

## ORLEN 74TH RALLY POLAND 29.06 – 2.07.2017

**SUN 14:13 - UNTIL THEN** Keep checking wrc.com for all the latest WRC news, as well as WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard library. Bye for now.

**SUN 14:12 - WE WILL RETURN** On Thursday 27 July when the championship reaches Finland for round nine - the fastest rally of the year. We hope you'll join us then.

**SUN 14:10 - FINISH CONTROL** And that's where we'll leave our live text service from Orlen 74th Rally Poland

**SUN 14:09 - POLAND J WRC FINAL** 1.Solans 3h17m47.0s, 2.Radstrom +15.4s, 3.Ciamin +2m41.8s, 4.Folb +3m52.4s, 5.Tannert +6m17.8s

**SUN 14:09 - POLAND WRC 2 FINAL** 1.Veiby 2h53m39.3s, 2.Tidemand +32.9s, 3.Gilbert +4m20.3s, 4.Guerra +7m04.9s, 5.Bonato +7m22.9s

**SUN 14:04 - SOLANS WINS JUNIOR WRC** The Spaniard makes it three wins from three rounds this year. Radstrom and Ciamin complete the Poland Junior WRC podium.



**SUN 13:39 - MANUFACTURERS' CHAMPIONSHIP** Standings after Orlen 74th Rally Poland



**SUN 13:38 - DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP** Standings after Orlen 74th Rally Poland

**SUN 13:36 - VEIBY SEALS WRC 2 WIN** The Norwegian clears the final stage with a 32.9sec lead over Tidemand in second. Gilbert takes third.

**SUN 13:30 - POWER STAGE RESULT** 1: Latvala 8m57.5s (5 points) 2: Ogier +4.9s (4 points) 3: Mikkelsen +5.3s (3 points) 4: Lefebvre +6.3s (2 points) 5: Neuville +6.4s (1 point)

**SUN 13:29 - POLAND WRC FINAL** 1.Neuville 2h40m46.1s, 2.Paddon +1m23.9s, 3.Ogier +2m20.8s, 4.Sordo +2m47.4s, 5.Lefebvre +3m11.8

**SUN 13:26 - SS23: NEUVILLE** "I'm really happy. We've been strong in the last couple of rallies. Our main goal was to catch points on Ogier and we've done that two events in a row. Closing up the gap is a good achievement. He's still the man to beat. For the last five rallies we've had to battle until the very last part of every stage. It was really, really tough. Here I was happy to finish the last stage a bit more relaxed with a bigger margin. The end of the championship will be really interesting and tough."

**SUN 13:16 - SS23: NEUVILLE** Thierry and Nicholas jump onto the roof of their car!

**SUN 13:14 - SS23: NEUVILLE WINS!** He takes victory by 1m23.9s from Paddon. His fan club and father are waiting at the finish. There is Champagne all over the place!

**SUN 13:13 - SS23: NEUVILLE**Our rally leader in stage.

**SUN 13:12 - SS23: PADDON**Seventh quickest on the Power Stage but it's a much needed second place overall. "A big relief. It feels like a win. You have no idea how hard this year has been. Huge thanks to the team, they've been really patient. This takes a lot of pressure off."

**SUN 13:09 - SS23: OGIER**Quicker than Latvala at the early split, but he completes 4.9sec slower. "The [front splitter] lip was damaged so the car is not at the optimum. I'm just happy to finish. Not a deserved podium, but that's how it is sometimes and you have to take it. I'm sorry for Ott, he did a fantastic job, super quick. Such a shame it ended like this for him."

**SUN 13:03 - SS23: SORDO**That's fourth place secured for Dani. "I can be positive, fourth place is good and I'm happy to score good manufacturers and drivers points. But for me, fourth is not what I expected. I want more, for next rally I will try to do my best."

**SUN 12:59 - SS23: SUNINEN**A mistake here and Suninen loses 5th place to Lefebvre. Still, plenty of positives to take from his World Rally Car debut. Not that he can see them yet. "I don't know what happened, I lost the rear - in the same place as Tanak I think - but I was able to keep the car on the road. Very disappointing to make a mistake in the last stage. "

**SUN 12:55 - SS23: LEFEBVRE**Some leading early splits, but Stephane completes third quickest to secure sixth place overall. That's the best result of a Citroen driver here - and Lefebvre is justifiably delighted. "I think this has been the best rally of my career so far! Thanks to my team and my engineer. I'm very happy. I have a good confidence with the car."

**SUN 12:51 - SS23: OSTBERG**Third quickest so far, 12.4sec off Latvala's leading time. Looks like seventh overall after a lacklustre weekend. "Not a perfect stage but I enjoyed the jump at the end."

**SUN 12:47 - SS23: EVANS**Cleanly through, 13.8sec off Latvala's pace, but Elfyns hold eighth position overall - 4.4sec ahead of Mikkelsen. "We wanted to stay in front if we could for the manufacturers points. That's good, but this has been a tough and long weekend. Hopefully there is some sunshine on its way and we can look forward to the next rally."

**SUN 12:43 - SS23: LATVALA**Quickest so far in 8m57.5s. After a mechanical-related retirement on Stage 16 he's desperate to salvage some bonus points here. "I had good focus for this stage, but there was a little rain at the beginning and it was more slippery than I thought. I went wide and lost some speed there. If the rain keeps going maybe it will be more difficult for the guys behind. Despite the retirement it has been a great weekend in many ways. The car and the speed have been good."

**SUN 12:38 - SS23: MIKKELSEN**His second event in the C3 blighted by broken suspension on stage five. He's quickest so far on the Power Stage. "We gave it a go. This stage is much more enjoyable with better grip. A clean stage and I'm happy to end the rally like this."

**SUN 12:35 - SS23: HANNINEN**Nine-tenths quicker than Breen. The end of a subdued event for Juho, who drove around a turbo boost problem for much of Saturday's leg - at least. "No big fight here. It's tenth or eleventh place."

**SUN 12:32 - SS23: BREEN**First to complete in his C3. It's been tough rally for Breen who plunged down the standings on Friday when his car lost rear-wheel drive and later struggled for confidence. "This rally has been one of the most difficult of my life. We all worked hard but it's been tough. This

rally has knocked my confidence. I have a big test now before Finland - I must remember [the podium] we got there last year."

**SUN 12:20 - SS23: STAGE CONDITIONS**Grey skies. Rain falling. Wipers on. Wet spectators.

**SUN 12:18 - SS23: GET SET!**We're up and running on WRC+. Breen's Citroën C3 is on the start line. He will be first to get underway at 1218hrs.

**SUN 12:11 - SS22: JUNIOR WRC FOLB**He drops two minutes stopping to change a puncture. He's going to lose his third place to Ciamin. "This is not my rally," says Folb.

**SUN 12:08 - SS22: JUNIOR WRC SOLANS**A puncture for the category leader costs him 17.2sec to closest rival Radstrom. His lead going into the final stage: 24.2sec.

**SUN 12:01 - SS23: START INTERVALS**The first nine cars will start at four-minute intervals. Ogier, Paddon and Neuville at five-minute intervals.

