

## SUN 16:00 - UNTIL THEN

Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news and analysis from Finland. Don't forget WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard library. Bye for now.

## SUN 15:59 - WE WILL RETURN

On Thursday 17 August when the championship reaches Germany for round 10. We hope you'll join us then.

## SUN 15:54 - FINISH CONTROL

And that's where we'll leave our live text service from Neste Rally Finland

## SUN 15:53 - FINLAND J WRC FINAL

1.Ciamin 2h57m23.4s, 2.Solans +3m26.5s, 3.Radstrom +3m27.8s, 4.Tannert +3m36.0s, 5.Van Way +11m25.5s

## SUN 15:40 - MANUFACTURERS'

M-Sport head Hyundai

## SUN 15:39 - DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Neuville and Ogier level on points!

## SUN 14:34 - TEXT BREAK

A brief admin pause now. We'll be back soon with the full results and championship standings

## SUN 14:34 - POWER STAGE RESULT:

1: Tanak 4m48.6s (5 points) 2: Evans +1.5s (4 points) 3: Neuville +2.0s (3 points) 4: Latvala +2.3s (2 points) 5: Hänninen +2.7s (1 point)

## SUN 14:32 - FINLAND WRC 2 FINAL

1.Huttunen 2h39m30.9s, 2.Gilbert +2m17.8s, 3.Cave +3m43.0s, 4.Pryce +6m08.7s, 5.Tempestini +7m56.2

## SUN 14:29 - SS25: WRC 2 CAVE

Tom collects third place in WRC 2. "Pleased to finish on the podium. My first time here in an R5 car. I'm happy with that."

## SUN 14:28 - FINLAND FINAL

1.Lappi 2h29m26.9s, 2.Evans 36.0s, 3.Hänninen 36.3s, 4.Suninen 1m01.5s, 5.Breen 1m22.6s.

## SUN 14:26 - SS25: WRC 2 GILBERT

Second place in WRC 2. "Really really good weekend for us. A good result after a difficult season last year. I'm happy about this rally."

## SUN 14:23 - SS25: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN

The young Finn seals another popular local victory in WRC 2. "Totally amazing. Someday I want to do the same as Esapekka."

## SUN 14:22 - SS25: LAPPI

He's on the roof of his car - and then mobbed by fellow Finns Mäkinen, Latvala, Suninen who offer their congratulations "Amazing. What a rally. I have to say a big thanks to the team, they built such a fast car in a short time. Big respect to them. I have little experience, and I need to get more mileage. Okay, on my home soil I should have been strong here and I was."

## SUN 14:17 - SS25: LAPPI WINS!

He's done it! sixth-quickest through the Power stage and Lappi takes the rally win by 36sec from Evans!

## SUN 14:14 - SS25: LAPPI

Into the stage and closing on a remarkable maiden WRC rally victory - and on home ground!

## SUN 14:13 - SS25: HANNINEN

He secures the first podium of his career - but it's third not second place. "A small mistake on the start. We knew it would be difficult but okay, at the same time we have to be realistic - our first time on the podium!"

## SUN 14:11 - SS25: HANNINEN

He's lost second place to Evans by three-tenths!

## SUN 14:10 - SS25: HANNINEN

He starts the stage nine-tenths up on Evans. At the midpoint split his time is 2.9sec slower!

**SUN 14:09 - SS25: EVANS**

Second quickest so far, 1.5sec off Tanak's stage leading time. "It's been a tough weekend. Friday was far from ideal. Back then we never thought we'd be here, but we kept pushing. Third here is really positive. We needed a good result. Finally the conditions came into our hands."

**SUN 14:05 - THE BATTLE FOR SECOND**

Hanninen vs Evans is underway!

**SUN 14:04 - SS25: SUNINEN**

The Finn completes with his car missing all of its front bumper and aero package. It's not pretty, but Suninen completes eighth fastest, which should be enough to secure a hard-fought fourth place. "Difficult to say anything. The rally was really good, the pace was good - better than any of us expected - and I was in second. Then two mistakes and now we are fourth. For the moment I feel disappointed but tomorrow the feeling will be better. On my second rally in this car I was fighting for a podium."

**SUN 13:59 - SS25: BREEN**

He hasn't troubled the Power Stage points, but it looks like another fifth place overall - the fifth of the season - for Breen, the best placed of the Citroen drivers. "Last year was awesome here, I was on top of the world. Trying times. I have an amazing group of people around me, working their arses off. We just need more. A confidence sapping rally. We all worked so hard, but it all needs to come together."

**SUN 13:55 - SS25: NEUVILLE**

Generally a lacklustre weekend for Thierry, but after Ogier's retirement on Friday, he will eat into the Frenchman's 11 point championship lead. Sixth position overall would be enough for 8 points. Will he get more here? He's second quickest so far. "Yeah, I'm not sure if it will be enough to catch him, let's see what the other guys do. We were aiming to bring back more points to Seb. Even if the pace wasn't there this weekend, I have a great team behind me who are working to improve it."

**SUN 13:49 - SS25: TANAK**

Fastest so far, 2.3sec quicker than Latvala! "I knew there was some cleaning for Jari-Matti to do, so definitely I tried a bit. Not perfect [enough] for five points but hopefully something good." Tanak on course for seventh place here after his earlier puncture.

**SUN 13:46 - SS25: MEEKE**

4.1sec off the pace here and it looks like eighth overall for last year's winner. "I really struggled this weekend. You have to come here with bucket loads of confidence. That quickly unravelled for us. The next one is on tarmac and yeah, we have a bit of work to do."

**SUN 13:41 - SS25: SORDO**

Looks like ninth place for Dani who was never really in the ball park this weekend. "I'm looking forward to Germany now. This rally was complicated for us and the team. Now we forget it and try to work on the set up for Germany and to have a victory there."

**SUN 13:37 - SS25: OSTBERG**

His chances of a decent result ruined by a ditch excursion on Saturday. Mads is second fastest so far alongside his new co-driver. "It's been a good experience, one of the best rallies I've done this year. I really enjoyed having Torstein next to me. Okay, some bad luck here, and it shouldn't have happened, but I'm glad to be on pace. Now I'm looking forward to the next rally."

**SUN 13:33 - SS25: AL QASSIMI**

A frustrating run for the first of Citroen's trio of C3 drivers. No big dramas and he's on course for 16th position. "A lot of experience for sure. The aim is to get three cars to the finish."

**SUN 13:29 - SS25: LATVALA**

An ECU failure cost him the lead yesterday. Will a time of 4m50.9s enable him to salvage points here? "One or two places could have been better but otherwise it was the best I could do - maximum, maximum, maximum!" Team boss Tommi Makinen congratulates him at the finish.

**SUN 13:26 - SS25: PADDON**

He's through and reports another moment. "In a slow third-gear corner, the car just wouldn't turn. It sort of illustrates the problems we've had this weekend. In the future we'll probably look back on this year and laugh, everything that could go

wrong is going wrong." Certainly a rally to forget after two suspension-related retirements. but it's a rally to forget for the after two suspension-related retirements this week.

#### **SUN 13:18 - SS25: PADDON**

Underway and powering between the trees at 185kph. Incredible onboard here.

#### **SUN 13:16 - WEATHER UPDATE**

Beautiful out on stage. Clean blue sky, bright sunshine. Temperature is 22°C. Perfect for the thousands of spectators who are stageside.

#### **SUN 13:13 - LAPPI UPDATE**

Talking at the pre-stage regroup, Lappi confirms that the wheel was the only thing broken when he drifted wide in SS24.

#### **SUN 13:00 - WATCH SS25 LIVE**

The show has started on WRC+

#### **SUN 12:59 - SS25: TIMINGS**

First car: 1318hrs. First eight cars: 4-minute intervals. Top five cars: 5-minute intervals.

#### **SUN 12:58 - SS25: START ORDER**

A few tweaks to suit the Live TV schedule. Here's how the drivers will line-up: 1.Paddon, 2.Latvala, 3. Al Qassimi, 4.Ostberg, 5.Sordo, 6.Meeke, 7.Tanak, 8. Neuville, 9.Breen, 10.Suninen, 11.Evans, 12.Hanninen, 13.Lappi

**SUN 12:33 - STAGE INFO: SS25**Oittila 2, 10.12km. The Finland Power Stage for the second year, Oittila is fast, fast, fast with plenty of dips, small crests and now hay bale chicanes to watch out for. The final section could be the narrowest of the rally and there are chances to take big cuts through the grass. There are no junctions in the first 3.7km, but five in the last 2.3km.

**SUN 12:33 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS24**1.Huttunen 2h34m22.1s, 2.Gilbert +2m13.9s, 3.Cave +3m32.6s, 4.Pryce +5m58.1s, 5.Tempestini +7m37.7

**SUN 12:32 - UP NEXT: POWER STAGE**Crews are heading back to the start of Oittila for the final, decisive stage. First car: 1318hrs. WRC users can watch this one via our live streaming service. Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 12:24 - FINLAND AFTER SS24**1.Lappi 2h24m34.1s, 2.Hanninen +37.8s, 3.Evans +38.7s, 4.Suninen +54.4s, 5.Breen +1m17.1s. Suninen spin, Lappi damage

**SUN 12:21 - LAPPI UPDATE**He is parked close to the stage end working on the car. The knock to the rear-left wheel bent part of the brake assembly but the suspension seems okay. Wheel changed, they are on their way.

**SUN 12:15 - SS24: LAPPI**Looks like he has clouted the left rear wheel and damaged the suspension. With just the 10km Power Stage to go, Lappi's rally lead stands at 37.8sec over his team-mate Hanninen.

**SUN 12:13 - SS24: LAPPI**More drama at the stage end. Lappi's Toyota has left rear wheel damage! "We have to go, we have a problem."

**SUN 12:10 - SS24: SUNINEN**His car is missing its front bumper. "I tried. I spun. That's all." He drops from second to fourth.

**SUN 12:09 - SS24: SUNINEN**He's lost 19.3sec to the leaders! Front damage to his Fiesta.

**SUN 12:08 - SS24: HANNINEN**Fastest so far, 1.1sec fast than Evans - and he moves ahead. "Okay I have to be happy with that," he says.

**SUN 12:06 - SS24: EVANS**Second quickest so far. "I was struggling with a lot of oversteer. I haven't had that all rally. A lot of loose gravel here."

**SUN 12:04 - SS24: BREEN**"Pretty much a drive through. Experimenting with the car as best we can. I wouldn't be confident to put for points on the Power Stage. I just need to get the car home."

**SUN 12:02 - SS24: NEUVILLE**"This was okay. Just smooth and tidy. No plans to take risks on the Power Stage. If we can get any points for the championship this week it's more important."

**SUN 12:00 - SS24: TANAK**Quickest so far. "I got a bit more feeling here. A smooth run and I'm sure my tyres are okay."

**SUN 11:59 - SS24: MEEKE**"One of the most difficult weekends I've had in a rally car. I just want to get through to the finish."

**SUN 11:56 - SS24: SORDO**"We are looking forward to Germany and a new weekend on tarmac."

**SUN 11:54 - SS24: OSTBERG**"Quite slippery still. Maybe more grip now, for sure it will get much quicker for thee cars behind."

**SUN 11:53 - STAGE INFO: SS24**Lempää 2, 6.80km. The start of the second loop returns to the eastern side of Lake Päijänne for a test that ran last year for the first time since 1999. The surface is hard and the road bends all the way through, with some great combinations of corners and crests. The second part of the stage is twistier, but it flows from start to finish.

**SUN 11:26 - SS23: JUNIOR UPSET**Three of the top five roll in stage! Lindholm stops but Radstrom (2nd) Tannert (3rd) continue. Ciamin still leads.

**SUN 11:23 - NEXT STAGE: 1147HRS**Crews head to a refuel and regroup before the repeat loop.

**SUN 11:19 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS231.**Huttunen 2h31m00.4s, 2.Gilbert +2m09.5s, 3.Cave +3m26.9s, 4.Pryce +5m52.1s, 5.Tempestini +7m27.7. Arai stops

**SUN 11:17 - SS23: WRC 2 ARAI**Stopped in stage at 6.3km. He had been fifth in WRC 2.

**SUN 11:02 - SS23: WRC 2 LOUBET**"Very slippery and my drive was not great. It's like that."

**SUN 11:01 - SS23: WRC 2 CAVE**"Just driving these first two checking the notes."

**SUN 11:00 - SS23: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Quickest R5 car so far. "They told me to go for four stage wins today. A bit too sideways but I would say I'm 100 per cent."

**SUN 10:59 - SS23: WRC 2 GILBERT**"Sunday is always a long day when you are second. No risks. Just drive in the middle of the road. Two stages to go."

**SUN 10:58 - SS23: CAMILLI**Holding 12th position overall in his Fiests R5. Not registered in WRC 2 here. "I've rally enjoyed the rally this year. I like driving in these conditions and I'm really happy with the performance. It's not finished yet."

**SUN 10:54 - SS23: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The man of few words remains on course for his maiden win at WRC 2 level. "We will see what happens."

**SUN 10:52 - FINLAND AFTER SS231.**Lappi 2h21m18.7s, 2.Suninen +42.2s 3.Evans +44.7s, 4.Hänninen +44.9s, 5.Breen +1m19.9s. Suninen and Evans move up

**SUN 10:50 - SS23: PADDON**Fifth quickest on stage. "Out for a Sunday drive. We're trying to enjoy it and gather some information for next year."

**SUN 10:47 - SS23: LATVALA**Quickest time by 3.2sec. "I have a fantastic feeling now in the car and the driving. Better than ever."

