANNA / DOUSSAN

« We went off the tracks and ended up in a snow wall. The end of the stage was tough. »

92. BONATO / BOULLOUD

« Much better than on the first loop. But the end of the stage is still tricky. »

95. LATIL / NESTA

« Not easy to drive through this stage with four studs. »

108. SCHERRER / ACHARD

« We really enjoyed this beautiful downhill. »







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31. CAMILLI / VEILLAS

Stopped in the stage

64. MOLLE / HERMAN

« We went flat out. Very satisfied. We are still 2nd in WRC3. »

23. CIAMIN / DE LA HAYE

Stopped at km 3.2, broken engine

85. RAGEAU / RAGEAU

« At the finish, we asked the mayor for forgiveness as we put a lot of dirt on his road. »

99. METIFFIOT / METIFFIOT

« It was wonderful, but it would be even better on dry tarmac. »

100. FOSTIER / ABCHICHE

« We drove rather well. We followed a Twingo for a while and overtook it in the forest, it was magical. »

103. JAUSSAUD / JAUSSAUD

« We stalled in a hairpin. We struggled to start the car back again. We lost a lot of time. »

105. PLAVIDIS / HARRYMAN

« The weather is much clearer and the temperatures went up, the snow melted into slush and we lost all our studs. »

114. STUDER / STUDER

« The region and the view are breathtaking. We are really enjoying this rally. And we would like to thank our gravel crew for the great quality of their work. »







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93. BAFFOUN / YONNET

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« It was incredible. I imagined I was Vatanen in Pikes Peak. »

107. CHAREYRE / DUVAL

« We are in super rally, we are driving safely but keep the show going on. »

109. VILLY / VILLY

« Everything went fine except for a spin in the only snowy zone. The downhill was okay. »

116. MARTINI / PENGIAL

« I thought I punctured a tyre 6km from the finish, but we are having a big problem with the brakes, the car is very unstable. »

117. MARI / CESARI

« We are going flat out to be back at the lead of our category. We did quite well last year, I hope I'll do even better this year. »

118. DESBORDES / FUSTIER

« We will remember the warm welcome from the villages and the great organisation of this rally. »