**SUN 11:59 - SS23: RUNNING ORDER**A few changes to suit the live TV schedule. Here's how the drivers will tackle the stage: 1.Breen, 2.Hänninen, 3.Mikkelsen, 4.Latvala, 5.Evans, 6.Østberg, 7.Lefebvre, 8.Suninen, 9.Sordo, 10.Ogier, 11.Paddon, 12.Neuville

**SUN 11:58 - STAGE INFO: SS23**Paprotki 2, 18.68km. Paprotki is back on the itinerary after being introduced two seasons ago. It is highly varied, with sandy gravel, asphalt and cobblestones offering differing challenges. The roads are narrow initially, but widen until a crossroads jump leads onto narrower tracks. In the village of Paprotki the route winds around a lake before a real motorway section full of jumps leads to the finish.

**SUN 11:54 - UP NEXT: POWER STAGE!**Crews are heading back to the start of Paprotki for the final, decisive stage. WRC users can watch this one via our live streaming service. First car on stage: 1218hrs.

**SUN 11:52 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS22**1.Veiby 2h43m50.0s, 2.Tidemand +41.3s, 3.Gilbert +4m08.6s, 4.Guerra +6m45.0s, 5. Bonato +6m58.8s

**SUN 11:52 - POLAND AFTER SS22**1.Neuville 2h31m42.2s, 2.Paddon +1m13.0s, 3.Ogier +2m22.3s, 4.Sordo +2m35.4s, 5.Suninen +2m53.7

**SUN 11:50 - SS22: WRC 2 BONATO**He's eight-tenths slower than Guerra here, and that puts him 13.6sec adrift heading to the final stage. "It's not finished - one more stage to go!"

**SUN 11:48 - SS22: WRC 2 GUERRA**Still locked in a close fight for fourth place with Bonato. "The first part was okay but not the second. Maybe we lose a few seconds to him here."

**SUN 11:45 - SS22: WRC 2 GILBERT**On course for third place in WRC 2. "Okay, one stage to go. The podium was what I wanted here."

**SUN 11:44 - SS22: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**The championship leader on course for a useful points haul here for second place. "I'm satisfied. It's been a tough event and second place would be good for the championship. Ole Christian has done very well. I always knew he was quick, but he has been consistent too. I'm happy. If I can manage to take this to the finish It will be good."

**SUN 11:39 - SS22: WRC 2 VEIBY**The WRC 2 leader through cleanly. "It's been a very great rally so far. Now just one stage to go. If we finish like this it will be the greatest high point in my career."

**SUN 11:29 - SS22: NEUVILLE**The rain has started again and Thierry has his wipers going at the finish. "One more stage to go. I took it quite calm in here compared to this morning. I felt well. I won't push on the Power Stage. There is no need to take risks." What did you tell Ott after the last stage? "I congratulated him for the job he did before the crash. He is one driver that is hard to beat."

**SUN 11:21 - SS22: PADDON**Paddon second overall now. "I'm sorry for Ott, it was a big battle there. He's obviously got the speed and it's going to be a big fight in Finland. We're just trying to have a clean rally. One more stage to go.

**SUN 11:19 - SS22: OGIER**Up to third following Tanak's exit, Ogier completes 11sec off the pace with grass stuffed into the front of his Fiesta. Have you been off? "Yeah, into a field. Really strange, in a fast corner the rear just snapped and kicked me off into a field. I have to go..."

**SUN 11:15 - SS22: SORDO**Second quickest so far and Dani's Hyundai has a front-right puncture. "Like yesterday it happened in the ruts, 3km from the end."

**SUN 11:12 - SS22: SUNINEN**Third quickest so far. "An okay time. Not the best, but in the ruts our sump guard was touching the ground a lot."

**SUN 11:09 - SS22: LEFBVRE**Fence post removed and tool box secured, it's a cleaner run for Stephane. "Better, but the ride height was wrong - we touched the sump guard a lot. Now we focus on the last stage. I think points are possible."

**SUN 11:05 - SS22: OSTBERG**"It's drying up. Cleaning quite a lot now."

**SUN 11:02 - SS22: EVANS**"Quite rough but drier than I expected. All in all not so bad."

**SUN 11:01 - SS22: MIKKELSEN**Quickest so far and Mikkelsen narrows the gap on Hanninen's 10th place to 4sec. "We pushed hard now. Let's see what the other guys can do but that's pretty much the maximum for the moment."

**SUN 10:56 - SS22: HANNINEN**"Quite deep ruts, no big surprise. Maybe the next one will be the same?"

**SUN 10:53 - SS22: BREEN**He's through, and with no rain since the earlier running he finds the conditions very different. "A hell of a lot easier than the first pass. It's dried up a lot."

**SUN 10:46 - SS22: LIVE**Breen is underway

**SUN 10:23 - UP NEXT: SS22**Crews are heading back to the start of Orzysz for the penultimate test. Breen's start time is 1045hrs. We'll take a live text break until then.

**SUN 10:20 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS21**1.Veiby 2h37m11.8s, 2.Tidemand +48.9s, 3.Gilbert +4m13.0s, 4.Guerra +6m37.8s, 5. Bonato +6m50.8s

**SUN 10:18 - POLAND AFTER SS21**1.Neuville 2h25m39.6s, 2.Paddon +1m03.3s, 3.Tänak +1m43.1s, 4.Ogier +2m08.9s, 5.Sordo +2m30.3. Tänak retires post stage.

**SUN 10:16 - SS21: WRC 2 BONATO**Bonato 2.2sec slower than Guerra here and he trails the Mexican by 12sec in the overall standings. Can he catch him? "We will see. Anything can happen, we try to push a little but not too hard."

**SUN 10:13 - SS21: WRC 2 GUERRA**"Everything is working well for these stages. We are fighting Bonato for fourth place. I'm feeling fast. Trying for flat-out in the second pass!"

**SUN 10:12 - SS21: WRC 2 GILBERT**A scary moment for the third place man in WRC 2. "We did a mistake. We hit something, stopped the engine and had to reverse. Okay though, no damage to the car I think."

**SUN 10:09 - SS21: CAMILLI**"I missed two braking points and had to reverse twice."

**SUN 10:08 - SS21: WRC 2 UPDATE**Tidemand 7.7sec quicker than leader Veiby here, but the gap remains 48sec with two stages to go. "It's all about securing the position now," says Veiby.

**SUN 10:06 - SS21: RAOUX**The WRC Trophy competitor is stopped in the stage. He is passed by rival Jourdain Serderidis "I think he gone off in a junction," says Serderidis. Raoux was second in the category.

**SUN 09:59 - TANAK UPDATE**It's game over. His car is going no further. Tanak says: "It happened in the only muddy place in the forest. I hit a bank with the rear and it pulled the front into a tree. That's it. You need to push hard if you want to win." His co-driver Martin adds: "Sometimes you lose, sometimes you win."

**SUN 09:55 - SS21: NEUVILLE**He's through. Quickest so far and now back in the lead. But his attention is on Tanak's sorry-looking Fiesta parked nearby. "I'm sorry for him. He did an unbelievable rally. Many people in here told me he was going to go off so I took it steady and I managed." Neuville heads off to offer his commiserations to Ott.

**SUN 09:51 - SS21: TANAK**He completes 1m44s off the pace and leaps straight out to have a look. The engine stops and Ott and his co-driver Martin have to push the car out of the time control.

**SUN 09:49 - SS21: TANAK**All four wheels appear to be running straight but the car is barely able to reach 100kph. The front end is badly crunched. The left headlamp is missing, the bonnet is buckled, is the cooling system damaged?