**SUN 10:45 - SS23: LAPPI**Another clean run, sixth fastest, and Lappi's lead stands at 42.2sec. "It's okay. Quite slippery out there. Can't do anything stupid. It's going to be fine."

**SUN 10:42 - SS23: SUNINEN**Fastest! Five tenths up on Evans here and that's second place secure for now - with fellow Fiesta man Evans just 2.5sec behind. "What have I changed? It's a secret. I can't say because we are in a tight fight."

**SUN 10:40 - SS23: HANNINEN**Up at the midpoint split, he completes 2.2sec slower than Evans and Hanninen drops behind the Welshman in the standings. "I lost it quite soon after the start, went wide on a left hander and hit a hay bale." That doesn't seem to tally with the splits.

**SUN 10:36 - SS23: EVANS**A massive time - quickest by 4sec from Tanak. But not a troublefree run. "We're struggling as well. I went wide in two junctions. Exceptionally changeable grip and difficult to read."

**SUN 10:33 - SS23: BREEN**Third quickest so far and another driver to have an overshoot. "I got caught out in a braking, it was fine until the last 5 - 10 metres. Two more stages to go. It's been a long rally."

**SUN 10:30 - SS23: NEUVILLE**Three missed junctions in here and Thierry completes with yellow stage marker tape trailing from his Hyundai. He's lost 10sec to Tanak, but he's still smiling. "No grip at all. I changed some settings before the stage. Three junctions in one stage!"

**SUN 10:27 - SS23: TANAK**Quickest so far. "The grip is pretty poor but it's the same in all the stages in the morning loop. It should be okay for the Power Stage."

**SUN 10:24 - SS23: MEEKE**7.3sec slower than current stage leader Mads. It's a very different Kris to the one we were watching here 12 months ago. "I've struggled for confidence all weekend. I just want to get through the day."

**SUN 10:21 - SS23: SORDO**7.2sec slower than Ostberg. "Unbelievable, really, really slippery. Very surprised."

**SUN 10:18 - SS23: OSTBERG**23.5sec quicker than Al Qassimi. "I don't know if there is something wrong with the car, or there's ice in the forest, but wow that was slippery. I had absolutely no grip!"

**SUN 10:15 - SS23: AL QASSIMI**He's through in 5m28.5s. How was that? "I'm driving around the problem" he says.

**SUN 10:11 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all its WRC drivers have five soft-compound tyres for today's stages.

**SUN 10:10 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS22**1.Huttunen 2h25m41.2s, 2.Gilbert +2m09.3s, 3.Cave +3m21.0s, 4.Pryce +5m49.0s, 5.Arai +6m07.2s. Katsuta stops

**SUN 10:08 - STAGE INFO: SS23**Oittila 1, 10.12km. Oittila is fast, fast, fast with plenty of dips, small crests and now hay bale chicanes to watch out for. The final section could be the narrowest of the rally and there are chances to take big cuts through the grass. There are no junctions in the first 3.7km, but five in the last 2.3km.

**SUN 10:08 - LIVE ON WRC+**WRC+ users can watch this one via our live streaming service. Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 10:07 - SS23: STANDBY!**We cross now to the next stage - Oittila. Al Qassimi is due to start at 1008hrs.

**SUN 10:07 - SS22: WRC 2 KATSUTA**WRC+ tracking shows him stopped in stage.

**SUN 10:03 - SS22: WRC 2 CAVE**"A clean run. Neat and tidy for this first pass."

**SUN 10:02 - SS22: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Quickest so far in WRC 2. "I'm going to give it my everything today."

**SUN 10:01 - SS22: WRC 2 GILBERT**"All good. I don't push. The last day. This was a good one for us."

**SUN 10:00 - FINLAND AFTER SS22**1.Lappi 2h16m16.2s, =2.Suninen +49.4s, =2.Hänninen +49.4s, 4.Evans +51.4s, 5.Breen +1m16.1s

**SUN 09:59 - SS22: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The WRC 2 leader through cleanly - if not comfortably. "It's okay. Very, very easy start for me. Difficult to drive at 90 per cent, 100 is much easier."

**SUN 09:56 - SS22: GORBAN**WRC+ Live tracking shows him stopped in stage at 3km.

**SUN 09:56 - SS22: LATVALA**Fastest through for a surprisingly chipper Jari-Matti who explains more about his Saturday retirement. "It was the engine ECU. Never a problem before and there was nothing more we could do. It came from a supplier, so it's not a team problem, we have to trust that the parts we buy are okay. We have learned something though. The most important thing is that the car is good and I feel good in the driving. That's important for the future. We're here to attack at the Power Stage."

**SUN 09:51 - SS22: LAPPI**Fifth quickest so far and Lappi's lead stands at 49.4sec over the Finnish duo behind. "No issues. Nothing. Just trying to enjoy but it's difficult when you're not pushing flat out. You really need to be pushing to get the aero and everything working. Three to go..."

**SUN 09:48 - SS22: SUNINEN**Fourth fastest here and Hanninen and Suninen tie second place! "That was a bad morning for us. I was struggling with the grip all the time. I don't know. Need to find something for the next stage."

**SUN 09:46 - SS22: HANNINEN**A great response from the Finn. Quickest so far and the gap over Evans is up to 2 sec. "It was okay but quite tricky and slippery in the forest. I lost the rhythm a bit there."

**SUN 09:45 - SS22: EVANS**A new quickest time as he hunts down Hanninen's fourth place. Not an easy run though. "I was struggling to see - the wipers froze on the screen. Very distracting. Everything else was working okay. Can I do it? Let's see."

**SUN 09:43 - SS22: BREEN**"It looks like we can safeguard fifth."

**SUN 09:42 - SS22: NEUVILLE**Eight-tenths slower than Neuville. "The car is sliding but I did a normal stage. Quite enjoyable but difficult in the shade under the trees - it was difficult to read the road. Power Stage could be important."

**SUN 09:39 - SS22: TANAKA**3m13.1s is quickest so far. "Very, very slippery. You need to take care of tyres and see what's possible on the Power Stage. No point to rush any more. The Finns are very strong here. Let's see what is possible."

**SUN 09:36 - SS22: MEEKE**3.1sec slower than Ostberg. "Okay. What can I say? I tried. The grip was okay."

**SUN 09:34 - SS22: SORDO**5.2sec slower than Mads. "Very slippery."

**SUN 09:34 - SS22: OSTBERG**3m14.6s. "It was okay, a beautiful stage. A lovely way to start the day. Drivers who can make the most of the cambered road here will do well."

**SUN 09:31 - SS22: AL QASSIMI**First through in 3m32.6s. He reports that the car was moving about a lot.

**SUN 09:26 - STAGE INFO: SS22**Lempää 1, 6.80km. Sunday's opener sees a return to the eastern side of Lake Päijänne for a test that ran last year for the first time since 1999. The surface is hard and the road bends all the way through, with some great combinations of corners and crests. The second part of the stage is twistier, but it flows from start to finish.

**SUN 09:25 - SS22: LIVE**And today's first test is underway! Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 09:23 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams just behind us in the studio and Emyr Penlan and Colin Clark reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**SUN 09:22 - OGIER UPDATE**No restart today due to co-driver Julien Ingrassia's diagnosis of mild concussion.

**SUN 09:22 - SUNDAY'S RUNNING ORDER**Reverse rally order again. Here's how the WRC drivers will line up: 1.Al Qassimi, 2.Østberg, 3.Sordo, 4.Meeke, 5.Tänak, 6.Neuville, 7.Breen, 8.Evans, 9.Hänninen, 10.Suninen, 11.Lappi, 12.Latvala, 13.Paddon.

**SUN 09:20 - WEATHER UPDATE**The forecast gloomy weather seems to have given Jyvaskyla the swerve for now and it's a beautiful morning out there. Today's forecast is for blue skies, light cloud and sunshine. The current temperature of 16°C should hit 22°C later.

**SUN 09:19 - COMING UP TODAY**Sunday's final leg features two identical loops of two stages south of Jyvaskylä covering 33.84km. The rally-ending Oittila is the live TV Power Stage, with bonus points available to the fastest five drivers.

**SUN 09:19 - LIVE STAGES**WRC+ users can watch two of today's stages - SS23 and the SS25 Power Stage - via our streaming service. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

**SUN 09:18 - COMING UP TODAY**Sunday's final leg features two identical loops of two short stages south of Jyvaskylä covering 33.84km. The rally-ending Oittila is the live TV Power Stage, with bonus points available to the fastest five drivers.

**SUN 09:18 - IT'S DAY 3 OF 3**Or 4 of 4 if you count Thursday's opening stage. Whatever, Sunday is definitely where this one comes to an end and we're here to tap out the stage news LIVE to wrc.com and the WRC App

**SUN 09:18 - HEI TEXTERS**Good morning one last time from Jyvaskyla rally central, and welcome back to our coverage of Neste Rally Finland

**SAT 19:38 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news. Or head to WRC+ for loads of extras from Finland including live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard library. Bye for now!

**SAT 19:36 - WE WILL RETURN**On Sunday to bring you coverage of the third and final day. Still to come, another four stages totalling 33.84km and the Live TV Power Stage. We'll be here from 0910hrs (local) ready for the first stage at 0925hrs.

**SAT 19:33 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Finland tonight

**SAT 19:33 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS21**1.Huttunen 2h22m14.5s, 2.Gilbert +2m06.4s, 3.Cave +3m16.1s, 4.Pryce +5m48.2s, 5.Arai +6m07.6s

**SAT 19:22 - FINLAND AFTER SS21**1.Lappi 2h13m02.7s, 2.Suninen +49.1s, 3.Hänninen +53.4s, 4.Evans +54.7s, 5.Breen +1m16.9s

**SAT 19:13 - SS21: LAPPI**He completes Saturday's leg with a rally lead of 49.1sec. "I feel pretty good. Still disappointed for Jari-Matti but it wasn't my fault the car broke down so I need to enjoy this moment. It's something amazing. I need to concentrate and keep my head cool. In these cars, with the centre diff you have to drive it all the time - you can't back off. I need to keep a good speed all the time."

**SAT 19:04 - SS21: SUNINEN**Teemu holds second place, but Hanninen and Evans are both within 5.6sec. "Okay. One small jump in here where I went a bit wide. Not a big issue. I got away with it. Now I just need to continue like this."

**SAT 19:01 - SS21: BREEN**"A relatively good stage for us. A couple of places where we could have been faster."

**SAT 18:59 - SS21: HANNINEN**Juho clings on to third place, but loses time to Evans in the final section and ends the day only 1.3sec ahead. "The anti-roll bar is okay now but I took it a little too easy in the narrow section."

**SAT 18:56 - SS21: OSTBERG**There is mud packed in his rear left wheel and Mads explains a very lucky escape. "Let's say you cannot get any closer to properly going off. I jumped too far on the entry to a corner. I jumped out of the road. I was completely sure that was it - and then it wasn't. I was very lucky."

**SAT 18:52 - SS21: EVANS**Quickest so far and still battling for second or third. "It's turned out exciting. Yesterday I never thought we'd be in this position. A podium is possible for sure. Let's wait and see."

**SAT 18:49 - SS21: NEUVILLE**"In the ruts the car is working better. What is possible now I don't know. The target is top five. In a rut here I hit something and bent the steering.:

**SAT 18:48 - SS21: MEEKE**His front right wheel is damaged and rubber flailing from the punctured tyre has ripped off the front wing and part of the bumper. He doesn't stop to explain what happened.

**SAT 18:43 - SS21: TANAK**"Very difficult at the front in the second loop, there is a lot of loose gravel on the road."

**SAT 18:40 - SS21: SORDO**"The second pass was a bit better. It's incredible to drive a rally car here but it's difficult when you are not fighting for something."

**SAT 18:39 - SS21: AL QASSIMI**Lucky to survive a trip into a ditch. "In the first section the car went wide and hit some stones. A big impact. I lost the brakes too."

**SAT 18:18 - STAGE INFO: SS21**Päijälä 2, 22.68km. Mikko Hirvonen refers to this stage as ‘the little brother of Ouninpohja’. It’s an awesome test with crests, jumps and technical sections on wide and blisteringly fast roads. Run in the opposite direction to 2016, the opening 4km are slightly more technical, with trees and stones right next to the road, but the rest of the stage is full rollercoaster. Finland at its best.

**SAT 18:17 - NEXT STAGE: 1824HRS**Not long to wait until the final stage of the day - the repeat of Päijälä.

**SAT 18:16 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS201.**Huttunen 2h10m52.8s, 2.Gilbert +1m46.3s, 3.Cave +3m00.5s, 4.Pryce +5m14.0s, 5.Arai +5m38.5s

**SAT 18:13 - SS20: WRC 2 CAVE**Secure in third. "Everything is going well. Not much to fight for and everything to lose. We're having fun."

**SAT 18:11 - SS20: WRC 2 ARAI**He loses almost two minutes and completes with a front left puncture. "Maybe 3km into the stage we got a knock and the power stage was gone. We stopped and reset and then soon after we went off and got a puncture," he explains.

**SAT 18:08 - SS20: WRC 2 LOUBET**He was delayed catching and then passing Arai.

**SAT 18:07 - SS20: WRC 2 GILBERT**"Some ruts and rocks so we had to be careful to avoid and protect our position."

**SAT 18:06 - FINLAND AFTER SS201.**Lappi 2h02m13.2s, 2.Suninen +54.4s, 3.Hänninen +55.4s, 4.Evans +1m01.9s, 5.Breen +1m17.4s. Suninen up to second.

