



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 2 October 2021  
**Day:** 2  
**Special stage:** 14 - Patajoki 2  
**Weather:** Clear but starts to be dark  
**Road conditions:** 2nd pass.

**Flash N°:** 14  
**Distance:** 20.55 km

- #16 Fourmaux Adrien/Coria Alexandre**  
"It was nice to drive but a bit difficult with the lines. Honestly it was clean for me but the time is just not so good."
- #44 Greensmith Gus/Patterson Chris**  
"At the beginning of the stage there is a jump and for some reason
- #1 Ogier Sébastien/Ingrassia Julien**  
"It was a nice stage to drive, we enjoy much more the afternoon. I feel more confident in the car. Our goal now is the Power stage."
- #11 Neuville Thierry/Wydaeghe Martijn**  
Stopped on an access road.
- #4 Lappi Esapekka/Ferm Janne**  
"It wasn't too bad, conditions were quite okay. I think the roads are actually harder than on the summertime, so it's good to drive here during the autumn."
- #33 Evans Elfyn/Martin Scott**  
"I don't remember one (asked about a "moment"). Pretty interesting conditions, some loose gravel and some places were slippery, but overall okay."
- #8 Tänak Ott/Järveoja Martin**  
"It was quite good, Elfyn is pushing quite a bit but it seems that everything is going fine."
- #42 Breen Craig/Nagle Paul**  
"When you have it in your hands (the lead) and it starts to slip away, of course it's disappointing. To get that last 1% and go at 200 kph in some portions in the forest is incredibly difficult. I am happy with the speed but we need to find that last little bit."
- #23 Suninen Teemu/Markkula Mikko**  
(Asked about a damage in front of the car) "We had a slight leak, but the car is working well now, so no problem."
- #20 Ostberg Mads/Eriksen Torstein**  
"It's a tricky stage for sure, also now it's getting really dark and I struggled towards the end to see, but OK we're at the end."

- #21 Huttunen Jari/Lukka Mikko**  
“We had different problems. Not really happy but yeah, let’s see. We still have some stages to go.”
- #30 Heikkilä Mikko/Luhtinen Topi**  
“It went okay, didn’t make any big mistakes. In some places we were a bit too careful, but maybe it’s good to be careful because the lines are pretty deep and there’s lots of rocks. The darkness didn’t bother us at all, we have such good lights in the car.”
- #31 Asunmaa Teemu/Salminen Marko**  
“The stage was on good shape. We drove carefully without taking any risks.”
- #34 Pietarinen Eerik/Linnaketo Antti**  
“We had a puncture, had to drive 4 kilometres with it. I don’t know how it happened”
- #39 Joona Lauri/Korhonen Mikael**  
“The beginning of the stage was easier, we struggled with the rhythm in the end of the stage, and the darkness was bothering us. Our plan for Harju and for tomorrow as well is to just bring the car to the finish.”
- #35 Jeets Raul/Toom Andrus**  
“Honestly we really enjoyed it, the stage was really rough, some places are not easy but overall it was really enjoyable. Regarding the night driving, I think we were better than yesterday.”
- #37 Tahko Riku/Soininen Markus**  
“It’s good that we’re here. It wasn’t really a competitive speed, but there’s still air in the tyres and that’s the main thing. Today was good and we took many steps forward. I’m finally beginning to understand the car and the set-up is good. Some little things still need improving.”
- #51 Herranen Toni/Virtanen Sebastian**  
“Overall it was OK. We had one puncture and we had to change the tyre, so we lost a bit of time. But I’m pleased with my driving. These last stages were a bit difficult, with the darkness and all the small rocks.”
- #50 Bertolotti Simone/Celestini Luca**  
“It’s very difficult in the dark. Sometimes we didn’t know where we were, sometimes in some corners, I say the pace notes and then... nothing else!!! Anyway the stage is done and it’s okay.”
- #49 Szabó Zoltán/Szabó Krisztián**  
“It’s getting better, I was tired after 70kms of road but now it’s OK.”
- #48 Karppanen Mika/Heinonen Anne**  
“The roads are in quite a bad shape now, with lots of rocks coming up.”
- #36 Diaz Aboitiz Miguel/Sanjuan Diego**  
“First time we did that stage in the afternoon, we suffered a bit but it was much better this time, the fun was tripled!”

**#53 Hytönen Kari/Nisula Suvi**

“The breaks are working and we’re just playing it safe. Trying to enjoy and find a good rhythm, there’s no rush anywhere. We hit a couple of rocks but luckily we didn’t get a puncture.”

**#54 Kaisanlahti Raimo/Sparre Aki**

“For sure it’s a bit difficult driving in the darkness, but we have good lights. There were a few close calls, but that’s rally!”

**#55 Souffez Frédéric/Sellin Julien**

“Not easy at all, the night is horrible, there is a lot of big gravel but it seems to be some stages like we have in France. We have to close our eyes here on the notes. The time is OK I think. See you tomorrow!”