**SUN 09:47 - SS21: TANAK**He's moving again but not at full speed. His car has heavy front-left damage.

**SUN 09:46 - SS21: TANAK OFF!**Noooo!

**SUN 09:46 - SS21: PADDON**"A nice Sunday drive. Managing the gap"

**SUN 09:45 - SS21: OGIER**3.7sec quicker than Sordo here keeps Ogier 21.4sec ahead of him in the standings. "For sure we are not pushing. The only place we will is the Power Stage." There is some damage to the front left bodywork. "I didn't feel anything," he says.

**SUN 09:42 - SS21: SORDO**Fourth fastest and it sounds like Dani gave himself a fright in here. "There is a big tree on the outside of a very slippery right-hander near the start."

**SUN 09:37 - SS21: SUNINEN**11.6sec off the pace. "I stalled. I don't know what happened. Pretty good otherwise."

**SUN 09:36 - SS21: LEFEBVRE**Quickest so far and there's at least a metre of wooden fence post wedged in the front grille of his Citroen. Inside the car, Lefebvre has a tool roll under his brake pedal. "My fault - we worked on the car before the stage. The tools were under my feet - I lost my concentration." Onboard footage shows he clipped the fence on the apex to a right-hander.

**SUN 09:32 - SS21: SUNINEN**Loses a few seconds with a stall at the start.

**SUN 09:31 - SS21: OSTBERG**Second fastest. "I liked the jump! Difficult conditions though. Some big moments - even though I was on the safe side. I'm glad I'm not pushing to the limit."

**SUN 09:28 - SS21: EVANS**12.2sec slower than Breen. "A bit better overall, more sandy but still treacherous."

**SUN 09:26 - SS21: MIKKELSEN**He's through 27.7sec off the pace. "No grip in a braking [zone] and I just went straight. It was so slippery. I thought I braked early but I was just sliding."

**SUN 09:24 - SS21: MIKKELSEN**Onboards show an overshoot. He is back underway - his C3 trailing metres of red stage marker tape.

**SUN 09:22 - SS21: HANNINEN**8.6sec slower than Breen. "The grip is changing a lot."

**SUN 09:20 - SS21: BREEN**He's though in 9m19.8s. "That's actually not so bad. I made a few changes beforehand. I don't know if it was those or the road conditions that made the difference but I had a bit more confidence."

**SUN 09:17 - SS21: AMAZING ONBOARD!**These high speed narrow roads take absolute commitment to get right. The live WRC pictures from inside the cars on SS21 are as impressive as they are terrifying.

**SUN 09:11 - STAGE INFO: SS21**Paprotki 1, 18.68km. Paprotki is back on the itinerary after being introduced two seasons ago. It is highly varied, with sandy gravel, asphalt and cobblestones offering differing challenges. The roads are narrow initially, but widen until a crossroads jump leads onto narrower tracks. In the village of Paprotki the route winds around a lake before a real motorway section full of jumps leads to the finish.

**SUN 09:10 - SS21: LIVE**We cross straight over to the next stage. Breen is underway. WRC+ users can watch this one via our live streaming service. Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 09:08 - SS20: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**6.7sec quicker than Veiby here, and that puts him 56.6sec behind in the overall standings. "That's not going to be enough," he acknowledges. "Very tricky conditions. We just try to get to the finish. For the championship second would be good. It's what the team also wants, so that's the strategy."

**SUN 09:05 - SS20: WRC 2 VEIBY**A cautious approach for the WRC 2 leader. "Today's tactic is just to stay on the road. I was very careful in here, hopefully not too careful, but I was almost off the road twice. Let's see how Pontus does. Hopefully it should be fine."

**SUN 09:03 - SS20: TROPHY UPDATE**Gorban, Raoux and Serderidis through cleanly.

**SUN 08:59 - POLAND AFTER SS20**1.Tänak 2h16m39.7s, 2.Neuville +1.8s, 3.Paddon +42.3s, 4.Ogier +1m46.1s, 5.Sordo +2m03.8s. Tänak takes the lead.

**SUN 08:55 - SS20: LATVALA**Back after is retirement yesterday. "Very demanding at the start. An amazing job from Ott - I take my hat off to him. We are in a different position - only the Power Stage to fight for."

**SUN 08:53 - SS20: NEUVILLE**4.9sec SLOWER than Tanak, and Neuville loses the rally lead to his rival by 1.8sec. Is he angry? Seemingly not. "It's okay. I didn't take any risks in this one. Fast and smooth. I could have done more but in these conditions I didn't want to go off. I will continue in my rhythm and let's see where it gets us."

**SUN 08:50 - SS20: TANAK**An incredible split is followed by an incredible stage time - 15.6sec quicker than Suninen! "I tried my best but it was so slippery. In many places I was lucky to get back in the lines just in time." Tanak started the day trailing Neuville by 3.1sec. Neuville is 2.9sec slower at the midpoint split here. "I'm sure it will be close," Tanak says.

**SUN 08:46 - SS20: PADDON**"I'm taking it really easy, almost like a recce. Keeping it neat and tidy. Those guys behind are in for an exciting ride. It will be interesting see what happens."

**SUN 08:45 - SS20: OGIER**"So much fun" he grins. "Super tricky, some corners absolutely no grip. Not the best conditions to be fighting for the win. And I'm pushing too, I'm not completely safe, Dani is close behind." Ogier extends that gap by 5.9sec here to 17.7sec.

**SUN 08:40 - SS20: SORDO**"It was difficult and I lost a bit of time. It was very slippery and muddy, very easy to make a mistake."

**SUN 08:38 - SS20: SUNINEN**Teemu fans relax - his car has only light damage to the rear bumper. Better still, he's quickest so far. "Crazy stage. No grip at all. The last part was better. The time was okay."

**SUN 08:34 - SS20: LEFEBVRE**"Very slippy. I tried to push but nearly went off in the second corner. After that I was more calm."

**SUN 08:32 - SS20: SUNINEN**WRC TV crew at 3km reports rear-left damage to the Finn's Fiesta.

**SUN 08:31 - SS20: OSTBERG**A typical dose of sarcasm from Mads: "Quite nice, a clean dry line, I enjoyed it," he jokes.

**SUN 08:27 - SS20: EVANS**"Completely undriveable at the beginning. I just had to get it through."

**SUN 08:25 - SS20: MIKKELSEN**"We had a moment near the start and we nearly slipped off. After that I lost the confidence - I was too cautious."

**SUN 08:22 - SS20: HANNINEN**7.9sec quicker than Breen. "It's difficult to describe. The first part is nothing like driving a rally. So slippery - oy oy! It will be interesting on the second pass through. On Friday we thought it couldn't get any worse..."

**SUN 08:19 - SS20: BREEN**First on the road and first to complete. "Horrific. Really, really slippery. Worse even than we saw on Friday. I had a couple of moments early on and they really knocked my confidence."

**SUN 08:15 - STAGE INFO: SS20**Orzysz 1, 11.15km. A new stage for 2017. It is full of fast sections, jumps and technical parts and is very quick throughout. The roads are rutted in places, with grass down the middle in the narrower less-used parts. Many sections are also lined by tall grass, which restricts visibility.

**SUN 08:14 - SS20: LIVE!**Breen started on schedule at 0810hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 08:12 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all of its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the loop. No surprise given the cold and wet conditions.