**SAT 18:04 - SS20: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**Still leading. And still not saying very much. "It was okay. A small mistake near the end but all okay."

**SAT 18:02 - SS20: WRC 2 ARAI**WRC+ tracking shows he stopped at 2.5km. Moving again now.

**SAT 18:01 - SS20: LAPPI**Fifth quickest here and Esapekka's rally lead is 54.4sec over Suninen. "I have really mixed emotions," he says. "I have to say I've never been so disappointed when leading a rally, for Jari-Matti and the team, but it's part of the game. We still need to survive to the finish. It won't be easy to keep the rhythm without the pressure."

**SAT 17:52 - SS20: SUNINEN**Quickest so far and up to second place, one second clear of Hanninen. "A good stage. No moments, no mistakes. Basically a clean run. Second place is cool, but I must keep focused on the driving. It's a tight fight."

**SAT 17:49 - SS20: BREEN**"Not so bad but the car is a small amount too low. The first time I've felt really confident with the grip."

**SAT 17:46 - SS20: HANNINEN**Four seconds slower than Evans here. Problem? "Yeah, we have a slight issue with the anti-roll bar at the front. The car feels nervous in the ruts. We go now and try and fix it."

**SAT 17:43 - SS20: OSTBERG**"Nice stage. Quite rough conditions. I'm not so happy with the car, the balance is not right. Otherwise it was excellent in there."

**SAT 17:41 - YELLOW HOUSE JUMP RESULT**Confirmation that Mads Ostberg jumped the furthest at the Yellow House Jump on SS19. His distance: a whopping 50 metres!

**SAT 17:40 - SS20: EVANS**Quickest so far. "Pretty okay. A big shame for Jari-Matti. He was doing an incredible job. I feel for him. Now we have to keep going and do the best we can."

**SAT 17:37 - SS20: NEUVILLE**"The car is working when there is a lot of grip. I backed off a bit after I hit a stone in the narrow section. I thought we had a puncture."

**SAT 17:34 - SS20: MEEKE**Seven seconds off Tanak's pace here. "I didn't enjoy this at all. It didn't suit us. A lot of ruts."

**SAT 17:31 - SS20: TANAK**"Quickest so far. A beautiful stage. A bit rough and more difficult for the tyres."

**SAT 17:28 - SS20: SORDO**"Now the road is dry, the car is working really well."

**SAT 17:27 - NEW WINNER ALERT**Latvala's exit means we are likely to see a debut winner this weekend. None of the current top five have won a WRC rally before. The top three have never finished on a WRC podium.

**SAT 17:26 - SS20: AL QASSIMI**"The first part was quite rutted and rough, I liked it. I'm half satisfied with my day."

**SAT 17:22 - LATVALA UPDATE**Confirmation from Toyota that Jari-Matti is out for the day due to an "unidentified technical problem."

**SAT 17:16 - STAGE INFO: SS20**Pihlajakoski 2, 14.90km. Not a new stage, but Pihlajakoski hasn't been driven in this direction before. The small road at the start is surprisingly fast, despite a few deceptive tightening bends. At 5.5km the stage turns onto a wider road and the speed increases – as does the number of bigger and bigger crests. The stage is a good preparation for what is coming next...

**SAT 17:15 - SS20: LIVE**We cross over to the next stage - Pihlajakoski. Al Qassimi starts at 1716hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 17:14 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS19**1.Huttunen 2h03m36.0s, 2.Gilbert +1m37.1s, 3.Cave +2m50.7s, 4.Arai +3m40.1s, 5.Pryce +4m56.9s

**SAT 17:13 - FINLAND AFTER SS19**1.Lappi 1h55m20.2s, 2.Hänninen +54.1s, 3.Suninen +58.4s, 4.Evans +1m04.6s, 5.Breen +1m16.5s. Latvala stops

**SAT 17:08 - SS19: WRC 2 CAVE**"Managed to wind my co-driver over a jump in here but otherwise no problems."

**SAT 17:07 - SS19: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**His car running true again after the midday service, Gus goes second quickest in WRC 2. "It's good. Not bad for a first pass. I'll take that."

**SAT 17:04 - SS19: WRC 2 ARAI**"The power problem is sorted out. The team did an incredible job in service. With full power this stage is so fantastic!

**SAT 17:02 - SS19: WRC 2 HUTTUNENA**A spin costs the WRC 2 leader about five seconds. No big drama with 90sec cushion over his closest rival.

**SAT 16:57 - LATVALA UPDATE**He and co-driver Miikka Anttila have been working on the car since they stopped. Attention seems to be focused inside the rear of the Yaris.

**SAT 16:54 - SS19: LAPPI**The pre-event 12:1 outsider completes as rally leader. He has a 54.1sec cushion over Toyota team-mate Hanninen behind. Did he see Jari-Matti on the stage? "Unfortunately yes, I saw the number on the rear window." So now you are the rally leader. "I did not want to be leading like this. It's a real shame. I mean this is not nice."

**SAT 16:49 - SS19: SUNINEN**He completes. "I am so sorry for Jari-Matti. He had done such a good job here."

**SAT 16:47 - LATVALA UPDATE**Stopped again at 11.3km. Spectators are pushing his car off the stage. The car looks fine from the outside. Disaster.

**SAT 16:45 - LATVALA UPDATE**Moving again on the tracking system. He has restarted in front of Lappi.

**SAT 16:44 - SS19: LATVALA**WRC tracking shows the rally leader stopped at 11km!

**SAT 16:42 - SS19: HANNINEN**Quickest so far as he fights to secure his third place and Toyota's 1-2-3 from Suninen. "I tried to be on the clean line and not slide too much. Let's see."

**SAT 16:40 - SS19: OSTBERG**8.9sec off the pace but some spectacular jumps from Ostberg - who is getting a reputation for long hauls flights this year. "My first proper run through and it wasn't the best. I didn't enjoy the stage, it's a shame. The jump was the only thing I could do."

**SAT 16:36 - SS19: EVANS**"The grip was higher in places and I could have gone quicker."

**SAT 16:33 - SS19: NEUVILLE**Fastest, nine-tenths quicker than Meeke. "We made some changes but the road conditions are much more grippy now and the car is working better. In the slippery stages we can still lose time. I enjoyed this one, it's probably the best stage in the world."

**SAT 16:29 - SS19: MEEKE**Quickest so far, eight-tenths up on Tanak. "Not perfect but still an incredible piece of road."

**SAT 16:26 - SS19: TANAK**Looked like a 40-metre flight over the Yellow House jump. "I had a half spin. After that maybe not the perfect rhythm but a decent run."

**SAT 16:24 - SS19: SORDO**47.1sec quicker than Khalid. "This stage is unbelievable in these cars. A circuit in the forest. Incredible."

**SAT 16:23 - SS19: AL QASSIMI**A wide moment around the final corner but it's a troublefree run in 12m01.2s. "There are places where I could go faster if I had more confidence in the reaction of the car."

**SAT 16:18 - SS19: TANAK**Overshoot at a junction. He's lost a few seconds.

**SAT 16:09 - SS19: AL QASSIMI**Underway, and we're riding with him on WRC+

**SAT 16:02 - WATCH OUNINPOHJA LIVE**The show has started on WRC+

**SAT 15:52 - STAGE INFO: SS19**Ouninpohja 2, 24.38km. The legendary Ouninpohja is regarded as the sport's biggest test of bravery and commitment. It's a rollercoaster from start to finish, with more than 75 jumps – most of which are taken flat-out - and hardly a straight worthy of the name as it flows from corner to corner at crazy speeds. This year's edition starts where it did in 2013 and includes iconic spots like the Kakaristo hairpin and the yellow house jump.

**SAT 15:51 - NEXT STAGE: 1608HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for the return to Ouninpohja. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 15:51 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS18**1.Huttunen 1h51m56.0s, 2.Gilbert +1m31.0s, 3.Cave +2m45.7s, 4.Arai +3m31.1s, 5.Pryce +4m36.9s

**SAT 15:26 - FINLAND AFTER SS18**1.Latvala 1h44m21.9s, 2.Lappi +8.5s, 3.Hänninen +59.8s, 4.Suninen +1m00.2s, 5.Evans +1m05.9s

**SAT 15:21 - SS18: LAPPI**Seven-tenths slower than Latvala on stage and the gap between them widens to 8.5sec. "I was fast and the time is bad. I can't understand it. I was fully on the limit and had no moments. That's why I am surprised the is so bad."

**SAT 15:19 - SS18: LATVALA**Fastest through. "A good start to the afternoon. An almost perfect stage. Just one corner I could do better."

**SAT 15:18 - SS18: SUNINEN**Quickest so far and now just four tenths behind Hanninen. "An okay stage. Still I could find a few tenths but it's difficult to go faster." Can you get third place back? "If I continue like this and try to avoid mistakes it should be fine."

**SAT 15:15 - SS18: BREEN**"It's taken me a while to get my head around it but the grip level feels better now."

**SAT 15:12 - SS18: HANNINEN**"Nothing special. Nice conditions. Really good."

**SAT 15:10 - SS18: OSTBERG**"That was okay. The cars works well again. The brakes are fine."

**SAT 15:09 - SS18: EVANS**"Not perfect. The car snapped round a couple of times."

**SAT 15:06 - SS18: NEUVILLE**Quickest so far. "Much more grip on the stage so the car was working quite nicely, more driveable."

**SAT 15:05 - SS18: MEEKE**1.7sec slower than Tanak. How does the car feel after service - any improvement? "This is only a short stage. We'll continue and see what happens."

**SAT 15:02 - SS18: TANAK**Quickest so far. "All okay. Very short stage. No issues. Clean run."

**SAT 15:00 - SS18: SORDO**Any better this afternoon? "We know the stage a bit more. Slippery in some places." No big change then.

**SAT 14:59 - SS18: AL QASSIMI**"You can see lines on the road for sure, but they're not from the WRC cars."

**SAT 14:57 - SS18: LIVE**The afternoon loop is underway!

**SAT 12:49 - NEXT STAGE: 1455HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for the repeat of Saalahti. We'll take a live text break until then. Bye for now.

**SAT 12:48 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are en route to Jyvaskyla for the midpoint 30-minute service. You can watch teams re-prepare the cars in service via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

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**SAT 12:46 - SS17: WRC 2 CAVE**"Everything has gone well today. Nice and tidy and clean."

**SAT 12:45 - SS17: WRC 2 KATSUTO**Reveals that his Friday retirement was down to a broken alternator belt.

**SAT 12:43 - SS17: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**"There is something wrong with the car. It's crabbing and snaps around on left-hand corners. I've just been driving through the stages this morning. Let's see if we can get it sorted in service."

**SAT 12:41 - SS17: WRC 2 ARAI**"The engine problem is getting worse - no power. More than just the pop-off valve."

**SAT 12:40 - SS17: WRC 2 GILBERT**Four-tenths up on Huttunen here. "Pleased with that. We are second and it is not necessary to push too hard."

**SAT 12:38 - SS17: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The WRC 2 leader through cleanly and off to service.

**SAT 12:32 - FINLAND AFTER SS17**1.Latvala 1h42m25.5s, 2.Lappi +7.8s, 3.Hänninen +57.8s, 4.Suninen +59.2s, 5.Evans +1m04.2s

**SAT 12:30 - SS17: LAPPI**Second quickest to Latvala here and Lappi trails by 7.8sec in the overall standings. Changes planned for service? "I don't need to do anything, the car is good enough for the second loop. I really don't know how to fight with him [Latvala]. He's doing a really good job but the fight is not over for sure."

**SAT 12:26 - SS17: LATVALA**Looks like four wins from four stages today. "Let's see how Esapekka does but a good morning for sure. There are better, more visible lines here and I can use the braking marks. I'm attacking more in a racing line, rather than sideways."

**SAT 12:25 - SS17: SUNNIEN**He almost recaptures third from Hanninen. "That was good, a better stage for us. I must be more consistent and try to avoid mistakes like the chicane earlier. On these fast rallies I need to be more precise and not slide so much."

**SAT 12:22 - SS17: BREEN**"Wasn't so bad in there but it's just so, so slippery at times. I can't do much more without taking big risks. Let's see what we can find in service."

**SAT 12:21 - SS17: HANNINEN**Slower than the chasing Evans by nine-tenths. It's tight. "No problem. I haven't done this stage before."

**SAT 12:18 - SS17: OSTBERG**"I have front brakes only. Not so easy to drive. You do need brakes in Finland - even if it doesn't always look that way."

**SAT 12:16 - SS17: EVANS**"Definitely a big step forward from yesterday. Not a lot on the car has changed, the conditions today have played into our hands."

**SAT 12:15 - SS17: NEUVILLE**What can you do in service to improve the car? "Nothing." Ouch.

**SAT 12:13 - SS17: MEEKE**How is the steering issue? "Not significant compared to the other things we need to look at. It's not interesting for me at the moment. We have to continue to try to work. Difficult at the moment."

**SAT 12:10 - SS17: TANAK**"Yeah, like previous years I've been more confident here. The stage is so nice to drive."

**SAT 11:59 - STAGE INFO: SS17**Saalahti 1, 4.21km. Short but sweet. This stage returned to the itinerary last year for the first time since 1991. It features a hard-packed surface from start to finish that is almost like asphalt. Two left junctions near the start could cause problems and there are plenty of bends near the finish. On such a short stage it is impossible to gain much time, but easy to lose seconds at the junctions.

