



STAGE FLASH

DATA: 11 october 2020

FLASH N°: 16

GIORNO: 03

STAGE: SS16 Sassari - Argentiera 2 (Power Stage)

DISTANCE: 6.89km

WEATHER: Partially cloudy

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #21 P. Solberg - A. Mikkelsen (Citroen C3 WRC - "Pirelli 2021" car): "It was really good fun. I did three rounds of the shakedown. We came here to try this as a warm-up for the tyres next year. Coming here to try this, is fantastic, very very tricky. Andreas did a fantastic job. [Mikkelsen:] I am so tired, I have no more voice left. So much fun. Well driven. Never scared, so busy to read pace notes."

Car #27 O.C. Veiby - J. Andersson (Hyundai NG i20): "I had the target to catch Pontus today. I did not really wake up this morning, but I tried on the others. I had a rear puncture here, it is a rough stage so it can happen everywhere. But I think we did not lose too much and we gave it all. P2 this weekend probably. We deserved the win but the problems we had made us lose some time. We should have had a win this weekend, but.. next time" [puncture on the right rear]

Car #23 P. Tidemand - P.Barth (Skoda Fabia Evo): "We are very happy. It was not easy being the first R5 car on the road all weekend. . It has been demanding, the team, my co-driver and all the people around me and engineers did a great job. Maximum points. For the championship this is very good." [WRC2 victory]

Car #31 K.Kajetanowicz - M.Szczpaniak (Skoda Fabia Evo): [P2 WRC3] "It happens, we were pushing very hard on the first loop but I got a puncture and that was the end of the battle. But we were trying, we did it for our Polish fans and will try next time for sure. Jari (Huttunen) be careful!"

Car #30 J. Huttunen - M.Lukka (Hyundai NG i20): [P1 WRC3] "It is an amazing feeling. It has been the first time in here and it was really difficult. Not any big problems, feeling good."

Car #44 G. Greensmith - E. Edmondson (Ford Fiesta WRC): "Something wrong with the electrics in the last stage. The car switched off by itself, we reset it and we started again, I do not know what happened" [stalled after a big impact but then restarted]

Car #7 P.L. Loubet – V. Landais (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC): "After all what happened yesterday, I am happy to be at the end. For sure the pace was not always there but we have to take some positives"

Car #8 O. Tänak - M. Järveoja (Hyundai i20 Coupé WRC): "It has been disappointing but OK. That is how it is, there is nothing we could have changed. Let's keep pushing and see what we can do"

Car #3 T. Suninen - J. Lehtinen (Ford Fiesta WRC): "The start of the rally was great for us. We showed a really good pace in the slow stages but we need to work for the fast stages. Anyway, big thanks to the team and it is great we were able to bring the car home"

Car #33 E. Evans - S. Martin (Toyota Yaris WRC): "For sure in terms of speed there was a bit more we could have done I am not so sure the position would have been different. I am not so happy with my running in here. I missed quite a few ruts but otherwise it was OK"

Car #11 T. Neuville - N. Gilsoul (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC): "I do not know I got a broken disk or something in the last 1.5km I was bumping all the time and lost a little bit of time but we did the best we could. Difficult start, we lost too much time in the beginning, technical issues, stall in the hairpin twice. We might have lost a good result there" [lost time in the last sector, 0.7s slower than Tanak]

Car #17 S. Ogier - J. Ingrassia (Toyota Yaris WRC): "I can hardly do more. On this stage we knew Hyundai is very strong. But we tried, so no regrets. It was intense all weekend. There is not much more I could have done" [damage right rear, 2.7s slower than Neuville]

Car #6 D. Sordo - C. Del Barrio (Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC): "It is amazing, I am not really happy with my performance today but at the end we managed to bring the rally at home. So I am really very happy".