**SUN 08:11 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio and Colin Clark and Emyr Penlan reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**SUN 08:11 - SUNDAY'S RUNNING ORDER**Leading crews will tackle today's stages in reverse rally classification. Here's how they will line up: 1.Breen, 2.Hanninen, 3.Mikkelsen, 4.Evans, 5.Østberg, 6.Lefebvre, 7.Suninen, 8.Sordo, 9.Ogier, 10.Paddon, 11.Tanak, 12.Neuville, 13.Latvala

**SUN 08:07 - WEATHER UPDATE**It's raining again. Generally dark and dismal in Mikolajki with a strong breeze. The temperature is 13°C. Rain expected on and off throughout the day.

**SUN 08:05 - SUNDAY'S ITINERARY**Teams tackle two runs through two stages. The new 11.15km Orzysz gets things underway at 0810hrs followed by the 18.68km Paprotki. Both are repeated without a service break and the second pass through Paprotki, from 1218hrs, counts as the live TV Power Stage

with bonus points on offer to the fastest five drivers. The podium ceremony will take place in Mikolajki's main square from 1430hrs.

**SUN 08:03 - COMING UP TODAY**As Europe sang in 1986, it's the final countdown. Although this time we're not heading for Venus - we're heading for two gravel stages in northern Poland.

**SUN 08:02 - WE'RE LIVE**On wrc.com and the WRC App to bring you all the news from rally central in Mikolajki

**SUN 08:02 - GOOD MORNING**Live texters and welcome back to our coverage of Orlen 74th Rally Poland

**SAT 20:28 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news. Or head to WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard library. Bye for now.

**SAT 20:28 - WE WILL RETURN**On Sunday to bring you all the news from the final day. We'll be here from 0810hrs (UTC +2hr) in time for the opening Orzysz stage.

**SAT 20:27 - LEADERS THROUGH**With no super special upsets, so that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Poland tonight

**SAT 20:27 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS19**1.Veiby 2h20m16.4s, 2.Tidemand +1m03.3s, 3.Gilbert +3m40.8s, 4.Guerra +6m15.2s, 5. Bonato +6m17.2s

**SAT 20:14 - POLAND AFTER SS19**1.Neuville 2h10m26.3s, 2.Tänak +3.1s, 3.Paddon +25.5s, 4.Ogier +1m32.0s, 5.Sordo +1m43.8s.

**SAT 20:08 - SS19: TANAK VS NEUVILLE**Rally leader Neuville wins this headline battle by two-tenths. He will take a 3.1sec lead over Tanak into Sunday's final leg. Paddon lies 22.4sec behind Tanak in third. It's set to be another nail-biter!

**SAT 20:04 - SS19: OGIER VS PADDON**No problem for Ogier's engine here - he wins the heat by two-tenths. Paddon ends the day in third position with Ogier more than a minute adrift in fourth. Ogier wont be able to relax tomorrow however - Sordo is just 11.8sec behind.

**SAT 19:59 - SS19: SORDO VS SUNINEN**Despite picking up some frontal damage, Sordo win this duel by 1sec. The Spaniard holds fifth position overnight with Suninen 22.4sec back in sixth. Suninen on course for the best WRC finish of his career to date.

**SAT 19:53 - SS19: LEFEBVRE VS HANNINEN**Lefebvre the faster of the two, but a suspected rear diff problem means he isn't pushing too hard. Hanninen is 1.1sec slower.

**SAT 19:49 - SS19: EVANS VS OSTBERG**Yesterday's winner on this stage (as SS10) Evans wins this heat and goes quickest so far. His time to beat: 1m44.4.

**SAT 19:44 - SS19: MIKKELSEN VS BREEN**It's close, but Mikkelsen takes this one in Citroen's development C3 by eight-tenths.

**SAT 19:43 - SS19: WE'RE OFF!**Our first pair are underway. No driver quotes from this stage, but we'll bring you the heat results, overall times and of course any breaking news.

**SAT 19:41 - WEATHER UPDATED**Drizzle and cloudy skies over the Mikolajki Arena tonight. Temperature is a cool 17°C.

**SAT 19:32 - STAGE INFO: SS19**Mikolajki Arena 3, 2.50km. Saturday closes with a third and final run around the purpose-built super special stage next to Mikolajki's service park. Two cars at a time tackle the short test, scene of Jari-Matti Latvala's 2009 heartbreak when he crashed in the final stage and wrecked Ford's 1-2 finish. The surface has less gravel on top this year and has a harder base.

**SAT 18:53 - UP NEXT: SS19**Saturday's final stage is the third, and last, trip to the Mikolajki Arena super special. The first pair on cars will be on track at 1941hrs. We'll take a live text break until then.

**SAT 18:49 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS18**1.Veiby 2h18m27.8s, 2.Tidemand +1m04.8s, 3.Gilbert +3m42.1s, 4.Guerra +6m15.1s, 5. Bonato +6m16.3s. Guerra up to 4th

**SAT 18:47 - SS18: WRC 2 GUERRA VS BONATO**Guerra passes Bonato for fourth place. "This is my new favourite rally!" says Guerra. "It's a big fight," Bonato says.

**SAT 18:35 - SS18: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**"No drama. With just one spare tyre I'm being careful to avoid punctures. The fight [with Veiby] is over now, we just need to get through. If we can manage to take second place here it would be good for the championship."

**SAT 18:33 - SS18: WRC 2 VEIBY**"For sure a good day. A shame that me and Pontus both got punctures on the previous stage. On this one it's just about driving around every stone and avoiding any punctures. It's been a good fight, and to be beating Pontus is something I am very proud of."

**SAT 18:29 - POLAND AFTER SS18**1.Neuville 2h08m41.7s, 2.Tänak +2.5s, 3.Paddon +24.9s, 4.Ogier +1m31.6s, 5.Sordo +1m42.9s. Neuville leads

**SAT 18:26 - WEATHER UPDATE**Leaders through and the heavy rain has subsided.

**SAT 18:25 - SS18: NEUVILLE**8.6sec quicker than Tanak and he snatches the lead by 2.5sec. But Neuville is annoyed about a sudden rain shower. "I got a lot of rain in the last 5km and before that the asphalt section was wet. I struggled like hell. I pushed very hard but the rain was unnecessary and I was very unlucky. Can I hold Tanak off tomorrow? We will see."

**SAT 18:21 - SS18: TANAK**Split times show him 6sec slower than Neuville. "It was difficult on the big jump. I tired to be very very clean with no mistakes. That's the best I can do. Tomorrow anything is possible."

**SAT 18:18 - WEATHER UPDATE**Heavy rain falling on SS18.

**SAT 18:17 - SS18: OGIER**Rain starting to fall. Seb completes with his wipers on and is still concerned about his engine. "There is some kind of engine thing we are working on. It is not stable, let's say, but it's working more often than it's not."

**SAT 18:15 - SS18: PADDON**Quickest so far. "I took it a bit easy here - especially at the start. A very enjoyable day. I'm happy with what we've done. The podium is more than we expected. Sorry for Jari-Matti but now we will do everything we can to protect the position."

**SAT 18:12 - SS18: SORDO**Front left puncture. "It happened near the end, I was lucky. A big rock in the line."

**SAT 18:11 - SS18: SUNINEN**"We are not fast in the ruts. I need to think about how I can be faster in them tomorrow." Suninen also stalled the engine at 15.4km.