**SAT 11:59 - NEXT STAGE: 1202HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for Saalahti. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 11:58 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS16**1.Huttunen 1h47m41.5s, 2.Gilbert +1m30.2s, 3.Cave +2m42.3s, 4.Arai +3m25.5s, 5.Pryce +4m26.2s

**SAT 11:55 - SS16: WRC 2 NORDGREN**Two punctures in stage and only one spare. He has retired for the day.

**SAT 11:54 - SS16: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**Damage to his car's front left corner. He landed heavily after a jump and drove into some railings.

**SAT 11:52 - SS16: WRC 2 PRYCE**His car sporting rear and front end damage and a squeezed exhaust following an off in SS15.

**SAT 11:40 - SS16: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Second quickest to Huttunen. How was that? "Horrible. The car is crabbing for some reason. To drive this stage with a car that's trying to kill you is horrible."

**SAT 11:39 - SS16: WRC 2 ARAI**"It was my dream to drive here. Still some small engine issues. We hope to get it fixed in service."

**SAT 11:35 - SS16: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The WRC 2 leader no fan of Ouninpohja. "I don't really like this stage. Too many jumps."

**SAT 11:29 - FINLAND AFTER SS16**1.Latvala 1h40m27.1s, 2.Lappi +7.3s, 3.Hänninen +55.4s, 4.Suninen +58.1s, 5.Evans +1m02.7s. Toyota 1-2-3

**SAT 11:25 - SS16: LAPPI**Second quickest, 2.5sec slower than Latvala, and Lappi is 7.3sec behind in the standings.

"Really enjoyable but my time is not good enough. I know I lost some in the last junction, otherwise a pretty clean run. Not even close. I don't care if Jari-Matti has won this rally once or three times, I want to be faster. If I push more I will not stay on the road. I don't know where he is making the time."

**SAT 11:23 - SS16: LATVALA**Quickest so far, and up on Lappi at the final split. "We had a very good run. There were a few places early on where I could improve but I pushed hard and enjoyed it more at the end. A fantastic feeling. You can't get this feeling anywhere else!"

**SAT 11:21 - SS16: SUNINEN**He's lost time - and third place. "I missed a chicane, I needed to turn around. Lost maybe 20 seconds. Not a good run." Hanninen moves ahead in the standings to set up a Toyota 1-2-3.

**SAT 11:19 - SS16: BREEN**Not a good stage for the Irishman. "So hard to commit to the notes."

**SAT 11:18 - SS16: OSTBERG**"I went off the road, not so bad, but wide into a ditch. I crashed, destroyed the left rear suspension. Something is bent, the brake is broken. Not a good feeling to do the rest of the stage without the brakes."

**SAT 11:16 - SS16: HANNINEN**A wide moment on the final corner but Juho goes quickest so far. "A tricky bastard that one! A couple of times a bit wide."

**SAT 11:12 - SS16: EVANS**Quickest so far. "Just incredible."

**SAT 11:11 - SS16: NEUVILLE**"I can't drive like this. I am driving fast but I am on the maximum. The car is hitting the bump stops, bouncing back after the jumps. It makes it really difficult. Our car is working on all other the rallies, which is nice, but not Finland."

**SAT 11:09 - SS16: MEEKE**13.3sec slower than Tanak. "I know this stage very well but I couldn't drive the car here. It was like a rear-wheel-drive. Opposite lock to opposite lock."

**SAT 11:07 - SS16: OSTBERG UPDATE**Moving again. He has rejoined after Hanninen.

**SAT 11:07 - SS16: TANAK**Quickest so far in 11m11.0s. "A fantastic stage but I'm maybe not 100 per cent confident. I tried to enjoy as much as possible."

**SAT 11:05 - SS16: OSTBERG**WRC+ Live tracking shows his Fiesta stopped at 3km

**SAT 11:04 - SS16: AL QASSIMI / SORDO**Both through cleanly.

**SAT 10:59 - STAGE INFO: SS16**Ouninpohja 1, 24.38km. The legendary Ouninpohja is regarded as the sport's biggest test of bravery and commitment. It's a rollercoaster from start to finish, with more than 75 jumps – most of which are taken flat-out - and hardly a straight worthy of the name as it flows from corner to corner at crazy speeds. This year's edition starts where it did in 2013 and includes iconic spots like the Kakaristo hairpin and the yellow house jump.

**SAT 10:57 - SS16: LIVE**We cross over now to the next stage - the awesome Ouninpohja. Al Qassimi started at 1049hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 10:56 - SS15: WRC 2 SCANDOLA**WRC+ live tracking shows his car stopped at 2.7km.

**SAT 10:55 - SS15: WRC 2 ANDOLFI**WRC live tracking shows his car stopped at 19.2km. He had been third in WRC 2.

**SAT 10:52 - SS15: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The WRC 2 leader completes safely. "Quite okay, very slippery, but luckily we are here."

**SAT 10:51 - SS15: CAMILLI**"I'm disappointed for Veiby. It looks like a huge crash but both drivers are okay."

**SAT 10:50 - SS15: VEIBY**Stopped in stage at 3.7km. He has gone off.

**SAT 10:46 - PADDON UDPATE**Confirmed retired for the day. "Enjoying the morning stages but unfortunately couldn't avoid a rock the size of a football in middle of the road... broken suspension again."

**SAT 10:45 - FINLAND AFTER SS15**1.Latvala 1h29m30.2s, 2.Lappi +4.8s, 3.Suninen +24.5s, 4.Hänninen +43.9s, 5.Evans +50.2s. Latvala leads

**SAT 10:42 - SS15: LAPPI**5.4sec SLOWER than Latvala and Lappi slips to second position. Why was he slower? "I don't know, it was a clean stage for me but it seems I was not pushing enough. Jari-Matti was doing well, I can't fight with him now. This is quite a decent speed. I haven't had any moments. I don't know if it's wise to try and push."

**SAT 10:39 - SS15: LATVALA**Quickest so far, 3.7sec up on Evans. "This stage was difficult - the mud in the beginning made grip very difficult, the end was better. I love the character of this stage!"

**SAT 10:37 - SS15: PADDON**WRC+ live tracking shows him stopped at 7.8km. Shortly before, WRC TV crew reported Paddon driving slowly, damage to left rear.

**SAT 10:36 - SS15: BREEN**13sec off the pace. He spun in a junction and doesn't know why. "It shouldn't have done that. I've completely lost the confidence at the rear."

**SAT 10:34 - SS15: HANNINEN**"No issues. Just trying to find the perfect rhythm."

**SAT 10:31 - SS15: OSTBERG**"Not so nice, the car is oversteering a lot. I can't get the grip at the rear, powersliding on the throttle everywhere. I was annoyed."

**SAT 10:29 - SS15: EVANS**Quickest so far, 3.8sec up on Tanak. His time 10m59.2s. "I struggled on the small road but the pace on the good road went well. I've always liked this stage."

**SAT 10:27 - SS15: NEUVILLE**"I was not driving very well in here. The car is moving around, hitting the bump stops on landings. I need to stiffen the set-up"

**SAT 10:24 - SS15: MEEKE**"We still have a little issue with the steering."

**SAT 10:23 - SS15: TANAK**"The previous stage had good grip, but this one was slippery. It's changing. The wipers were okay here."

**SAT 10:22 - SS15: SORDO**50.8sec quicker than Al Qassimi. "It was fun, and the feeling is a little bit better. The car is not bad but the driver is not fast enough this weekend. A difficult weekend for us."

**SAT 10:20 - SS15: AL QASSIMI**"Lots of blind crests that really test your confidence."

**SAT 09:50 - STAGE INFO: SS15**Päijälä 1, 22.68km. Mikko Hirvonen refers to this stage as 'the little brother of Ouninpohja'. It's an awesome test with crests, jumps and technical sections on wide and blisteringly fast roads. Run in the opposite direction to 2016, the opening 4km are slightly more technical, with trees and stones right next to the road, but the rest of the stage is full rollercoaster. Finland at its best.

**SAT 09:49 - NEXT STAGE: 1006HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for Päijälä [SS15]. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 09:48 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS14**1.Huttunen 1h24m08.1s, 2.Gilbert +1m06.4s, 3.Andolfi +2m07.9s, 4.Arai +2m18.9s, 5.Cave +2m20.2s

**SAT 09:38 - FINLAND AFTER SS14**1.Lappi 1h18m34.1s, 2.Latvala +0.6s, 3.Suninen +18.4s, 4.Breen +37.4s, 5.Hänninen +38.0s

**SAT 09:30 - SS14: LAPPI**Fourth quickest and his rally lead is trimmed to six-tenths. "It's okay, Jari-Matti had a really good stage. I was too cautious in the beginning, in the other half I was better. The plan is to try and find the same rhythm as yesterday but I will not force myself to fight with Jari-Matti - it will not end well."

**SAT 09:28 - SS14: LATVALA**Fastest so far, 2.7sec quicker than Hanninen. "I need to do what I can. For sure I am here to fight. Esapekka and Teemu are going well and nothing comes for free. Miikka said I was a little too aggressive at the start. I used the whole road."

**SAT 09:25 - SS14: SUNINEN**"Stage was really nice I enjoyed the drive but I lost a few seconds. I could push a bit more."

**SAT 09:23 - SS14: BREEN**Sixth fastest so far, and that drops him closer to Hanninen. His advantage now just six-tenths. "I had an overshoot there. Other than that I drove very well. The car feels good."

**SAT 09:21 - SS14: HANNINEN**Aiming to reel in Breen and make a Finnish 1-2-3-4. "Quite nice. The grip was better than I expected. A really, really nice stage."

**SAT 09:19 - SS14: OSTBERG**"The car feels quite okay. A quite okay stage. Difficult rhythm but I think we did okay."

**SAT 09:17 - SS14: EVANS**Quickest so far. "All okay."

**SAT 09:16 - SS14: NEUVILLE**Second quickest so far, but Thierry delivers a blunt assessment of his chances this weekend. "The road positions is helping but we worked on the set-up, and tried everything, but we will be not competitive this weekend."

**SAT 09:14 - SS14: MEEKE**"We left service and there is still something not right about the steering. We'll just have to drive around it." A hangover from yesterday? "I wish I had a hangover!"

**SAT 09:12 - SS14: TANAK**Quickest so far, but the his car's wiper problem is back again. "Since the first corner the wipers stuck in the middle of the screen. I was fighting all the way through with the wipers and had no rhythm. We've had this situations for such a long time but nobody seems to care about it."

**SAT 09:10 - SS14: SORDO**26sec quicker than Khalid but not sounding too positive. "The last kilometres are really, really fast and I lost time like yesterday - it's the same."

**SAT 09:08 - SS14: AL QASSIMI**Our first report on the road conditions: "It's not easy to open the stages. A lot of damp under the trees. The set-up feels more comfortable than yesterday."

**SAT 09:03 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the morning loop.

**SAT 09:03 - STAGE INFO: SS14**Pihlajakoski 1, 14.90km. Not a new stage, but Pihlajakoski hasn't been driven in this direction before. The small road at the start is surprisingly fast, despite a few deceptive tightening bends. At 5.5km the stage turns onto a wider road and the speed increases – as does the number of bigger and bigger crests. The stage is a good preparation for what is coming next...

**SAT 09:02 - SS14: LIVE**Al Qassimi is underway. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 08:48 - START INTERVALS**World Rally Car drivers will tackle the stages at two-minute intervals. WRC 2 drivers at one-minute intervals

**SAT 08:47 - OGIER UPDATE 2/2**However, Ogier's M-Sport Team and organisers have agreed to review the decision this evening, to give Ingrassia more time to recover, to see if the pair can restart tomorrow to chase points in the TV Power Stage.

**SAT 08:46 - OGIER UPDATE 1/2**Seb did not leave service this morning after yesterday's heavy crash. Co-driver Julien Ingrassia was signed off from competing for 15 days by the event's chief medical officer, Timo Kaukonen, after being diagnosed with mild concussion.

**SAT 08:45 - OGIER?**He's on the start list but won't be out on the stages today.

**SAT 08:45 - SATURDAY'S RUNNING ORDER**Reverse rally order today, which puts Khalid Al Qassimi through first. Here's how the WRC drivers will line up: 1.Al Qassimi, 2.Sordo, 3.Tänak, 4.Meeke, 5.Neuville, 6.Evans, 7.Østberg, 8.Hänninen, 9.Breen, 10.Suninen, 11.Latvala, 12.Lappi, 13.Paddon, 14.Ogier

**SAT 08:44 - WEATHER UPDATE**Rain overnight has left puddles in this morning's stages. It's dry in Jyväskylä for now with broken cloud overhead and sunshine. The temperature is 16°C. There is a chance of more rain showers later.

**SAT 08:44 - TIME REMINDER**All times quoted here are local. And in Finland that's (UTC 3hrs)

**SAT 08:44 - COMING UP TODAY**Saturday packs in eight more gravel stages near Jämsä. They are split into two identical loops and include the classic rollercoaster Ouninpohja, regarded as the sport's biggest test of bravery and commitment. It all adds up to 132.34km of action.

**SAT 08:43 - WE'RE ALL SET**In the Jyvaskyla service park, to bring you all today's stage news LIVE on wrc.com and the WRC App

**SAT 08:43 - GOOD MORNING**From Jyvaskyla, and welcome back to our live text coverage of Neste Rally Finland

**FRI 21:38 - WE WILL RETURN**On Saturday to bring you coverage of day two, when competitors face another eight stages and 132 flat-out kilometres. We'll be here from 0845hrs (local) ready for the first stage at 0858hrs. Bye for now!

