



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 3 October 2021  
**Day:** 3  
**Special stage:** 17 - Ruuhimäki 1  
**Weather:** Beautiful sunny weather  
**Road conditions:** Clean and slippery

**Flash N°:** 17  
**Distance:** 11.12 km

**#18 Katsuta Takamoto/Johnston Aaron**

"Very slippery, I don't know why. We enjoy it very much, thanks to the team for fixing the car. We work on understanding each other more for the coming events."

**#69 Rovannerä Kalle/Halttunen Jonne**

"It (his back) feels fine when I drive slowly, but there's no chance that I will try to do anything on the Power Stage, I don't want to risk anything to damage my back. It's a shame for all the fans that we can't drive normally."

**#16 Fourmaux Adrien/Coria Alexandre**

"We did some changes on the rear of the car, it's better and gave us a better pace. It's not so bad compared to Takamoto, definitely better for me in there."

**#44 Greensmith Gus/Patterson Chris**

"I was enjoying the stage, I had a nice rhythm in there."

**#1 Ogier Sébastien/Ingrassia Julien**

"The chances for good points is there but I have to drive well. It was a bit slippery, the second pass will be different."

**#4 Lappi Esapekka/Ferm Janne**

"It's such a beautiful weather in there and we are enjoying the stage a lot. It's a bit slippery but at least I am awake. I made a little mistake at a junction, I think we can improve our time a little."

**#42 Breen Craig/Nagle Paul**

"I just try to enjoy every kilometer of the stage. I made a very silly mistake with that spin on the first corner. It's beautiful here, a perfect setting to finish the rally, bright sun reflecting on the lakes, it's just perfect."

**#8 Tänak Ott/Järveoja Martin**

"We do our best on those slow and tight corners even if it's tough. I try and I try!"

**#33 Evans Elfyn/Martin Scott**

"It felt really clean but nothing too wild. I'm really happy. We carry one hard tyre but there is no specific reason for that."

- #23 Suninen Teemu/Markkula Mikko**  
"Of course we're having some pressure, Mads is coming quite close, no room for mistakes. We have to keep flat out."
- #20 Ostberg Mads/Eriksen Torstein**  
"I struggle a lot, the stage is very slippery, I had some issues and nearly went off at the beginning of the stage. I try to push as much as I can, but we have some surprises. I can't say what's wrong."
- #21 Huttunen Jari/Lukka Mikko**  
"I like this stage, very nice to drive, it's very slippery now, let's see in the second pass."
- #24 Prokop Martin/Ernst Michal**  
"There was a huge crest and I decided I wouldn't brake, but then I thought that I should have been braking because we did a big jump in the air!"
- #26 Linnamäe Georg/Morgan James**  
"We're getting quite close now (to 4th place) so we're trying our best."
- #22 Gryazin Nikolay/Aleksandrov Konstantin**  
(58 meters on the final jump). "It's fun but overall I struggled because my rear is snapping so much and I'm losing the rear all the time. Sometimes it was okay but I was not pushing the stage because I lost the confidence. But it was still quite enjoyable."
- #34 Pietarinen Eerik/Linnaketo Antti**  
Stopped on stage.
- #31 Asunmaa Teemu/Salminen Marko**  
Stopped on stage.
- #39 Joona Lauri/Korhonen Mikael**  
"It went well, it was great to do some jumps. The stage was great."
- #29 Kaur Egon/Simm Silver**  
"I was discovering the stage, I maybe made some small mistakes so I can improve during the next pass. But it's really a fun Power Stage
- #35 Jeets Raul/Toom Andrus**  
"The jump was nice. After such a long drive it's a bit dangerous but we've landed OK, it was very nice. It will be nice for the final stage."
- #38 Metsälä Juuso/Kangas Matti**  
"The car feels alright, but our driving is what it is. The stages have been slippery, we're just avoiding any silly mistakes."
- #41 Huuhka Jari/Metso Jarno**  
"Everything is okay, we're enjoying and trying to get through the last couple of stages."

- #46 Taylor Molly/Marshall Sebastian**  
"So far so good, a little issue with our brakes. happy to be here. It's always a spectacular rally to come to."
- #50 Bertolotti Simone/Celestini Luca**  
"We didn't jump too long because we want to finish the rally. The stage is really really good. We want to finish without taking risks."
- #43 Nobre Paulo/Morales Gabriel**  
"Two years ago we had a problem in the last stage of the day, we could not jump and I looove to jump. We made that stage for that special jump and in the last stage I will... fly!"
- #51 Herranen Toni/Virtanen Sebastian**  
"Today has started off really nicely. On some places it's quite slippery, especially on the narrow roads, but it's all good."
- #49 Szabó Zoltán/Szabó Krisztián**  
"It was great, a big jump at the end is just amazing. I was a bit afraid of pushing but next time I will go!"
- #48 Karppanen Mika/Heinonen Anne**  
"Let's just say that it felt really slippery. We missed one junction there and lost a bit of time."
- #36 Díaz-Aboitiz Miguel/Sanjuan de Eusebio Diego**  
"I hope I can enjoy that jump during the final stage because I was a bit afraid of it on the first pass. It's pure Finnish stages."
- #53 Hytönen Kari/Nisula Suvi**  
"We were playing it safe, making sure that we don't lose our second place. The weather is nice, and we're enjoying."
- #54 Kaisanlahti Raimo/Sparre Aki**  
"We needed to get here and we did. Some great jumps, this is what we've been waiting for!"
- #52 Nieminen Harry/Hämäläinen Saku**  
"The car is finally working the way it should."
- #55 Souffez Frédéric/Sellin Julien**  
"The feeling was good but we want to finish the day. We were not confident about the final jump because it's crazy but in fact it's ok!"