**SAT 18:08 - SS18: HANNINEN**"Nothing special. In the deep ruts it's really difficult to keep the same speed. We lose quite a lot of energy there."

**SAT 18:06 - SS18: LEFEBVRE**"Something is not working well with the rear diff. I do not take big risks."

**SAT 18:04 - SS18: OSTBERG**Part of his sump guard is hanging down. "A bit of a distraction, but I think it's just noisy and nothing serious."

**SAT 18:02 - SS18: EVANS**"Still not ideal for us in here - too sandy. It is what it is..."

**SAT 18:01 - SS18: MIKKELSEN**"Generally the feeling is getting better and better, but I have destroyed my front splitter here so it's more difficult to drive."

**SAT 17:59 - SS18: BREEN**"It's hard to get the confidence back again. I'm trying to build it stage-by-stage but it's not easy opening the road. Still a lot of room for improvement. I don't feel I'm at 50 per cent of what I can do."

**SAT 17:49 - SS17: WRC 2 GILBERT**He thinks he has a problem with his car's rear differential.

**SAT 17:47 - STAGE INFO: SS18**Kruklanki 2, 19.58km. Breathtaking views and the chance for fans to see huge swathes of the test are the hallmarks of Kruklanki. The final 2km are full of spectacular corners and crests and offer some of the most exciting viewing of the event. Some parts are wide, some are narrower and there is a section lined by trees, but the speed remains high throughout. Bales are positioned on the inside of most corners for the final 6km to prevent cutting.

**SAT 17:46 - UP NEXT: SS18**Saturday's final 'proper' stage before the super special. The schedule is running 11min late, so Breen's start time is 1746hrs.

**SAT 17:43 - SS17: WRC 2 UPDATE**Veiby's lead in the category is now 1m06.3s over Tidemand.

**SAT 17:42 - SS17: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**Problems for Pontus too. He loses 48.5sec to Veiby with a front-left puncture! "It exploded in a corner 10km before the end. Maybe something I hit. That's life."

**SAT 17:40 - SS17: WRC 2 VEIBY**Drama for the WRC 2 leader who completes with a rear-right puncture. "I don't believe it. I didn't hit anything. It happened after 7km. I pushed on and had a few moments." Before the stage, his lead over Tidemand was 17.8sec.

**SAT 17:35 - POLAND AFTER SS17**1.Tanak 1h58m33.5s, 2.Neuville +6.1s, 3.Paddon +30.5s, 4.Ogier +1m34.3s, 5.Sordo +1m39.8s. Neuville closes

**SAT 17:31 - SS17: NEUVILLE**Neuville makes up 8.8sec on Tanak here and the Estonian's rally lead is trimmed to just 6.1sec. Neuville is keeping his cool. "I need to keep it on the road," he says. "We saw Ogier with problems too so we need to keep up the push - a win is possible."

**SAT 17:28 - SS17: TANAK**"It's very risky. It's very difficult. What can we do?" Tanak explains how he lost the wing. "It just came off on a straight."

**SAT 17:26 - SS17: TANAK VS NEUVILLE**Tanak 5sec slower than Neuville at the 7km split.

**SAT 17:25 - SS17: TANAK**How much will the lack of a rear wing cost him? He's in stage now.

**SAT 17:24 - SS17: OGIER**Fifth fastest and Ogier reveals he has mechanical concerns. "We are fighting a little bit. There is something wrong on the engine. We had to do some work. Now all is fine I hope."

**SAT 17:22 - SS17: PADDON**Quickest so far. "It didn't feel so good here. Trying to make too many corrections in the ruts."

**SAT 17:20 - SS17: SORDO**"I make a big mistake in a hairpin - I arrived flat out! I knew the place very well - I just tried to brake later."

**SAT 17:17 - SS17: SUNINEN**"I was too careful in the ruts. Last year I was here in an R5 car. In this car I can go much faster in them."

**SAT 17:16 - SS17: HANNINEN**Slowest through so far. "Better now," he says, rather unconvincingly.

**SAT 17:14 - SS17: LEFEBVRE**A great time, quickest so far and Lefebvre is fastest of the Citroen drivers again. "I tried to keep the maximum right to the end - I touched some grass in the last corner. It's okay. A strong day."

**SAT 17:11 - SS17: OSTBERG**"Not rough but a lot of deep lines. You are not really driving. It's a bit dodgy."

**SAT 17:10 - SS17: EVANS**Quickest of the three cars through so far. "Definitely better. Probably the best stage of the loop for us. The most abrasive."

**SAT 17:07 - SS17: MIKKELSEN**"Everything was fine. All good."

**SAT 17:06 - SS17: BREEN**"Not so bad. The car was fine in this stage [no cutting out]. I'm getting good experience of being first on the road for the future. Big ruts but no rocks."

**SAT 16:56 - SS17: LIVE**Breen is underway

**SAT 16:40 - UP NEXT: SS17**Crews are en route to the start of Goldap. The schedule is running 11min late, so Breen's start time is 1656hrs.

**SAT 16:38 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS16**1.Veiby 1h59m11.5s, 2.Tidemand +17.8s, 3.Gilbert +3m54.8s, 4.Bonato +6m06.5s, 5. Guerra +6m08.0s

**SAT 16:27 - LATVALA UPDATE**News from Toyota: Jari-Matti cannot continue today.

**SAT 16:20 - SS16: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**Tidemand is 4.5sec slower here and Veiby's category lead is up to 17.8sec. Tidemand insists he has nothing in reserve. "A very good stage for me but I can't find another five seconds in these conditions. We'll just keep going."

**SAT 16:17 - SS16: WRC 2 VEIBY**"A very good stage. Not much to say. If Pontus is faster here then okay, there was nothing more I could do."

**SAT 16:16 - POLAND AFTER SS16**1.Tanak 1h51m03.9s, 2.Neuville +14.4s, 3.Paddon +39.3s, 4.Ogier +1m37.4s, 5.Sordo +1m39.2s. Latvala stops

**SAT 16:14 - LATVALA UPDATE**News from Toyota: Jari-Matti's car was stopped by a technical issue. He is trying to fix it.

**SAT 16:12 - SS16: GIANT KILLER!**Problems all round for our podium trio. Latvala stops and loses third. Neuville loses 22sec - and the lead - with a puncture. Tanak leads but has no rear wing. Hayden Paddon is now up to third.

**SAT 16:09 - SS16: NEUVILLE**17sec SLOWER than Tanak due to a rear-left puncture. The tyre is completely destroyed. "It happened 2km in." He's lost the lead to Tanak and lies second, 14.4sec adrift.

**SAT 16:06 - SS16: TANAK**He's through - and without a rear wing. "It just flew off. I saw Jari-Matti parked on the road side." Ott swears and then drives off.

**SAT 16:04 - SS16: TANAK**WRC TV crew reports his car is missing its rear wing.

**SAT 16:01 - SS16: OGIER**"No punctures this time. A nice stage, not so rough as the first one."

**SAT 15:59 - SS16: LATVALA**WRC live tracking shows his Toyota stopped at 12.9km!

**SAT 15:58 - SS16: SORDO**He lost his front lower splitter after a jump but Dani is absolutely pumped up. "Unbelievable stage. Flat out everywhere. A big push!"