**FRI 21:35 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Finland tonight

**FRI 21:34 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS13**1.Huttunen 1h16m46.7s, 2.Gilbert +56.2s, 3.Andolfi +1m50.6s, 4.Arai +1m54.5s, 5.Cave +2m08.1s

**FRI 21:32 - FINLAND AFTER SS13**1.Lappi 1h11m36.4s, 2.Latvala +4.4s, 3.Suninen +19.0s, 4.Breen +33.0s, 5.Hänninen +39.1s

**FRI 21:29 - SS13: LAPP**Lappi rounds off a remarkable day leading his home rally by 4.4sec from his Toyota team-mate Latvala. "It's difficult to describe, but since a small boy I've been dreaming of driving a World Rally Car in Finland. Now it's happening and I'm leading. I'm speechless. Tomorrow I'll drive the best stage in the world in this car. Can I win? I don't know. I need to concentrate. I don't want to force a fight with Jari-Matti. My target was the podium and that's still the target."

**FRI 21:24 - SS13: LATVALA**Fifth fastest here for Jari-Matti. One second off Neuville's stage leading time. Second place overnight. "I must say I have been doing what I can but Esapekka has been quicker than me today. I will see what I can do tomorrow."

**FRI 21:21 - SS13: SUNINEN**Third place overnight and that's the end of a terrific day for Teemu on only his second event in a World Rally Car. "The forest stages have been good. Some fastest times there. But I need to improve my times in these city stages."

**FRI 21:18 - SS13: BREEN**Fourth overnight after an inconsistent day in the C3. "A good and bad day. Some good speed when things have been working well. And some issues and mistakes too. Bring on tomorrow."

**FRI 21:16 - SS13: HANNINEN**His patched-up Yaris makes it through seventh fastest. "It drives surprisingly well," he says. "The [left rear] wheel looks bad, and over the jumps you need to take care, but I'm really lucky to be here."

**FRI 21:12 - SS13: OSTBERG**The Norwegian eager to return his troublesome car to service. "Disappointing of course to lose so much time in some stages. Still, there is a long way to go and the good thing is we are really fast."

**FRI 21:09 - SS13: EVANS**Evans ends the day in seventh place. "A tough day, quite long, but it got better as it went on. That's a positive. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

**FRI 21:07 - SS13: NEUVILLE**Quickest so far here, but Neuville hasn't had a good day in the i20. "I'm missing performance from the car. I was driving quite well apart from a couple of stages. To be honest I couldn't do more. Cleaning the road made it more difficult but definitely we don't have the speed."

**FRI 21:04 - SS13: MEEKE**We're back to the World Rally Car runners now. Last year's winner Meeke completes third quickest so far, 2.4sec slower than stage leader Tanak. "I just didn't feel that I can push today. I just don't have the feeling to commit." Looks like ninth overnight for Kris.

**FRI 21:00 - SS13: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The Finnish rising star ends today with a WRC 2 lead of 56.2s. "An okay day, one mistake in Lakamaa but it's alright. I'm judging myself against [non-WRC 2 registered] Camilli and Veiby"

**FRI 20:57 - SS13: WRC 2 GILBERT**A clean run too for the Frenchman who holds second in WRC 2. "A long day but lucky for us. A good day. We pushed hard - sometimes too hard - but I am pleased."

**FRI 20:55 - SS13: WRC 2 ARAI**Third overnight in WRC 2 for Hiroki. "Apart from the pop-off valve everything well today. All under control. I need to be proud of that."

**FRI 20:52 - SS13: AL QASSIM**Shaking his head at the end of a difficult day in Citroen's C3. "In a lot of places I was trying to be so tidy but the moment I hit the throttle the car went sideways."

**FRI 20:48 - SS13: GORBAN**The Ukrainian completes 10.2sec off Tanak's leading time. "A very long but good day," says co-driver Sergei

**FRI 20:45 - SS13: TANAK**1.8sec quicker than Sordo, the former rally leader rounds off the day in 10th place after his earlier rock strike. "The disappointment came early in the day. I have been fighting back for a while. I will keep going tomorrow."

**FRI 20:43 - SS13: SORDO**The Spaniard sets the first time to beat: 1m48.8sec. It's not been a great day for Dani. "The car feels great to drive but the times are not so good. That doesn't help the confidence."

**FRI 20:39 - HARJU 2, 2.31KM**Stage info: SS13. Friday's marathon leg closes with a second visit to the short Harju test near the centre of host town Jyväskylä. It returned to the itinerary in 2014 following a 16-year lay-off, and is used in virtually the same format as last year. It's a mix of asphalt roads and gravel tracks, and drivers must take care at a fast and tricky downhill descent into a tight turn between trees.

**FRI 20:39 - SS13 LIVE!**Sordo is underway! Here's a quick recap of the stage notes.

**FRI 20:38 - SS13 RUNNING ORDER**A different order for this stage. Here's how the drivers will line up: 1.Sordo, 2. Tanak, 3. Gorban, 4. Al Qassimi, 5. Arai, 6.Gilbert, 7. Huttunen, 8.Meeke, 9.Neuville, 10.Evans, 11.Ostberg, 12. Hanninen, 13.Breen, 14.Suninen, 15.Latvala, 16.Lappi.

**FRI 20:32 - WATCH SS13 LIVE**Coverage of today's final stage has started on WRC+

**FRI 20:30 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS12**1.Huttunen 1h14m54.1s, 2.Gilbert +55.1s, 3.Arai +1m48.7s, 4.Andolfi +1m50.6s, 5.Cave +2m02.2s

**FRI 20:06 - SS12: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**Quickest so far in WRC 2 and Huttunen's category lead is 55.1sec from Gilbert. However he doesn't sound too impressed. "Yeah, it's okay. But other R5 cars are going faster than me."

**FRI 20:03 - SS12: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"Happy with my car but I need to change my driving for tomorrow."

**FRI 20:01 - SS12: WRC 2 ARAI**"Tricky when the car is not accelerating well because of the pop-off valve. Otherwise everything went well."

**FRI 19:58 - SS12: WRC 2 GILBERT**"We are happy about our day. I pushed really hard, enjoyed a lot and now I am in second place. The rally is still long but the gap is quite good. We will keep pushing."

**FRI 19:57 - SS12: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**"A better afternoon. Tomorrow we will change the set-up if it is drier, otherwise we will keep it like this."

**FRI 19:56 - FINLAND AFTER SS12**1.Lappi 1h09m48.3s, 2.Latvala +4.6s, 3.Suninen +19.0s, 4.Breen +33.9s, 5.Hänninen +36.3s

**FRI 19:53 - SS12: AL QASSIMI**"Every stage today a different set-up - with the diff, throttle, springs - I've forgotten how many changes. We're learning."

**FRI 19:50 - SS12: SUNINEN**"Not so good, a few mistakes. I was sliding a lot. I was not on the limits but I lost the rear a few times."

**FRI 19:49 - SS12: OSTBERG**"I pushed stupidly hard to get a decent time and it was okay. I've done all I can and I think it is just a faulty rear diff. At least now it feels okay. We are doing our best."

**FRI 19:47 - SS12: LAPPI**Almost the end of the day and Lappi leads his home rally. "Before the rally I couldn't imagine leading today. It's really something special. It's difficult to understand but we tried to do our best and at the moment it's enough to keep the lead. I hope to continue tomorrow."

**FRI 19:45 - SS12: MEEKE**"Not so nice with the damaged steering. I just don't feel confident with wheel at the wrong angle in my hands."

**FRI 19:45 - SS12: HANNINEN**His suspension repair is still holding - just about - but Hanninen loses fourth to Breen. "We are quite lucky to be here. I took it easy on the jumps because if the top of the damper cracked then we would have a big problem. It's nice to be here. We knew we would lose some time but it's better to be here."

**FRI 19:41 - SS12: BREEN**"We got a couple of changes under the car and it was okay - in the ball park - but every tenth you give away is hard to get back. Overall it hasn't been so bad."

**FRI 19:39 - SS12: EVANS**Looks like sixth place overnight for the Welshman. "Not too bad. Not a complete disaster but work to do tomorrow."

**FRI 19:37 - SS12: SORDO**"No problems today just not fast enough. Is it me or the car? I don't know. In here I tried to keep Tanak behind but it was impossible." Sure enough, Tanak dumps him from 10th place.

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**FRI 19:35 - SS12: TANAK**Safely through. Second quickest so far, 2.5sec slower than Latvala.

**FRI 19:34 - SS12: LATVALA**Esapekka has been absolutely fantastic today, I take my hat off to him. Tomorrow gets more challenging with the stages, we will be closer together with the start position. That's where we will know where we are - that is the reality. After this stage I know what I can do..."

**FRI 19:31 - SS12: NEUVILLE**"We are pushing hard but the times are not what we want. There's not much we can do but continue. All is positive in terms of the championship. Tomorrow is a huge day. We might try some new damper settings tomorrow but there's not much to do. Top five would be a good result here."

**FRI 19:22 - SS12: LIVE**We cross over to the next stage - the repeat of Laukaa. Neuville is underway.

**FRI 18:54 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS11**1.Huttunen 1h08m46.2s, 2.Gilbert +52.2s, 3.Arai +1m27.2s, 4.Andolfi +1m39.7s, 5.Cave +1m43.4s

**FRI 18:50 - SS11: WRC 2 CAVE**His earlier brake issues were traced to a leaking pipe on the right rear corner. He has sealed the pipe and now has brakes on three wheels.

**FRI 18:49 - SS11: WRC 2 PRYCE**Stiffer suspension settings have given the Welshman more confidence. He lost a bit of time when his door opened mid stage.

**FRI 18:48 - SS11: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The category leader though without incident. "This one was okay. No dramas."

**FRI 18:47 - SS11: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"This has been a quite sad day for us, better this afternoon and hopefully better tomorrow."

**FRI 18:45 - SS11: WRC 2 ARAI**"Good so far, but a lot still to come. Ouninpohja is waiting."

**FRI 18:42 - SS11: WRC 2 GILBERT**"Second now, a good place, so we keep pushing."

**FRI 18:41 - FINLAND AFTER SS11**1.Lappi 1h04m03.4s, 2.Latvala +3.5s, 3.Suninen +15.1s, 4.Hänninen +27.4s, 5.Breen +29.7s.

**FRI 18:35 - SS11: SUNINEN**Second quickest here and Teemu remains third overall. "It's going well but this rally is difficult and it is easy to make a mistake as we have seen with many drivers today."

**FRI 18:34 - SS11: OSTBERG**Still troubled by an intermittent handling problem. "I don't know what it is. Sometimes it is noisy and there, sometimes it is okay. Suddenly the rear is snapping and I cannot control it. I lost it in a chicane and we hit the concrete. Not nice. I cannot control the car."

**FRI 18:32 - SS11: LAPPI**Quickest so far, seventh-tenths quicker than Tanak and crucially 3.2sec up on Latvala. Lappi's rally lead is now 3.5sec. "I was on the limit! Close to the trees in places. You can't go quicker in here."

**FRI 18:29 - SS11: MEEKE**Slowest through by 7sec and Meeke explains what happened on the previous stage. "I touched a big stone and the steering is bent. The steering wheel is at an odd angle now. That's our loop over, we will just nurse the car through."

**FRI 18:27 - SS11: HANNINEN**Third quickest after some successful running repairs to a broken rear lower strut mount. "We're not sure how long the repair will last but maybe we should keep it like this tomorrow?"

**FRI 18:25 - SS11: BREEN**Second quickest to Tanak but Breen could have been quicker. "The launch control didn't work properly for the first 700 metres. Maybe I mixed up the procedure."

**FRI 18:22 - SS11: EVANS**Third quickest of the six cars through so far. "Better here in the better conditions."

**FRI 18:22 - SS11: SORDO**4.8sec off the pace here and Dani still can't find a decent stage time. "I just drive but it's impossible. Okay, not impossible but very difficult." Tanak is just 5.2sec behind.

**FRI 18:20 - SS11: TANAK**Quickest so far, and edging back towards the points positions. "I'm doing my job. The conditions are more consistent, so I can push a bit more."

**FRI 18:17 - SS11: LATVALA**Two-tenths quicker than Neuville. Less than we would expect? "It's difficult to make difference on this stage but this wasn't a good stage for me. I made some mistakes and the grip wasn't what I expected."

**FRI 18:15 - SS11: NEUVILLE**"The rhythm is good but I can't keep the rear in the line. Our car is just not performing enough. We are still far away. I'm doing my job."

**FRI 18:09 - SS11: LIVE**We cross straight over to the next stage - the repeat of Äänekoski-Valtra. Neuville is underway.

**FRI 18:07 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS10**1.Huttunen 1h05m10.4s, 2.Gilbert +49.0s, 3.Arai +1m16.2s, 4.Cave +1m35.3s, 5.Andolfi +1m35.4s

**FRI 18:04 - SS10: WRC 2 CAVE**32sec off Huttunen's pace. What happened? "No brakes. There's nothing at all."

**FRI 18:01 - SS10: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Did not start the stage as a result of his left-rear damage. Retired from the day.

**FRI 18:00 - SS10: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**Quickest so far in WRC 2, but lucky to escape an excursion off into a field. "We were on two wheels for nearly 100 metres and nearly rolled." He got back on again but there seems to be some damage to the right-rear wheel.

**FRI 17:57 - SS10: WRC 2 LOUBET**He's gone off at the 14.5km point. The OK board is being displayed. He was second in WRC 2.

