



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 1 October 2021  
**Day:** 1  
**Special stage:** 3  
**Weather:** Clear  
**Road conditions:** Clean with some slippery portions.

**Flash N°:** 3  
**Distance:** 21.37 km

- #1 Ogier Sébastien/Ingrassia Julien**  
“I thought I would be a bit faster. There were many very fast portions where you need a lot of confidence.”
- #33 Evans Elfyn/Martin Scott**  
“One or two moments in there. It’s a polish surface and it’s easy to lose the line but difficult to get it back.”
- #11 Neuville Thierry/Wydaeghe Martijn**  
“The stage was quite OK. If I want to go faster I feel I need to take some risks. I had a good stage.”
- #69 Rovannerä Kalle/Halttunen Jonne**  
Driving was good, but I can’t push more. To be honest I take all the risks that I can, but I don’t have enough grip to push more, I’m all over the place all the time. But still, the driving is quite clean and I’m pushing really hard.”
- #8 Tänak Ott/Järveoja Martin**  
“I was not happy in the first stage with the car, I just need to get used to the car.”
- #18 Katsuta Takamoto/Johnston Aaron**  
“After that moment in the previous stage, I was a bit cautious, I try to get confidence and push and it’s basically OK.”
- #42 Breen Craig/Nagle Paul**  
“I just miss the confidence in some places, but it was nice and I enjoyed it a lot.”
- #44 Greensmith Gus/Patterson Chris**  
“We couldn’t get more grip in there. The stage is nice but hard to negotiate.”
- #16 Fourmaux Adrien/Coria Alexandre**  
“The start of the stage is so fast, we were always in 6th gear. It’s incredible this speed next to the lakes. I fight a bit with my driving but I’m learning and that’s the main thing.”

- #20 Østberg Mads/Eriksen Torstein**  
"It's a very nice stage, but too fast for our R5 I think."
- #22 Gryazin Nikolay/Aleksandrov Konstantin**  
"Some places it was quite interesting to drive, sometimes in narrow places there was no grip, but the rest was okay."
- #21 Huttunen Jari/Lukka Mikko**  
"Well, it felt quite okay but the time is bad. We have big problems with the lack of grip at the rear, but there's not much that we can do about it now."
- #23 Suninen Teemu/Markkula Mikko**  
"It was a great stage, felt good but the time wasn't so good."
- #24 Prokop Martin/Ernst Michal**  
The stage was okay but I did two mistakes and lost time. Trying to get used to the high speed. It was not really clear for us. I pushed too much at a junction, missed it and had to turn around.
- #26 Linnamäe Georg/Morgan James**  
"It was better than first one, less eventful. All OK."
- #27 Solberg Oliver/Drew Craig**  
"Very difficult, we struggle a lot with understeering, not easy at all but we try."
- #32 Lindholm Emil/Hämäläinen Reeta**  
"It was okay, we're just driving and having fun. Everything is okay with the car, although we have some problems with the grip."
- #29 Kaur Egon/Simm Silver**  
"It was difficult, we didn't want to push too much and take too much risks. It's a long rally. We can now continue and head for the finish of the stage."
- #30 Heikkilä Mikko/Luhtinen Topi**  
"We'll try to push."
- #31 Asunmaa Teemu/Salminen Marko**  
"This was a bit better than the previous one. The others are driving so fast so we need to push more. But the rally is still at the beginning. It's great to see so much crowds."
- #34 Pietarinen Eerik/Linnaketo Antti**  
"It was okay, but a lot of shaking, I don't know why. Hopefully the car will last until the end."
- #35 Jeets Raul/Toom Andrus**  
"It was very difficult, everything is changing so much, some sections are so fast. It's our first time here, very difficult. Second round will be rough, some places are destroyed."
- #36 Díaz-Aboitiz Miguel/Sanjuan de Eusebio Diego**  
"I thought it was going to be super tricky but I loved it!"

- #37 Tahko Riku/Soininen Markus**  
“We spun in the end. It was feeling really good but then we got caught in a line and started spinning, and we had to reverse. But it felt good.”
- #39 Joonas Lauri/Korhonen Mikael**  
“You can definitely get a good sweat here! We’re still a bit cautious because it’s our first race in this car. The road is so nice and so far we’re feeling good.”
- #40 Vlček Martin/Jugasová Karolína**  
“This is my first time racing on gravel!”
- #41 Huuhka Jari/Metso Jarno**  
“It felt great! We just need to get some more grip to the rear, and then it will be even better.”
- #43 Nobre Paulo/Morales Gabriel**  
“For a Brazilian like me it’s very very fast, it’s slippery, it’s narrow, unfortunately we didn’t make it in one curve, we passed, we had to return but this is part of the game. Our goal is to arrive on Sunday in one piece and very very happy and proud.”
- #45 Paasonen Jani/Kapanen Arto**  
“We lost our breaks, but I think we’ll get them back. Other than that it was great!”
- #46 Taylor Molly/Marshall Sebastian**  
“We’re always smiling, it’s nice to be back in Finland. No problems, I need to work a little bit on my pacenotes, otherwise no problem.”
- #47 Burger Kees/Arminen Teemu**  
“Very nice, this stage asks commitment and I think I showed some commitment. Actually I want to know the time because I feel like I drove very well but I don’t know what the board says. Not so bad for an old man!”
- #48 Karppanen Mika/Heinonen Anne**  
“Well, you get really warm on this stage! It was a lot better than SS2, we started to find a good pace. We’ll see what happens in the dark.”
- #49 Szabó Zoltán/Szabó Krisztián**  
“It was great, super great, we love the place. We are smiling because we are very happy to be here, best place for doing rally in the world.”
- #50 Bertolotti Simone/Celestini Luca**  
“Very difficult, but anyway we’re enjoying, the stages are really nice;3
- #51 Herranen Toni/Virtanen Sebastian**  
“It was nice! We missed one junction because it was slippery, but other than that it was okay.”
- #52 Nieminen Harry/Hämäläinen Saku**  
“I was just smiling all the time, almost missed the pacenotes because of that!”
- #53 Hytönen Kari/Nisula Suvi**  
“It felt great to drive, and we had a good pace, we just need to keep this going. The stage was in OK shape if you just watch out for the inner curves.”

**#55 Souffez Frédéric/Sellin Julien**

"I'm fine, it's very very hard for us, the rear of the car is always very slippy so it's difficult but we are here!"