**SAT 15:56 - SS16: SUNINEN**The Finn reports that he went wide into a roadside bank. His car looks unscathed.

**SAT 15:54 - SS16: HANNINEN**"I had a slow puncture halfway in the previous stage. This was okay, not as rough as I expected." And the earlier engine problem? "That's okay now."

**SAT 15:52 - SS16: LEFEBVRE**"I was a bit surprised in a places."

**SAT 15:49 - SS16: OSTBERG**"Beautiful stage. I enjoyed it. Dark clouds now, a few drops of rain on the windscreen."

**SAT 15:48 - SS16: SUNINEN**WRC TV crew reports a two-wheeled moment at 5.6km

**SAT 15:47 - SS16: EVANS**"Not so bad. A lot more enjoyable to drive in the afternoon. A few spots of rain in there."

**SAT 15:45 - SS16: MIKKELSEN**7.7sec quicker than his team-mate Breen. "Better. We raised the car so the ride height was correct. I have to say I'm happy - a clean stage for us."

**SAT 15:44 - SS16: BREEN**"A small electrical problem, the car cut out and I had to restart it. Very strange."

**SAT 15:36 - SS16: UNDERWAY**Breen, Mikkelsen and Evans in stage.

**SAT 15:22 - STAGE INFO: SS16**Pozezdrze 2, 21.24km. Pozezdrze has never been used in any rally previously and small lakes, hills and open fields provide stunning backdrops to the action. It is a mix of fast sandy roads, narrower parts and even a short section of asphalt. The quick open corners allow plenty of opportunities for cutting, while there are also plenty of potholes which will be tricky if conditions are wet.

**SAT 15:21 - UP NEXT: SS16**Crews are en route to the start of Pozezdrze. The schedule is running 11min late, so Breen's start time is 1531hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 15:19 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS15**1.Veiby 1h48m10.6s, 2.Tidemand +13.3s, 3.Gilbert +3m31.8s, 4.Guerra +5m36.4s, 5. Bonato +5m36.4s

**SAT 15:07 - SS15: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**Quicker than Veiby by three-tenths. "The road has a different character now. The feeling was good, I can't complain. For sure we need to try a bit now but but we also need to get to the finish. We need to find a balance."

**SAT 15:05 - SS15: WRC 2 VEIBY**"I think I had quite a good run but I think Pontus is pushing a bit more now. I could have used the ruts more, otherwise good and I'm happy."

**SAT 14:57 - SS15: HANNINEN**28sec off the pace. Toyota confirm that he picked up a puncture.

**SAT 14:55 - POLAND AFTER SS15**1.Neuville 1h40m32.0s, 2.Tanak +3.0s, 3.Latvala +13.3s, 4.Paddon +47.8s, 5.Sordo +1m42.9s

**SAT 14:53 - SS15: NEUVILLE**The Belgian wins the stage by 1.7sec and his rally lead over Tanak is 3sec. "I tried to push a bit in here. The car felt good, the road is very rough but I feel comfortable. Now I have to continue."

**SAT 14:51 - SS15: TANAK**Quicker than Latvala by 2.1sec. "The fight [with Neuville] is enjoyable but the roads are extremely difficult. It's so hard to understand where the rough places are. The grip is consistently high."

**SAT 14:49 - SS15: LATVALA**Another new fastest time. "The car feels better but I can't tell you what I've done. A scary moment less than 1km before the finish when I went sideways in a rut - I thought it was going to roll."

**SAT 14:47 - SS15: OGIER**One second slower than Paddon and his car looks perfect. "Certainly better than this morning. Well done to the team, they have done fantastic job and now we are back to normal speed."

**SAT 14:45 - SS15: PADDON**Quickest so far. "Just trying to enjoy it. There's quite a big gap ahead and behind us. No point trying to be a hero."

**SAT 14:43 - SS15: SUNINEN**He sets a new time to beat: 7m55.6s. "That's a good thing. It was clean, but difficult to drive flat out in the ruts - you can lose it really easily."

**SAT 14:39 - SS15: LEFEBVRE**Fastest so far. Stephane doesn't stop to give any comments to the WRC Live radio team.

**SAT 14:37 - SS15: OSTBERG**Slowest through so far. "Exactly the same same set-up as before. We were a bit afraid of the rain. The car felt quite soft in here."

**SAT 14:35 - SS15: EVANS**4.9sec off the pace. "A lot better than the morning. We are a lot closer to where we want to be. All okay. We're going to keep on getting the car round, and hoping for some dry conditions later."

**SAT 14:33 - SS15: MIKKELSEN**1.5sec slower than Breen but sounding positive. "Conditions are much better now. There are lots of ruts that we can use to our advantage. We could have used them more but I didn't want to risk a puncture. A little bit give and take."

**SAT 14:30 - SS15: BREEN**He's through in 7m59.8s. "The stage looks okay, manky dry but some of the ruts and bits and bobs were tricky. We made a couple of small changes in service. I was a bit lost before."

**SAT 14:21 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all of its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the afternoon loop. That's a repeat of the morning choices.

**SAT 14:20 - SS15: LIVE**Breen is away!

**SAT 14:19 - WELCOME BACK**Breen on the start line. Co-driver Scott Martin has just given him the one-minute signal.

**SAT 13:34 - NEXT STAGE: 1419HRS**That's Breen's start time for SS15 now organisers have reduced some of this morning's delay. Don't forget, this stage will be streamed live on WRC+. We will take a quick live text break until then. Bye for now.

**SAT 13:29 - JUNIOR WRC UPDATE**Times need to be confirmed in this category after SS12 was stopped following Andolfi's off. The top three is likely to be Solans, Radstrom and Lindholm. Solans says: "Not bad. I like these stages when they are dry. No mistakes. I enjoyed a lot." Radstrom says: "Oh my God I love these stages." Lindholm says: "Better than yesterday. Happy so far but perhaps too safe in the first two stages today."

**SAT 13:24 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS14**1.Veiby 1h39m46.5s, 2.Tidemand +13.6s, 3.Gilbert +3m13.3s, 4.Guerra +5m04.3s, 5. Bonato +5m14.1s

**SAT 13:12 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are en route to Mikolajki for the midpoint 30-minute service. Organisers are taking steps to lose the itinerary delay before cars check in. You can watch teams re-prepare the cars in service via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

**SAT 13:08 - SS14: WRC 2 GUERRA**Still losing time with broken rear suspension. "Now we hope the team can fix it and give us a good car for the afternoon."

**SAT 13:07 - SS14: WRC 2 GILBERT**Third in WRC 2 "Everything is working well. We work hard. This was the worst stage in the loop."

**SAT 13:05 - SS14: LOUBET**More time loss from Loubet with his broken suspension. "We lose the podium - maybe five minutes."

**SAT 12:59 - SS14: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**4.6sec slower than Veiby here but there is no sense of panic from Pontus. "It felt like a good stage but okay, he was very quick. We need to check in service what we can do."

**SAT 12:56 - SS14: WRC 2 VEIBY**"Definitely the most difficult stage of the day. A lot of sand. I lost my car out of the ruts in a couple of places. I'm really, really trying. We'll see how Pontus does."