**FRI 17:49 - FINLAND AFTER SS10**1.Lappi 1h00m40.0s, 2.Latvala +0.3s, 3.Suninen +14.7s, 4.Hänninen +24.9s, 5.Breen +27.7s, suspension damage for Hänninen / Østberg

**FRI 17:46 - SS10: SUNINEN**Second quickest, but Suninen sounds cagey. "Okay, but there is something I have to do." What? "Nothing." Intriguing.

**FRI 17:44 - SS10: OSTBERG**The Norwegian drops 20 seconds here and looks furious. "Same problem that we had in Sardinia and Argentina. The universal joint on the track control arm is coming loose and the wheel is falling off. Not a good feeling in the stage, let me tell you. I try to survive and see what we can do."

**FRI 17:41 - SS10: LAPPI**Quickest so far, 1.4sec up on Latvala, and Lappi is the new rally leader! "Wow! The feeling is quite nice but I gave everything I could. I tried everything. I was pushing so much - and to be only 1.4ses quicker - it shows the quality of the competition!"

**FRI 17:39 - SS10: MEEKE**Quicker than Latvala at the opening split, he completes 17.8sec off the pace. His car is trailing a length of hay bale tape. He doesn't stop to explain what happened.

**FRI 17:36 - SS10: HANNINEN**His Toyota has rear left suspension damage - the wheel is running out of line. "I hit a rock about 6km before the finish. I need to go and have a look."

**FRI 17:34 - SS10: BREEN**"Couldn't find the grip in here, lost the brakes too halfway through."

**FRI 17:33 - SS10: SPLITS WATCH**Lappi is 4.1sec quicker than Latvala at the 6.9km split.

**FRI 17:32 - SS10: EVANS**"Everything was working better. Overall an improvement."

**FRI 17:30 - SS10: SORDO**26.1sec slower than Latvala. "Not enjoying it. My head is not in the race."

**FRI 17:29 - SS10: TANAK**Ott slots second quickest so far, 2.8sec off Latvala's pace.

**FRI 17:28 - SS10: LATVALA**A massive 11.1sec quicker than Neuville. His Toyota sporting slight right-rear damage. "Nothing serious, just clipped a bale."

**FRI 17:24 - SS10: NEUVILLE**He's through and eager to improve on his current ninth place.

**FRI 17:11 - STAGE INFO: SS10**Lankamaa, 21.68km. Another Rally Finland classic returning after a few years away, Lankamaa is not a jump-fest, but makes up for it in speed. A couple of new hay bale chicanes have been added this year to try and keep the average speeds down. The stage is notable too for a sandy-surface heath section at 8km which is particularly fast and demands accurate lines.

**FRI 17:11 - UP NEXT: SS10**Neuville will start the 21.68km Lankamaa at 1711hrs

**FRI 17:09 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS9**1.Huttunen 54m06.3s, 2.Loubet +22.9s, 3.Gilbert +37.4s, 4.Greensmith +52.7s, 5.Cave +56.3s

**FRI 16:52 - SS9: WRC 2 ARAI**He is struggling with an engine power problem related to the pop-off value.

**FRI 16:52 - SS9: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**He loses 36sec with a broken right-rear wheel and puncture. "The same problem like every time with me - my pace notes - the corner tightened and we went wide and hit something. Just like it did on the Autoglym Rally."

**FRI 16:49 - SS9: WRC 2 GILBERT**"I'm enjoying a lot. We are enjoying the battle for the podium. I keep trying."

**FRI 16:45 - FINLAND AFTER SS9**1.Latvala 50m17.5s, 2.Lappi +1.1s, 3.Suninen +15.1s, 4.Breen +19.5s, 5.Østberg +19.9s

**FRI 16:44 - SS9: AL QASSIMI**"We cannot really find a proper set-up. We are trying."

**FRI 16:41 - SS9: SUNINEN**Third quickest. "Pretty happy. No big issues, just braking too early in a few junctions. But still the time is okay."

**FRI 16:39 - SS9: OSTBERG**"Not so good in here. I couldn't find a good rhythm, and too much over steer. Just not good enough."

**FRI 16:38 - SS9: LAPPI**Quicker than Latvala by five-tenths, "Not much, but it's something. As a first pass it was a pretty good run - lots of places to improve tough. My driving so far is the best I have ever done." Lappi is now just 1.1sec off the rally lead.

**FRI 16:36 - SS9: MEEKE**8.9sec slower than Lappi. "I can't trust the grip and when you start to hesitate it quickly unravels. What can I do? I don't know. What I can't do is put it in the trees."

**FRI 16:34 - SS9: HANNINEN**4.4sec off the pace, most of which was lost in the opening split. "I made a mistake near the start. Late on the brakes and missed a junction."

**FRI 16:32 - SS9: BREEN**"I struggled in here, probably the worst stage of the rally so far. My pace notes were not the best, in this rally you have to be absolutely correct all the time. The next stages are more familiar to me."

**FRI 16:29 - SS9: EVANS**"I was struggling for the grip in here. Very wet and slippery in some places. Drier in others. Hard to get the confidence."

**FRI 16:28 - SS9: SORDO**"A lot of grip here, a nice stage. You can go very fast here." Sordo sounds rather flat to be 11.3sec off the pace.

**FRI 16:26 - SS9: TANAK**"Not taking any risks, but it's not too easy to take it steady. There's no longer the motivation of pushing for a win but I'm still trying to do my job."

**FRI 16:24 - WEATHER UPDATE**The rain has stopped. The sun is out.

**FRI 16:24 - SS9: LATVALA**"Slippery now, but not too dramatic. I have to be very focused all the time. I know I need to fight with Esapekka, but I'm in a difficult [road] position here. I know the grip will improve for him."

**FRI 16:22 - SS9: NEUVILLE**"It's okay. I try to drive fast but of course now I'm not taking the big risks. I think I'm driving well, but the times are a bit disappointing. I can't go much faster but we're not able to match the others."

**FRI 15:58 - STAGE INFO: SS9**Laukaa 1, 11.76km. Back in the rally after a six-year break, Laukaa mixes high-speed roads and flowing crests with a two-kilometre sequence of short straights and tight bends from the 1.7km point. Also notable is the tightening lefthander over a crest at 7.4km that has caused problems in the past. Accurate pace notes are vital here, as is plenty of bravery for the final flat-out sprint to the finish.

**FRI 15:57 - NEXT STAGE: 1613HRS**That's Neuville's start time for Laukaa. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 15:46 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS8**1.Huttunen 47m51.1s, 2.GreenSmith +13.2s, 3.Loubet +17.6s, 4.Gilbert +34.1s, 5.Cave +45.5s

**FRI 15:42 - SS8: WRC 2 CAVES**Sixth quickest on stage, but that's enough for him to relegate Arai from fifth.

**FRI 15:40 - SS8: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**The category leader is second quickest so far: "Very slippery, a couple of mistakes but it's okay."

**FRI 15:38 - SS8: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"We made some changes in service and they are going in the right direction. I think tomorrow will be better for us."

**FRI 15:36 - SS8: WRC 2 ARAI**"We're losing power in places, it's hard to find a comfortable rhythm like this."

**FRI 15:34 - SS8: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Quickest so far of the WRC 2 runners. "Really slippery in there. I've taken a gamble on the set-up this afternoon which might not pay off immediately." GreenSmith reveals that he had a broken driveshaft on the last stage before service."

**FRI 15:31 - FINLAND AFTER SS8**1.Latvala 44m26.0s, 2.Lappi +1.6s, 3.Suninen +13.2s, 4.Østberg +14.0s, 5.Breen +14.5s

**FRI 15:27 - SS8: AL QASSIMI**"Very slippy. I was backing off."

**FRI 15:26 - SS8: SUNINEN**Fastest! And that's another stage win for the Finn who moves up from fifth to third place. "That's good because it was difficult in the rain. Three Finns in the top-three is good but there's a long way to go."

**FRI 15:24 - SS8: OSTBERG**Fifth quickest here and locked in a tight battle for third with Suninen and Breen. "It's very close for sure. A big fight and not easy to take a lot of time."

**FRI 15:22 - SS8: LAPPI**Lappi sets exactly the same time as Latvala. "I was expecting to lose some time here - the road is getting muddier and more slippery with each car." Toyota drivers occupy the top three stage times so far.

**FRI 15:20 - SS8: MEEKE**"I struggled in here a lot. Just couldn't feel the grip, and when you start hesitating it gets worse. That's down to me, but once you do that it's over."

**FRI 15:17 - SS8: HANNINEN**Fastest so far. Nine-tenths quicker than his Toyota team-mate Latvala. "Pretty good, yeah. A positive change from the morning. We made some changes in service. Maybe they would have helped us in the morning too."

**FRI 15:15 - SS8: BREEN**"I didn't take full advantage of the grip I had. Too careful in places. Not so bad."

**FRI 15:14 - SS8: EVANS**"The rain hasn't added to the [understeer] problem. It's difficult to judge but it could be a bit better. With such inconsistent grip the road is difficult to read."

**FRI 15:12 - SS8: SORDO**7.8sec slower than stage leader Latvala. "The car is good but like this morning we are losing time all the time."

**FRI 15:10 - SS8: TANAK**"Tricky, eh? It looked like there was good grip, but it's not so easy to drive. In my position [11th place] it isn't going to make much difference."

**FRI 15:08 - SS8: LATVALA**"Not too bad. A little bit of rain but it's exciting."

**FRI 15:06 - SS8: NEUVILLE**"No grip, the road surface is so hard, I really struggled. Sliding a lot."

**FRI 15:05 - WEATHER UPDATE**Grey skies and heavy rain showers at the stage end of SS8.

**FRI 15:04 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the afternoon loop. Exactly same as the morning.

**FRI 15:02 - STAGE INFO: SS8**Äänekoski-Valtra 1, 7.39km. Back in the rally last year for the first time since 1980, Äänekoski-Valtra is a fast road, almost two cars wide from start to finish, that zig-zags between fields and houses. Not known as a particularly challenging test except for a sharp right bend over a crest after 1.6km which tightens, and an equally tricky tightening left between the trees at 3km. Last year, Yazeed Al Rajhi finished this stage in spectacular style – crossing the finish line sliding on his roof.

**FRI 15:01 - WELCOME BACK**SS8 is live!

**FRI 12:59 - NEXT STAGE: 1500HRS**That's when Neuville will start the first stage of the afternoon loop - Äänekoski-Valtra. We'll take a break until then.

**FRI 12:52 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are en route to Jyväskylä for the midpoint 30-minute service. You can watch teams re-prepare the cars via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

**FRI 12:50 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS7**1.Huttunen 44m10.7s, 2.Greensmith +13.9s, 3.Loubet +15.1s, 4.Gilbert +30.2s, 5.Arai +40.9s

**FRI 12:37 - SS7: WRC 2 CAVE**"Really bad rain in there. Rain was being sprayed in my eyes by the heater vent. The car is full of water. It's like Rally GB."

**FRI 12:36 - SS7: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**Leading the category but not sounding satisfied. "We tried to keep it clean but we are not the fastest R5."

**FRI 12:34 - SS7: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"I just haven't had the feeling today. Now we get to service and start a brand new race after that."

**FRI 12:33 - SS7: WRC 2 ARAI**"Very fast and hard to see the line in the rain. Maybe too careful in places. It's okay. We're going step by step."

**FRI 12:31 - SS7: WRC 2 LOUBET**Ends the morning loop third in WRC 2, 1.2sec behind Greensmith. "A good performance this morning. We try and continue to push this afternoon."

**FRI 12:27 - SS7: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**"A difficult morning for me and everyone I think. Now we have service and I hope we can find a more comfortable set-up for these fantastic stages."

**FRI 12:25 - FINLAND AFTER SS7**1.Latvala 40m57.5s, 2.Lappi +1.6s, 3.Østberg +13.8s, 4.Breen +14.2s, 5.Suninen +14.3s

**FRI 12:23 - SS7: AL QASSIMI**"In the rain near the start the surface was so shiny and slippery."

**FRI 12:22 - SS7: SUNINEN**"A lot of rain at the beginning and at the end. In places it was difficult to see, only 100 or 150 metres in sixth gear is not good."

**FRI 12:20 - SS7: OSTBERG**Third quickest so far and Mads is up to third in the overall standings. "That's good. A good stage for me but tricky with the rain, it was really heavy for the first kilometre. I felt I had a good rhythm."

**FRI 12:16 - SS7: LAPPI**Quickest so far, six-tenths faster than his Toyota team-mate Latvala. Lappi is now just 1.6sec off the rally lead. "It went well. I could feel the grip was changing a lot but that's how it is in rally. After the caution on the first stage it's been a good step up this morning. It feels good. Still a really long way to go."

**FRI 12:15 - SS7: MEEKE**"I can't place the car like I want to. I just can't do the right thing. Okay, we have to get back to service and see what we can do."

**FRI 12:13 - SS7: HANNINEN**"I would say an okay morning, pretty happy with the car. Now we need to concentrate and do the same in the afternoon. This rain could make it interesting."

**FRI 12:11 - WEATHER UPDATE**Rain falling at the end of SS7.

**FRI 12:11 - SS7: BREEN**"Okay. I have some things to think about when I get back to service. A good loop, but I struggled with the car more as the loop progressed. It's good to be in the fight for the podium and not to have made any mistakes."

**FRI 12:08 - SS7: EVANS**"It felt a little bit better. The balance changed early in this stage for some reason, but the understeer is really hampering my confidence and you need that here. Hopefully we can improve things in service."

