



STAGE FLASH

Date: 1 October 2021
Day: 1
Special stage: 6 - Oittila
Weather: Clear
Road conditions: Night stage

Flash N°: 6
Distance: 19.75 km

- #1 Ogier Sébastien/Ingrassia Julien**
"It hasn't been a very good day for us. Not a good stage as we didn't have any pace."
- #33 Evans Elfyn/Martin Scott**
"I really enjoyed it but it's difficult to relax. It's difficult to see what is on the edge of the road."
- #11 Neuville Thierry/Wydaeghe Martijn**
"I just couldn't commit to it and the visibility was poor, I just didn't want to do a mistake because that would've been stupid."
- #69 Rovannerä Kalle/Halttunen Jonne**
"It was difficult of course, quite dark for us. Let's see what the guys behind us do. I didn't want to damage anything but I tried to push but the time is not so good."
- #8 Tänak Ott/Järveoja Martin**
"This was just an introduction. It's surprising, we never expected to be in the battle with the Toyotas. Let's see tomorrow, it's a big day."
- #18 Katsuta Takamoto/Johnston Aaron**
"It has been very tricky day. I wanted to push more but this is life. Tomorrow is going to be a better day for us. Good round for me, good running."
- #42 Breen Craig/Nagle Paul**
"It's amazing. I was wondering what Finland would be in the dark. My lights were not 100% and we're going to work on them."
- #44 Greensmith Gus/Patterson Chris**
"It wasn't a great stage. It felt okay but the time doesn't really look good."
- #16 Fourmaux Adrien/Coria Alexandre**
"It was such an experience. In the night it changes completely. I just wanted to finish the stage. To have a good time you really need to be committed. "

- #4 Lappi Esapekka/Ferm Janne**
“We did what we could in the darkness but the time is still bad. But it’s been a good day overall.”
- #20 Østberg Mads/Eriksen Torstein**
“We didn’t have a good rhythm, and we have a smell of fire in the car, something feels broken in the rear, maybe it’s an oil leak or something.”
- #22 Gryazin Nikolay/Aleksandrov Konstantin**
“Today was OK but thi stage was terrible. I expected to lose a lot because we hit something and there were so much noise in the car I couldn’t hear the co driver and made a mistake in the notes. It’s an achievement to be there tonight. In the dark I was always nervous. Anyway, more or less, we are there!”
- #21 Huttunen Jari/Lukka Mikko**
“It was OK, I don’t really enjoy the driving in the dark. I think it’s going well.”
- #23 Suninen Teemu/Markkula Mikko**
“It’s been a pretty good day, getting used to the car step by step but I’m enjoying a lot”
- #24 Prokop Martin/Ernst Michal**
“It was not easy for me, I’m really blind at night, it’s difficult to see in the narrow stage in the dark. Tomorrow are coming some difficult stages in the forest.”
- #26 Linnamäe Georg/Morgan James**
“It was terrible, our lights didn’t work properly so I couldn’t really see anything, the lights are showing really high. Basically driving blind!”
- #27 Solberg Oliver/Drew Craig**
“It was terrible for me, I drove very badly and it’s the first time for us driving in the dark together, trusting is difficult.
- #32 Lindholm Emil/Hämäläinen Reeta**
“It was okay, there was this massive stone that we hit, and I was afraid that something had broken but apparently the car is as strong as a tank. I think that our backs were more hurt than the car. Tomorrow we’ll keep on doing our job as we did today, we’ll see where it takes us.”
- #30 Heikkilä Mikko/Luhtinen Topi**
“It was definitely a difficult one! Must be the hardest one I’ve ever driven, especially with the darkness. There were quite a few stones but luckily nothing broke. Our time was okay, so we can be pleased with that.”
- #31 Asunmaa Teemu/Salminen Marko**
“It was challenging and I drove too carefully, this day wasn’t good at all. I just need to sleep now and tomorrow’s a new day”
- #35 Jeets Raul/Toom Andrus**
“We are happy because we are here. We made big mistakes. Definitely we can drive as fast as we want but we don’t want to make stupid mistakes. It was extremely rough and difficult in the middle of the stage, it’s rally Finland!”

- #37 Tahko Riku/Soininen Markus**
“There’s not much to say, we caught the previous driver and had to go past him. I have to admit that the stage was difficult.”
- #38 Metsälä Juuso/Kangas Matti**
“On the other hand we drove pretty well today, but we still should be able to be faster. This last stage that we drove in the darkness was almost scary at times!”
- #39 Joonas Lauri/Korhonen Mikael**
“The stage was great, although there were lots of rocks and it was difficult because I haven’t driven a car like this before. It was hard finding a good pace.”
- #41 Huuhka Jari/Metso Jarno**
“This stage was in pretty bad shape, and I’ve never really driven in darkness so it was difficult, but I’m still enjoying this! It was a good luck that we didn’t get a puncture.”
- #43 Nobre Paulo/Morales Gabriel**
“Can I be really honest? I’m shitting my pants, my god what an emotion to drive this stage at night, so fast but we did it !!”
- #46 Taylor Molly/Marshall Sebastian**
“It’s nice to be back out, nice to be back rallying.”
- #49 Szabó Zoltán/Szabó Krisztián**
“It was difficult in the dark, there were a few incidents and we had to stop two times. We were behind these guys but we survived!”
- #51 Herranen Toni/Virtanen Sebastian**
“It’s been an okay day. This last stage was really difficult, driving in the darkness and with lots of stones. But overall an OK day.”
- #53 Hytönen Kari/Nisula Suvi**
“I like driving these more narrow roads. It’s been a good day, we’ve found good pace and the notes are coming good.”
- #54 Kaisanlahti Raimo/Sparre Aki**
“It’s been a really demanding day! But there’s been some good stages today as well.”
- #55 Souffez Frédéric/Sellin Julien**
“The stage was very difficult because there are lots of small rocks everywhere. The night is very hard. But finally we are coming for big conditions and we are here, so we are very happy.”