**SAT 12:50 - POLAND AFTER SS14**1.Neuville 1h32m44.1s, 2.Tanäk +1.3s, 3.Latvala +9.5s, 4.Paddon +42.8s, 5.Sordo +1m30.4s

**SAT 12:48 - TIGHT AT THE TOP!**After 14 stages Neuville leads from Tanak (+1.3s) and Latvala (+9.5s).

**SAT 12:47 - SS14: NEUVILLE**Fastest - and that puts him into the lead. "Now I start pushing a bit more. I get the feeling Ott wont give up. The time is great. In the car it's okay but you have to be brave in places. I hope it stays dry this afternoon, If it's wet it will be a disaster."

**SAT 12:45 - SS14: TANAK**"Pushing to the maximum. The last split was extreme. Using all of the road and a lot more."

**SAT 12:43 - SS14: LATVALA**Quickest so far. "I had a big, big attack here because the ruts are not so bad." He's checked out the reported oil on the side of his car. It's manure.

**SAT 12:41 - SS14: OGIER**Seventh quickest, 11.8sec slower than Paddon and sorely missing his front bumper. "It's really bad to drive without the aero. In a couple of jumps we were completely flying with no control - that's when you realise how important it is."

**SAT 12:39 - SS14: PADDON**Fastest so far. "Seb's struggling a bit without the front aero, and that's a chance for us to pull ahead. I'm enjoying throwing the car around a bit."

**SAT 12:36 - SS14: SORDO**Dani reports that his pace notes were not up to scratch.

**SAT 12:35 - SS14: SUNINEN**"Better. A clean run without mistakes. Better than earlier. Still a few things we can improve."

**SAT 12:33 - SS14: HANNINEN**He reported an engine problem earlier. "I tried but it's not clear at the moment. I have to stay on the high revs, that makes it pretty difficult."

**SAT 12:30 - SS14: LEFEBVRE**Quickest so far. "It was okay. Difficult to find a good rhythm. I did the stage without risk and the time is good."

**SAT 12:29 - SS14: OSTBERG**Another to overshoot a junction here.

**SAT 12:26 - SS14: EVANS**"A lot more mud in here than the previous stages. A bit of time loss with a stall in a chicane."

**SAT 12:26 - SS14: MIKKELSEN**Quickest so far but he's been off. There is a smile on his face. "I lifted in a section I had been practicing so much on video! I missed a junction, went into a field and through an electric fence." His car looks okay.

**SAT 12:23 - SS14: BREEN**That's the end of the loop for Craig. How was that? "Mediocre. An overshoot into a couple of light hay bales - we knocked them down the road like skittles - and a couple of dopey slides. Probably the trickiest stage of the loop."

**SAT 12:14 - STAGE INFO: SS14**Krukanki 1, 19.58kml. Breathtaking views and the chance for fans to see huge swathes of the test are the hallmarks of Krukanki. The final 2km are full of spectacular corners and crests and offer some of the most exciting viewing of the event. Some parts are wide, some are narrower and there is a section lined by trees, but the speed remains high throughout. Bales are positioned on the inside of most corners for the final 6km to prevent cutting.

**SAT 12:14 - SS13 WRC 2 GUERRA**Hazard lights flashing. "We have a problem with the rear-left damper. The car is moving around. The brakes have gone too. We will drive carefully to get to service."

**SAT 12:12 - SS14: LIVE**The next stage is up and running. After another slight delay, Breen started at 1210hrs

**SAT 12:10 - SS13: LOUBET**He limps through with rear-left suspension damage and a puncture.

**SAT 12:06 - SS13: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**Six-tenths quicker than Veiby here and the overall gap is down to nine seconds. "We just need to keep this going. The speed is fast now - flat everywhere possible. The key is avoiding mistakes. I have made none so far, so I'm not pushing at 100 per cent. I'm enjoying."

**SAT 12:03 - SS13: WRC 2 VEIBY**How does he feel about defending his lead from Tidemand?

"You can never be comfortable in the lead here. There is still a long way to go. Some small mistakes in here as well - late braking in a couple of junctions. I tried to push a bit more. We'll see."

**SAT 11:57 - POLAND AFTER SS13**1.Tanak 1h22m32.5s, 2.Neuville +3.1s, 3.Latvala +9.4s, 4.Paddon +39.9s, 5.Sordo +1m16.9s. Ogier drops to 6th

**SAT 11:53 - SS13: NEUVILLE**Second quickest to Paddon here and Neuville is now 3.1sec off Tanak's rally lead. "I lost time on the previous stage with a small moment where Mikkelsen went off. Here I pushed well, but the road is getting more and more dirty and slippery on the Tarmac section."

**SAT 11:51 - SS13: TANAK**"Very clean but the road is getting extremely soft now - hard to find the line."

**SAT 11:51 - SS13: LATVALA**Four seconds off Paddon's pace and Jari-Matti's Toyota has oil streaked down one side. "I don't know why. There is no problem at the moment, but I don't understand why we are losing a lot of time."

**SAT 11:49 - SS13: OGIER**13sec slower than Paddon here and Seb drops behind Sordo to sixth place. He explains what happened on the previous stage: "We were unlucky. We picked up a slow puncture in the first stage, then got another one 1km into the next one. Then 1km before the end, when the tyre was off the rim, I spun and hit a step and lost even more. The car is not fine now. I miss the front bumper and lots of down force."

**SAT 11:45 - SS13: PADDON**Quickest so far. "A better day when the conditions are more even. A bit more aggression in there - I thought I'd give [co-driver] Seb a good ride because the All Blacks just lost to the Lions."

**SAT 11:42 - SS13: SORDO**Surprised to see he is only seventh quickest of the eight cars through. "It didn't feel so bad. I felt good in the stage. Happy with the car. I enjoyed,"

**SAT 11:40 - SS13: SUNINEN**"Not really happy. Small things that we hope we can change for the next loop."

**SAT 11:39 - SS13: HANNINEN**Slowest through, 12.8sec off the pace, and it sounds like Juho is driving around an engine problem. "I need to stay on the high revs with the engine, we know what to do."

**SAT 11:37 - START INTERVALS**Back to two-minute intervals again in SS13 for Lefebvre and the cars behind. Lefebvre through cleanly.

**SAT 11:34 - SS13: OSTBERG**"Not a perfect rhythm, but a decent stage."

**SAT 11:31 - SS13: EVANS**"A bit easier today but the slippery patches are still out there and they spring a surprise every now and then. It's okay."

**SAT 11:29 - START INTERVALS**After a drop to two minutes in SS12, we're back up to three-minute intervals in SS13.

**SAT 11:29 - SS13: MIKKELSEN**"A good stage. A clean run. We have made some changes [to the car] and it's getting better and better. I'm more and more happy. The stage is completely dry and cleaning a lot."

**SAT 11:26 - SS13: BREEN**"A couple of small silly mistakes in junctions but it's nice to have some consistency again. A good base to work from. We changed a lot of things on the car in service last night and it just works today."

**SAT 11:16 - SS13: LIVE**Breen started at 1116hrs

**SAT 11:08 - SS12: UPDATE**WRC 2 driver Andolfi went off. He got back on again but slowed three cars behind.

**SAT 10:56 - STAGE INFO: SS13**Goldap 1, 14.75km. Frequent surface changes make Goldap a tough challenge as the road switches between loose gravel and a harder base on several occasions. It is narrow, open and fast and the characteristics are different to the previous day's tests – still quick, but not as wide. The final kilometre runs alongside the backdrop of picturesque homes and farm buildings.