**FRI 12:04 - SS7: SORDO**"Very fast but when you don't have a good feeling you lose a lot. Okay, I'm still here but I'm not fast enough."

**FRI 12:03 - SS7: LATVALA**Quickest so far. "A great start and the fight is tight. Esapekka is pushing hard. Here was better than the previous stage where I didn't have a great rhythm."

**FRI 12:02 - SS7: TANAK**"A tricky stage. First time through I was pretty slow, so a bit unknown. All I can do now is carry on and see what happens."

**FRI 12:00 - SS7: NEUVILLE**"Good. I tried to push hard but obviously there was lots of gravel on the road now and the rear was sliding wide. We used every inch of the road. Our main contender [Ogier] now is out. We have to be in the top five this weekend. That's our goal."

**FRI 11:33 - STAGE INFO: SS7**Jukojärvi 2, 21.31km. Jukojärvi features many different types of roads that each demand their own driving rhythm. Drivers that can quickly adjust from driving flat-out to threading their cars between rocks and trees will do well here. The opening 4.2km are blisteringly fast, before the stage turns on to a smaller road and gets more technical. It's the classic Jukojärvi stage to the 13.7km point, and a recent addition from then on - run for the first time in this direction.

**FRI 11:32 - STANDBY FOR SS7**The last stage of the morning loop. Neuville is scheduled to start at 1142hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 11:31 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS6**1.Huttunen 33m15.5s, 2.Greensmith +6.2s, 3.Loubet +13.8s, 4.Arai +22.7s, 5.Gilbert +24.9s

**FRI 11:13 - FINLAND AFTER SS6**F1.Latvala 30m59.7s, 2.Lappi +2.2s, 3.Breen +9.0s, 4.Suninen +9.3s, 5.Østberg +10.5s

**FRI 11:11 - SS6: SUNINEN**Seventh quickest on this stage keeps him fourth in the standings, three tenths behind Breen. Top five coming up

**FRI 11:07 - SS6: LAPPI**The Finn lowers the stage time benchmark. He's quickest so far, 1.8sec up on Tanak. Latvala still heads the overall standings, but Lappi is now just 2.2sec behind.

**FRI 11:01 - SS6: BREEN**Third quickest so far. Hanninen, Evans and Sordo also through safely.

**FRI 10:55 - SS6: TANAK**Quickest so far, 1.2sec faster than Latvala. No driver quotes for now. We will bring you them when we can establish a connection.

**FRI 10:50 - SS6: LATVALA**Our rally leader completes 3.2sec quicker than Neuville.

**FRI 10:49 - SS6: NEUVILLE**He's through in 5m55.9s

**FRI 10:42 - SS6: LIVE**We cross straight over to the next stage - the repeat of Urria - Neuville is underway.

**FRI 10:40 - FINLAND AFTER SS5**:1.Latvala 25m07.0s, 2.Lappi +5.2s, 3.Breen +8.7s, 4.Suninen +8.9s, 5.Ostberg +11.3s

**FRI 10:38 - SS5: SUNINEN**Fifth quickest here and he remains fourth in the standings. "A few cuts in here, but you have to do that to be fast. At the moment I can be happy, although I'm still disappointed about last night's city stage." Suninen is almost as self critical as Lappi.

**FRI 10:33 - SS5: OSTBERG**Third quickest so far and there is a big smile on Mads' face.

**FRI 10:33 - SS5: LAPPI**Fastest so far and a psychology lesson from Esapekka. "It was quite okay but I made two mistakes. Still, the time is okay." Why so critical after such a great start? "There's a long way still to do. I must beat myself up to stay concentrated."

**FRI 10:30 - SS5: MEEKE**"Just when you want to give a bit of energy, it [the car] doesn't give it back. This stage had a different nature. I'm still trying to figure things out."

**FRI 10:27 - SS5: HANNINEN**"Better grip than the first one."

**FRI 10:26 - PADDON UPDATE**After his previous stage exit: "It's a fine line in Finland, ran bit wide and unfortunately hit a rock. Broken suspension = out for day, big shame when all going well."

**FRI 10:25 - SS5: BREEN**Second quickest so far, but still uncomfortable in the C3. "I didn't have a good feeling in there. There is something strange with the front of the car."

**FRI 10:21 - SS5: EVANS**"It was dry but quite loose in places. A few surprises with the grip."

**FRI 10:19 - SS5: SORDO**The grip is much better than the first pass earlier today.

**FRI 10:18 - SS5: TANAK**A smoother run than on SS4 and Ott completes eight-tenths slower than Latvala. "We had one wiper stuck in the middle of the windscreen. I struggled, got distracted and missed a junction."

**FRI 10:16 - SS5: LATVALA**3.4sec quicker than Neuville. "It was okay. The stage was in good condition, it's held up well and I was pleased to see that. The car feels good. Everything is good for the moment. Hey, a long way to go."

**FRI 10:14 - SS5: NEUVILLE**He completes in 3m40.0s. "It's okay but I'm not so happy with the car. It's moving too much up and down, it's not so nice. We try to improve. The earlier noise is okay now - just the sump guard touching."

**FRI 10:02 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS4**1.Huttunen 23m05.5s, 2.Greensmith +3.4s, 3.Loubet +8.0s, 4.Arai +15.9s, 5.Gilbert +17.2s. Nordgren time loss

**FRI 09:58 - SS4: WRC 2 NORDGREN**More problems for the Future Star, who reported a front-left issue after SS3. He drops 2m22s.

**FRI 09:52 - STAGE INFO: SS5**Halinen 2, 7.65km. First run in 2016, this is a tricky stage on narrow roads sometimes barely wider than the cars. Grass verges encourage cutting, but stones are hidden in almost every bend. The first section contains many crests and corners but with few actual jumps. That changes at 5km where a long straight ends with a massive jump. The stage has been extended by a few hundred metres this last year and that has added a couple of extra crests into the mix.

**FRI 09:52 - STANDBY FOR SS5**WRC live tracking shows cars gathering at the pre-start area. New stage opener Neuville is due to get the green light at 1008hrs. Stage notes coming up.



**FRI 09:47 - OGIER UPDATE**Picture of the right-rear damage to Ogier's car.

**FRI 09:38 - OGIER UPDATE**News from M-Sport: 'Damaged suspension after a heavy landing towards the end of SS4. He'll go no further today but we aim for Rally 2'

**FRI 09:33 - OGIER UPDATE**Crew okay. Ogier giving an interview to WRC TV at the scene. More news shortly.

**FRI 09:27 - SS4: AL QASSIMI**"Spin and a stall in a junction"

**FRI 09:27 - FINLAND AFTER SS4**1.Latvala 21m30.4s, 2.Lappi +5.3s, 3.Breen +8.1s, 4.Suninen +8.3s, 5.Ostberg +10.9s. Ogier / Paddon stop. Tanak damage

**FRI 09:24 - SS4: SUNINEN**"A bit careful because many drivers had problems and broke their cars here. I drove carefully."

**FRI 09:22 - SS4: OSTBERG**"It was okay. I struggled to find the rhythm. Not happy with my driving on the wide road."

**FRI 09:20 - SS4: LAPPI**Quickest so far, 1.3sec up on Latvala, and it looks like a stage win for Esapekka.

**FRI 09:18 - SS4: MEEKE**Fourth quickest. "It felt really uncomfortable with the car in there - on the wide wide especially. I can't get the feeling I had last year."

**FRI 09:16 - SS4: HANNINEN**Second quickest to Latvala. "No big dramas"

**FRI 09:15 - SS4: BREEN**A decent time but there's a problem with the Irishman's C3. "We had a big landing over a jump and something - I don't know what - is wrong with the front. I hope to God it's not the suspension."

**FRI 09:10 - SS4: EVANS**"Not massively confident. The grip level is changing a lot. It's difficult to commit with so much understeer."

**FRI 09:09 - SS4: PADDON UPDATE**Hyundai confirm right-rear damage. He's out for the day.

**FRI 09:08 - SS4: TANAK**He completes with a broken right-rear wheel and wrecked tyre. He's lost 1m34sec - and the rally lead - to Latvala. "It happened in the first corner - a bit wide onto rocks. We lost the drive shaft and then a puncture."

**FRI 09:05 - SS4: OGIER UPDATE**WRC TV crew reports a wheel missing. Car in the trees.

**FRI 09:04 - SS4: LATVALA**9.1sec quicker than Neuville. "The most difficult stage of the morning."

**FRI 09:03 - SS4: NEUVILLE**He's through but has concerns about noises from his car.

**FRI 09:02 - SS4: PADDON**WRC Live tracking shows his Hyundai stopped at 1.9km

**FRI 09:00 - SS4: OGIER**WRC Live tracking shows his Fiesta stopped at the 20.3km point!

**FRI 08:59 - SS4: TANAK**Has lost 25.0sec to his rivals in the opening split!

**FRI 08:58 - SS4: SPLITS WATCH**Neuville 2.2sec slower than Ogier at 13.2km

**FRI 08:41 - STAGE INFO: SS4**Jukojärvi 1, 21.31km. Jukojärvi features many different types of roads that each demand their own driving rhythm. Drivers that can quickly adjust from driving flat-out to threading their cars between rocks and trees will do well here. The opening 4.2km are blisteringly fast, before the stage turns on to a smaller road and gets more technical. It's the classic Jukojärvi stage to the 13.7km point, and a recent addition from then on - run for the first time in this direction.

**FRI 08:40 - STANDBY FOR SS4**Ogier is scheduled to start at 0848hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 08:39 - SS3: WRC 2 KATSUTA**Didn't start the stage. More news when we get it.

**FRI 08:38 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS31.**Huttunen 12m14.8s, 2.Loubet +0.3s, 3.Nordgren +2.4s, 4.Greensmith +2.5s, 5.Arai +5.4s

**FRI 08:33 - SS3: WRC 2 CAVE**"Hard to pick a good line and settle into the right rhythm."

**FRI 08:32 - SS3: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN**Quickest so far and he takes the category lead. "I don't like this car at the moment - oversteering."

**FRI 08:31 - SS3: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"We have some problems with the front-left. We must go and check."

**FRI 08:28 - SS3: WRC 2 LOUBET**Moves ahead of Greensmith in the standings. "We did a really good stage. Clean, no mistakes. We continue like this."

**FRI 08:27 - SS3: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**The category leader after the previous stage. "All fine but my pace notes are way too slow. Far too cautious. Once we take the slower bits out of the notes we'll be fine."

**FRI 08:26 - SS3: WRC 2 GILBERT**"Okay. We check the pace notes. We slide a lot, maybe the set-up is too hard."

**FRI 08:23 - SS3: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**"Not a good morning. Not a good feeling with the set-up. Too stiff I think. We'll take a look in service."

**FRI 08:22 - FINLAND AFTER SS31.**Tanak 11m22.5s, 2.Latvala +0.3s, 3.Paddon +1.1s, 4.Breen +1.8s, 5.Suninen +3.5s

**FRI 08:20 - SS3: AL QASSIMI**"I don't have the confidence to push."

**FRI 08:17 - SS3: SUNINEN**Third quickest. "I'm having fun with this extremely quick car on these roads. I hope I can learn a lot more this week."

**FRI 08:15 - SS3: OSTBERG**"It's a beautiful stage. I've missed it. Nice that it's back. I was too careful over the jump. Apologies to all the spectators."

**FRI 08:13 - SS3: LAPPI**Second quickest. "Not too cautious this time. We pushed more and it feels comfortable. No mistakes and still lot of places to improve."

**FRI 08:12 - SS3: MEEKE**5.3sec off the pace. "I last drove this stage seven or eight years ago so I have very little knowledge of it. You really need to get your speed right. I knew halfway through I didn't have the confidence."

**FRI 08:09 - SS3: HANNINEN**"We lost a bit of time in here, too careful at the start. We need to focus on the next stage"

**FRI 08:06 - SS3: BREEN**"Mediocre. In some places I'm too hesitant."

**FRI 08:06 - SS3: PADDON**Six-tenths slower than Latvala. "Quite a big moment in there, after a jump we used to take flat-out. We had a big jump and at the next corner we almost went off into the trees. That put me off for the rest of the stage. A good way to wake up!"

**FRI 08:02 - SS3: EVANS**"Struggling quite a lot with understeer."

**FRI 08:01 - SS3: SORDO**9.2sec off the pace here. "Difficult to judge the speed in there."

**FRI 07:59 - SS3: TANAK**Second quickest so far in M-Sport's second Fiesta. "No problems for me, the engine is running fine. Not very happy with the pace notes but that's okay, we can change them."

**FRI 07:57 - SS3: LATVALA**Quickest so far. "The grip was better here. Some sections with good grip and others that are very slippery."

**FRI 07:56 - SS3: NEUVILLE**Slower than Ogier again - by 1.6sec despite Ogier's problems. "I have the same feeling, not feeling much power. The ground is much more loose, taking power away. A better stage [than before] but I don't need to fight for the win here, It's the right pace for now."

**FRI 07:53 - SS3: OGIER**He completes in 6m01.3s but looks concerned. "Not so good, we have some engine problem, the throttle is not responding. Losing some time."

**FRI 07:47 - STAGE INFO: SS3**Urria 1, 12.75km. Last used in 2012, Urria is a flat-out Finnish classic loved by local drivers. Former Ford pilot Mikko Hirvonen still rates it as his favourite stage, even though he rolled his Ford Focus into a ball here in 2010. Similar in character to the legendary Ouninpohja, but not quite as technical, the stage has a mix of small roads that can become rutted on the second pass, and a wider 'big road' section full of high-speed corners, jumps and crests.

