



## STAGE FLASH SS1

Date: 1 October 2021  
Day: 1  
Special stage: 1  
Weather: Dry  
Road conditions: City stage of both tarmac and gravel

Flash N°: 1  
Distance: 2.31 km

- #1 Ogier Sébastien/Ingrassia Julien**  
“We try to enjoy as much as we can. These roads are beautiful, and the car is fantastic. It’s time to enjoy this rally.”
- #33 Evans Elfyn/Martin Scott**  
“Obviously we are going to try to enjoy as well as we can, stages are looking quite technical and jumpy, I think it will be good fun.”
- #11 Neuville Thierry/Wydaeghe Martijn**  
“I don’t know what it will take to bring the car on the podium. Hopefully we can match the speed of the Toyotas, that’s the question mark right now. We had a clear, good run. We want to enjoy and bring a good result for the team.”
- #69 Rovannerä Kalle/Halttunen Jonne**  
“I don’t know why (some competitors should be afraid of me), I think everybody has a lot of experience in this event anyway, I try to do my best of course but it’s going to be a tough fight.”
- #8 Tänak Ott/Järveoja Martin**  
“We’ll find out what our chances are. It’s my first time driving the Hyundai here so we shall see.”
- #18 Katsuta Takamoto/Johnston Aaron**  
“A good start for sure, but this was just a short stage. I’m looking forward to the forest stages. I try to enjoy, that is the most important thing.”
- #42 Breen Craig/Nagle Paul**  
“Really looking forward to the rally. I had quite a bad run, I really struggled with some strange things on the car and I don’t understand why.”
- #44 Greensmith Gus/Patterson Chris**  
“Probably the best rally for these cars. Get through this one and have fun!”
- #16 Fourmaux Adrien/Coria Alexandre**  
“We want to take the experience. The pace of the stages is incredible. The discovery of this car is also incredible. It’s my first time here with a World Rally Car. I need to enjoy and improve my drive.”

- #4 Lappi Esapekka/Ferm Janne**  
“I’ve never had such a good start. It seems that you can take a ten-month holiday and then no problem, no I’m joking. Really good start.”
- #20 Østberg Mads/Eriksen Torstein**  
“It’s a very fast event with many jumps, very different character stages, typically Finnish with many variations of wide roads and more narrow twisted roads. It’s a very unique rally. I’m very happy to be back, it’s been a while.”
- #21 Huttunen Jari/Lukka Mikko**  
“It wasn’t an easy start so let’s see what we can do. Not the best start with a mistake.”
- #23 Suninen Teemu/Markkula Mikko**  
“It was pretty okay, it’s a bit challenging from the start. I have to get a good drive, and do our best.”
- #22 Gryazin Nikolay/Aleksandrov Konstantin**  
“I made a mistake in a corner. The time is really bad but it’s just a city stage.”
- #24 Prokop Martin/Ernst Michal**  
It’s very nice, a stage full of fans but they’re also in the forest. I feel the support and it’s very nice to drive in front of the spectators. We are looking forward to the forest stages, this one was tricky with the concrete but we tried to go clean.”
- #26 Linnamäe Georg/Morgan James**  
“I feel good, it was a very tricky stage, but we tried to enjoy and have fun and get some experience.”
- #25 Kristensson Tom/Arhusiander David**  
“I was surprised it went really well, we’re laughing about it. I like the grip and I like the stage.”
- #27 Solberg Oliver/Drew Craig**  
“It was surprisingly slippery, the rear of the car was snapping sometimes. Not enjoyable, but feels great with all the crowd and fans. It’s fantastic to see.”
- #28 López Pepe/Odrizola Borja**  
“Very excited about the challenge. It was a mess at the start. I don’t know what happened but let’s start the rally.”