



SS1

Date : 25.01.2018
Day : 1
Special stage : THOARD-SISTERON
Weather : 5-6°C
Road conditions : Dry road, some ice patches from km 9,5 to 14

Flash N° : 4
Distance : 36,69 km

1. OGIER / INGRASSIA

« We lost time in a spin on the ice. We knew it would be tricky. No surprise that so many drivers have had problems! » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft 6 + 2 Super Soft 6

2. EVANS / BARRITT

« We got a puncture about 12km in. We had to stop and change it. A bit of drama too on the ice too. A disastrous start. » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft 6 + 2 Super Soft 6

3. BOUFFIER / PANSERI

« I think my pace was not fast enough to get a spin! My car was amazing but it's very difficult for me. I have lots of flat out sections in my notes which are not flat out in this car. In some places I was not driving so well, but I'm happy to be here. » 4 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6 + 2 Super Soft 6

4. MIKKELSEN / JAEGER SYNNEVAAG

« It was an okay stage. Difficult to know much to push. I lost my brakes towards the end – so not the best confidence in the downhill section! » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6 + 3 Super Soft 6

5. NEUVILLE / GILSOUL

« I got stuck on a snow bank. I pulled the handbrake but locked all four wheels and went off wide. There were only a few people around so it took time to get back again. It's part of the game. » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft 6 + 2 Super Soft 6

6. SORDO / DEL BARRIO

« It's not bad, but I don't think I did a very good time. » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6 + 3 Super Soft 6

7. LATVALA / ANTTILA

« Difficult. I spun twice and stalled twice. I think I lost 20 seconds, something like this. Difficult. I saw Neuville – I caught him in an icy section. » 3 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6 + 3 Super Soft 6

8. TANAK / JARVEOJA

« At the beginning of the ice we went out into a bank at like 10 km/h and I had to reverse. It was very tough. » 4 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6 + 2 Super Soft 6

9. LAPPI / FERM

« The Tarmac section itself is okay but I have a few things to learn about the surface. The ice I took very slowly, I don't know the fastest way there. To minimise the mistakes there is the way. I'm pretty satisfied. I don't care about the time. Personally, an okay start. » 5 Michelin Pilot Sport Soft S6



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10. MEEKE / NAGLE

« I got stuck in a ditch. Really simple – caught a patch of ice. I had to wait for spectators and lost a minute – minute and a half. It's a long rally, we'll keep going, but it's not a good start. » 6 Super Soft 6

11. BREEN / MARTIN

« A disaster – I got stick in the snow. Not in a bank but we couldn't move. Spectators helped us back out. Difficult. » 6 Super Soft 6



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31. CAMILLI / VEILLAS

« Not so bad. I really enjoy the car and the chassis in here. We left off with four slicks, I lost the brakes for about 5km, so I was very cautious. The downhill was very difficult. The brakes came back before the finish.»

33. SUNINEN / MARKKULA

« After a small hit, the right front rim torn, so this stage was even more difficult than expected. »

34. ABBRING / TSJOEN

« After a problem with the brakes we went off road but the rest of the stage went fine. »

35. DE MEVIUS / LOUKA

« We hit the front, then we made two spins, and we had some issues with the gearbox and on top of all that, the ventilation broke down. »

36. SCIESSERE / ZANELLA

« Very difficult stage but we did all right. »

61. BRAZZOLI / BELTRAME

« Not easy for a first stage. »

62. LARIO / HÄMÄLÄINEN

« We are happy to end this stage. We had a few frights. »

63. FRANCESCHI / COURBON

« We remained careful and left off with studs. This enabled us to overtake the team ahead of us. After that, we were careful until the end. »

23. CIAMIN / DE LA HAYE

« We had a problem, we lacked power after km15. Despite a reset, we never could get the whole power back. »

25. NUCITA / VOZZO

« We are satisfied especially since this stage is very difficult. We did fine. »



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18. VILLA / MICHI

« We played cat and mouse game with n° 64 and 71, we overtook one another all along the stage. »

71. VEIBY / SKJAERMOEN

« We really enjoyed this stage. We even overtook two competitors. »

74. GIORDANO / LANDAIS

« We were stuck in ice and snow. We lost at least four minutes, there was no spectator around to help us, we had to take the car back on tracks on our own by putting rocks under the wheels. »

75. ARZENO / ROCHE

« It was very complicated to remain on the road. We made many spins but we managed to reach the finish.»

76. SARRAZIN / RENUCCI

« We went off road. Despite that, our time is quite fine, we are still in the race. »

78. CARREET / MATHIAS

« We made a spin because we chose the wrong tyres. We crossed studs and softs. »

86. COTI ZELATI / BARBARO

Stopped in the stage

92. BONATO / BOULLLOUD

« We overtook the four cars ahead of us and then we ended up almost stopped because of black ice. »

94. LAUZERTE / GUERRIERI

Stopped in the stage. Retired

106. TONDUT / BEYLOUNI

Retired



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84. VUISTINER / KUMMER

« It's the first time I drive with snow tyres. I feel like I'm going off road in every curve. »

87. POIZOT / GRAND

« We ended up in a ditch in a silly way but managed to get out of it and overtook two cars ahead of us so it ended up all right. »

89. VIALLE / GHIRARDELLO

« The gearbox makes a weird sound, we are worried for the rest of the rally. »

91. CAPANNA / DOUSSAN

« It's my first rally. I never thought it would be this hard. »

95. LATIL / NESTA

« For me, the fog is the toughest compared to snow and ice. »

99. METIFFIOT / METIFFIOT

« Two spins during this stage because we didn't choose the right tyres. »

100. FOSTIER / ABCHICHE

« We overtook two cars, we are really happy! »

104. DOLCE / AYASSE

« A lot of fog for 10 km, we couldn't go flat out. »

105. PLAVIDIS / HARRYMAN

« On the ice patches, we hit the front left of the car but luckily only the sheet metal is damaged. »

111. OBERTI / ESCARTEFIGUE

« A lot of fog, we were not expecting this, we made a spin. »

112. RENCHET / AMOROS

« We managed to catch up the car ahead of us in the fog. »

115. DESSI / DESSI

Stopped in the stage after a spin, broke the transmission



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109. VILLY / VILLY

« We were completely stopped in the fog. »

116. MARTINI / PENGIAL

« We were quite slow, but we are here for the show, we have a nice timing nevertheless. This stage is really beautiful in reverse. »

117. MARI / CESARI

« It was complicated with the fog and the ice. It went rather fine on the ice but in the fog we simply followed n°118. »

118. DESBORDES / FUSTIER

« We overtook at least three or four cars. »

119. BERARD / BERNADO

« Nothing to say. Our brake discs heated up, we used them a lot during this stage. »