**FRI 07:46 - SS2: GORBAN**Cleanly through. His MINI working well after a crash at yesterday's shakedown.

**FRI 07:45 - NEXT STAGE: 0745HRS**That's Ogier's start time for SS3 Urria - just 14km away from the end of Halinen. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 07:44 - SS2: AL QASSIMI**"Too much sideways. So difficult to control the car - it's so tail happy."

**FRI 07:42 - SS2: SUNINEN**Quickest! The Finnish youngster faster than Meeke by one-tenth. That's the second stage win of his career on only his second event in a World Rally Car. "That's good but still the race is really tight. I need to improve my driving. I think I can improve." Impressive stuff.

**FRI 07:40 - SS2: OSTBERG**Ninth quickest. "Quite okay. Yeah, a tricky first stage. Difficult to judge the grip. I'm pleased with where I am."

**FRI 07:38 - SS2: LAPPI**Tenth quickest, 3.3sec off the pace. "I was on the safe side all the time. The guys ahead are cutting like hell. I know it now for the next one."

**FRI 07:37 - SS2: MEEKE**Quickest through so far. "Yeah, by just a few tenths. On this rally it will be tenths separating everyone. It's going to be a long day - we'll have to be on it. No road cleaning, humid all the way through. Normal."

**FRI 07:34 - SS2: HANNINEN**Quick on the splits, but he completes sixth fastest. "It's okay, but tricky and slippery. I'm just finding the rhythm."

**FRI 07:32 - SS2: BREEN**Fourth quickest, six-tenths off Paddon's time, but he wanted more "On this rally you just have to be so committed. Lift off the throttle at all and you pay for it. Okay, [the time is] in the ball park but the level is so high here."

**FRI 07:30 - SS2: PADDON**Quickest by one-tenth from Latvala. "A good way to wake up. Nice and fast. A bit of humidity on the road made it a bit slippery. I enjoyed it. No risks, just trying to keep it nice and smooth."

**FRI 07:27 - SS2: EVANS**The Welshman slots fourth quickest of the six cars through. "Definitely a wake up call. A great stage, a bit slippery in places but otherwise okay."

**FRI 07:26 - SS2: SORDO**Slowest so far, 6.2sec off the pace. "I enjoyed it but I'm not fast enough. I lost a lot of time. Okay, it's only the first stage."

**FRI 07:24 - SS2: TANAK**Five-tenths slower than Latvala. "A nice stage but surprisingly slippery - especially the beginning where there was quite a lot of loose. Not so bad."

**FRI 07:22 - SS2: LATVALA**Quickest so far by one-tenth. "Okay but surprisingly slippery. I was expecting better grip. It's down to the early morning dew I think."

**FRI 07:20 - SS2: NEUVILLE**Not the start he wanted - 4.8sec SLOWER than Ogier. The car looks okay. Anything wrong? "I don't know. Maybe I was not committed enough. We have to go faster. We can go faster." And Ogier's time? "That was a surprise."

**FRI 07:18 - SS2: OGIER**First through in 3m40.2s, "Okay. The early morning conditions are okay. A little damp, and that's good. I'd have liked more but that's how it is."

**FRI 07:12 - SS2: WE'RE OFF!**Ogier's Fiesta blasts away from the line.

**FRI 07:11 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the morning loop.

**FRI 07:06 - STAGE INFO: SS2**Halinen 1, 7.65km. First run in 2016, this is a tricky stage on narrow roads sometimes barely wider than the cars. Grass verges encourage cutting, but stones are hidden in almost every bend. The first section contains many crests and corners but with few actual jumps. That changes at 5km where a long straight ends with a massive jump. The stage has been extended by a few hundred metres this year and that has added a couple of extra crests into the mix.

**FRI 07:06 - START INTERVALS**Drivers will tackle today's stages at two-minute intervals

**FRI 07:05 - STANDBY FOR SS2**Friday's opener is scheduled to start at 0712hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 07:05 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becc Williams just behind us in the studio and Emyr Penlan and Colin Clark reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**FRI 07:05 - FRIDAY'S RUNNING ORDER**Championship order today, which puts Sébastien Ogier through first. Here's how the WRC drivers will line up: 1.Ogier, 2.Neuville, 3.Latvala, 4.Tänak, 5.Sordo, 6.Evans, 7.Paddon, 8.Breen, 9.Hänninen, 10.Meeke, 11.Lappi, 12.Østberg, 13.Suninen, 14.Al Qassimi

**FRI 07:04 - WEATHER UPDATE**Lovely so far here in Jyväskylä, but the forecast shows a change might be on the way later this afternoon. Currently a mix of blue sky and clouds with a temperature is 13°C. Rain possible later.

**FRI 07:03 - TIME REMINDER**All times quoted here are local. And in Finland that's (UTC +3hrs)

**FRI 07:01 - COMING UP TODAY**Drivers face a marathon of almost 16 hours at the wheel as the rally enters the forests for the first time. They will tackle 12 stages covering 145.71km

**FRI 07:00 - WE'RE IN POSITION**At the heart of the service park, to bring you all today's stage news LIVE on wrc.com and the WRC App

**FRI 07:00 - GOOD MORNING**From Jyvaskyla, and welcome back to our live text coverage of Neste Rally Finland

**THU 21:33 - WE WILL RETURN**On Friday to bring you coverage of the first full day of competition. And it's going to be a marathon. We'll be here from 0700hrs (local) ready for the first of 12 stages, which gets underway at 0712hrs. Bye for now!

**THU 21:30 - STAGE COMPLETE**With no major upsets, and that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Finland tonight

**THU 21:29 - FINLAND WRC 2 AFTER SS1**1.Scandola 1m51.7s, 2.Loubet +0.5s, 3.Gilbert +1.1s, 4.Greensmith +1.2s, 5.Andolfi +1.4s

**THU 21:26 - SS1: WRC 2 SCANDOLA**Last driver through, the Italian bags the quickest WRC 2 time and the overnight category lead. Loubet is second, with Gilbert third.

**THU 21:15 - SS1: WRC 2 LOUBET**The Frenchman is the pace-setter so far in WRC 2. Gilbert is second with Greensmith third.

**THU 21:03 - WRC 2 ON STAGE**No more driver comments from this stage, but we will follow the times to bring you the overnight standings.

**THU 21:02 - FINLAND AFTER SS1**1.Tanak 1m44.1s, 2.Neuville +1.1s, 3.Ogier +1.5s, 4.Breen +1.6s, 5.Latvala +2.2s.

**THU 20:57 - SS1: OGIER**The champ slots third quickest, 1.5sec slower than his team-mate Tanak and four-tenths off Neuville's pace. "Here in Finland it's all about pushing. The pressure in normal. I've been on holiday, I feel completely relaxed and I come here with a full battery and ready to push."

**THU 20:54 - SS1: NEUVILLE**Second quickest so far, 1.2sec off Tanak's pace. "It's going to be a difficult event. The main thing is to enjoy it, stay in a close battle with Seb and finish ahead of him at the end."

**THU 20:51 - SS1: LATVALA**Cleanly through but 2.2sec slower than Tanak. "A fantastic feeling to start the rally. This stage is nice but difficult. It wasn't great on the first corner but otherwise I'm happy with how the car felt. Now we can start the rally properly."

**THU 20:47 - SS1: TANAKA**A terrific start for Ott who goes fastest so far, 1.6sec quicker than Breen. "This is the kind of event where you can smile! I have a good respect for these roads but when you have a good feeling it can be very enjoyable."

**THU 20:44 - SS1: SORDO**"It was okay. I will try and do my best this weekend."

**THU 20:43 - SS1: EVANS**Fifth-quickest and trying to reset after missing his pre-event test when Ogier crashed the car he was due to use. "Okay, not the best preparations, but we have to forget that now and get on with driving the car."

**THU 20:39 - SS1: PADDON**Nine-tenths slower than Breen. "We've got to keep calm and keep our expectations in check. This weekend we're going to run our own rally, keep it natural. If the feeling's there, we want to be fighting up there for a podium."

**THU 20:36 - SS1: BREEN**Quickest so far. That's a great start for Craig after a miserable run last time out in Poland. "It feels awesome to be here again. I remember last year saying it was like driving a PlayStation. Well, now I feel I have my PlayStation back again. The guys have worked wonders with the car. I can't wait until tomorrow! "

**THU 20:33 - SS1: HANNINEN**His car looks straight after his Shakedown shunt. Quickest so far suggests it's running well too. Does he have much of a local advantage this weekend? "Not such a big advantage, no, but for sure we will try."

**THU 20:30 - SS1: MEEKE**Last year's Finland winner goes quickest so far in 1m47.1s. "This is a difficult street stage where you don't want to make a mistake. For sure others will be faster, but it's more important not to lose time here."

**THU 20:27 - SS1: LAPPI**That's the first stage clear for the Finnish rising star, but he has concerns about one of the chicanes. "I think somebody ahead had hit the tyres and moved them."

**THU 20:25 - SS1: OSTBERG**Quickest so far, alongside new co-driver Torstein Eriksen. "I'm really looking forward to starting the stages tomorrow, but also Shakedown and even in here were fun. I'm really wound up! It's really enjoyable and I'm please to be able to experience it with a good friend and an excellent co-driver."

**THU 20:20 - SS1: AL QASSIMI**The Citroen team patron back for his second WRC appearance of the year. His first was in Portugal in May. He's five seconds off Suninen's pace. "Always a special atmosphere here. It's unique. I'm happy to be here."

**THU 20:17 - SS1: SUNINEN**The 2014 Future Rally Star of Finland goes quickest so far in his 2017-spec Fiesta WRC. "A clean run but nothing else. Careful in many braking places but hopefully we didn't lose more than two or three seconds."

**THU 20:15 - SS1: WRC 2 NORDGREN** Like Huttunen, a winner of the "Future Rally Star of Finland" award. "Only my third WRC rally but the feeling is awesome!" he says.

**THU 20:11 - SS1: WRC 2 HUTTUNEN** He's through, 3.9sec slower than Camilli. What are his goals for the weekend ahead? "I'm hoping for a clean rally and we'll see what happens."

**THU 20:09 - SS1: TIME TO BEAT** Ford Fiesta R5 driver Eric Camilli is quickest so far. His time: 1m50.6s.

**THU 20:08 - SS1: WE'RE OFF!** Huttunen's Skoda blasts away from the line.

**THU 20:06 - STAGE INFO: SS1** Harju 1, 2.31km. Neste Rally Finland kicks off with the short Harju test near the centre of host town Jyväskylä. It returned to the itinerary in 2014 following a 16-year lay-off, and is used in virtually the same format as last year. It's a mix of asphalt roads and gravel tracks, and drivers must take care at a fast and tricky downhill descent into a tight turn between trees.



**THU 20:05 - REMEMBERING TIMO** Flying Finn Timo Mäkinen was remembered earlier tonight when a selection of his cars were driven through the stage. We like this fan's personal tribute too.

**THU 20:03 - SS1: START INTERVALS** Two-minute intervals for tonight's stage.

**THU 20:02 - TYRE CHOICES** Confirmation from Michelin that all its drivers have five soft-compound tyres except Meeke who is saving some weight by taking only four.

**THU 19:57 - THURSDAY'S RUNNING ORDER** A mixed order for tonight's stage. Local driver Sami Juusonen was first through, closely followed by the Junior WRC field. The World Rally Car runners will be led off by Teemu Suninen at 2014hrs. Here's how the WRC drivers will line up: 1.Suninen, 2.Al Qassimi, 3.Østberg, 4.Lappi, 5.Meeke, 6.Hänninen, 7.Breen, 8.Paddon, 9.Evans, 10.Sordo, 11.Tänak, 12.Latvala, 13.Neuville, 14.Ogier

**THU 19:49 - WRC LIVE** Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams and Emyr Penlan in the studio and Colin Clark reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**THU 19:49 - WEATHER UPDATE** It's a lovely evening here in Jyväskylä. Clear skies overhead, and with sunset not until 2215hrs there is still plenty of sunshine. The temperature is 19°C.

**THU 19:45 - THURSDAY'S ITINERARY** Just one stage tonight; the 2.31km city-centre based Harju, which serves as an urban warm up before the rally heads to the forests for the next few days.

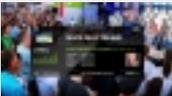
**THU 19:45 - WELCOME BACK** We're LIVE on wrc.com and the WRC App to bring you all the stage news from our vantage point here in the Jyväskylä service park

**THU 19:31 - WATCH SS1** WRC users can watch tonight's stage action LIVE. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

**THU 18:41 - LIVE TEXT SCHEDULE** We will start our coverage when the WRC 2 drivers take to the stage. First car for us will be the Skoda Fabia R5 of local rising star Jari Huttunen at 2008hrs local (UTC +3hrs).

**THU 18:40 - COMING UP TONIGHT** We will bring you live updates from Thursday's rally-opening Harju stage (SS1).

**THU 18:40 - HELLO FROM FINLAND!** Good evening live texters and welcome to our coverage of Neste Rally Finland, round nine of the FIA World Rally Championship.



**WED 17:34 - WRC LIVE RADIO AIRTIMES (UTC+3)** Thu - 27th July - 18:45 Fri - 28th July: 0700 Sat - 29th July: 0845 Sun - 30th July: 0900



**TUE 10:39 - WRC+ LIVE STAGES** 5 Stages will be LIVE, schedule @ wrcplus.com!

**TUE 10:33 - NESTE RALLY FINLAND 2017** Watch the 26min. Preview Magazine on wrcplus.com