**SAT 10:56 - UP NEXT: SS13**Crews are en route to Goldap, a 47km road trip from the end of Pozezdrze. The schedule is running 31min late, so Breen's start time is 1116hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 10:54 - SS12: LOUBET**A rock strike leaves his Fiesta with damaged right-rear suspension. He completes with the wheel running out of alignment.

**SAT 10:48 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS121.**Veiby 1h20m53.3s, 2.Tidemand +9.6s, 3.Gilbert +2m41.3s, 4.Guerra +3m56.3s, 5. Bonato +4m18.9s

**SAT 10:46 - SS12: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**More than 2min ahead of the rest of the WRC 2 field, Tidemand and Veiby are in a close battle of their own. Tidemand is 1.3sec slower than Veiby here and the overall gap is a slender 9.6sec. What can Tidemand do to catch Veiby? "We will see. This morning

we have had a good look at the stages. No moments. We will speak to the team about the strategy for the afternoon and what they want me to do. For now, no change."

**SAT 10:40 - SS12: WRC 2 VEIBY**The category leader completes. "Pretty good. I took some more seconds from Pontus in the first one. Here I made a small mistake in a junction but it's okay. We caught the car ahead here - it would be nice to have a three-minute gap."

**SAT 10:39 - POLAND AFTER SS12**1.Tänak 1h15m06.6s, 2.Neuville +3.5s, 3.Latvala +7.2s, 4.Paddon +41.7s, 5.Ogier +1m10.9s. Ogier broken wheel.

**SAT 10:33 - SS12: OGIER UPDATE**Wheel changed, Seb sets off for the next stage. In the overall standings he drops behind Paddon to a precarious fifth, with Sordo just 1sec behind.

**SAT 10:31 - SS12: TOP THREE UPDATE**Stage winner Tanak takes the rally lead. Neuville is 3.5sec behind in second, with Latvala 3.7sec further back in third.

**SAT 10:28 - SS12: TANAK**Fastest through but not drama free. He's straight out of the car to clear handfuls grass and earth from the front bumper air intakes. "Very slippery and we went off into a field. We were very lucky."

**SAT 10:25 - OGIER UPDATE**"I hit a stone in the first corner."

**SAT 10:23 - SS12: OGIER**He's gone off in the final sector. The rear-left wheel is broken, the front bumper is missing and the splitter is hanging off. Ogier refuses to explain what happened. He parks up shortly after the control to change the broken wheel.

**SAT 10:21 - SS12: OGIER**Rapid splits, but he finishes 30 seconds off the pace. The front of his Fiesta is damaged. The bumper is hanging off!

**SAT 10:20 - SS12: PADDON**Now Paddon is fastest - 7.9sec up on Sordo. "I'm enjoying it a lot more today. Difficult to gauge the right speed in the muddy sections but I enjoyed it. We're pushing on at a good speed."

**SAT 10:18 - SS12: SORDO**Quickest of the eight drivers though so far and he sounds very motivated. "This stage was really, really nice. I enjoy a lot with this car. I can go a little faster - I was a bit too careful in places. This is a proper stage. Get it right you can be very, very fast."

**SAT 10:16 - SS12: SUNINEN**Third quickest. "No mistakes. Quite clean driving. The plan is to continue like this and try to improve my driving. More stage wins? Hopefully..."

**SAT 10:14 - SS12: HANNINEN**Slowest through so far, but he's not giving much away. "Not happy. Nothing special. Difficult now but let's see. I try."

**SAT 10:12 - SS12: LEFEBVRE**"The car was too stiff. Otherwise a good stage with no risks."

**SAT 10:10 - SS12: OSTBERG**Quickest so far. "It's difficult to say where the best place in the start order is - a bit further back I expect."

**SAT 10:08 - SS12: EVANS**"The grip seemed better for us now conditions are drying up. Clean enough."

**SAT 10:07 - SS12: MIKKELSEN**5.1sec slower than Breen after an off-road excursion. "I went off just after the beginning. There was a bank before a corner, I couldn't turn in and went off into a field. I'm surprised I didn't lose more time!"

**SAT 10:04 - SS12: BREEN**"I struggled a bit now and then. Soft, slippery and wet in some places and sometimes I didn't have the confidence to push on."

**SAT 10:00 - KOLTAN OUT**The WRC 2 competitor was involved in a road traffic accident on the liaison section to SS11. It appears that an elderly gentleman fainted at the wheel of his car and collided with the Pole's Fiesta R5. An investigation is underway and Koltun will not be able to continue.

**SAT 09:57 - SS12: SAFETY UPDATE**FIA Safety Delegate Michele Mouton completes her recce of the stage and explains the delay: "In a couple of places, spectators wanted to be in unsafe places where they are not permitted to be. They should respect what the organisers have done, and use only the safe zones. This cannot continue. Safety is the priority." If you are out on the stages PLEASE stick to the designated spectator zones.

**SAT 09:54 - SS12: LIVE**Breen got underway at 0951hrs

**SAT 09:40 - SS12: DELAY**Another stage delay. Breen was due to start at 0935hrs. Spectator safety issues mean this time has come and gone. More when we get it.

**SAT 09:20 - STAGE INFO: SS12**Pozezdrze 1, 21.24km. Pozezdrze has never been used in any rally previously and small lakes, hills and open fields provide stunning backdrops to the action. It is a mix of fast sandy roads, narrower parts and even a short section of asphalt. The quick open corners allow plenty of opportunities for cutting, while there are also plenty of potholes which will be tricky if conditions are wet.

**SAT 09:19 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS11**1.Veiby 1h09m26.8s, 2.Tidemand +8.3s, 3.Gilbert +2m23.6s, 4.Guerra +3m28.6s, 5. Bonato +3m46.8s

**SAT 09:19 - SS11: WRC 2 UPDATE**Another stage win for Veiby stretches his lead over Tidemand to 8.3sec. No changes to the top five.

**SAT 09:16 - UP NEXT: SS12**Crews are en route to Pozezdrze, a 54km road trip from the end of Baranowo. The schedule is running 15min late, so Breen's start time is 0935hrs.

**SAT 09:13 - SS11: TROPHY UPDATE**Gorban, Raoux and Serderidis through cleanly. Gorban once again the pace-setter. His lead now up to more than six minutes.

**SAT 09:03 - POLAND AFTER SS11**1.Neuville 1h04m24.2s, 2.Tänak +2.6s, 3.Latvala +5.8s, 4.Ogier +40.2s, 5.Paddon +41.3s

**SAT 09:03 - SS11: TOP FIVE**Both headline battles have intensified. Just 5.8sec covers the podium scrap between Neuville, Tanak and Latvala. Behind them, Paddon has closed the gap on Ogier's fourth place to 1.1sec.

**SAT 08:58 - SS11: NEUVILLE**Second quickest here and Neuville's rally lead is up to 2.6sec. "A good feeling. The car is behaving nicely and stage conditions are okay. I hit a small rock on the inside and for a moment I was hoping we didn't puncture. We have to investigate but so far it looks okay."

**SAT 08:55 - SS11: TANAK**2.1sec slower than Latvala here and the gap between them in the standings is 3.2sec. "It's close for sure. A lot better grip in here than I thought. The car is far too soft - we have to make it stiffer."

**SAT 08:53 - SS11: LATVALA**Quickest so far. "This stage I can tell you is a tricky one! Very fast and narrow between the trees. If you do a mistake it's the end of the game straightaway. You must be focused."

**SAT 08:51 - SS11: OGIER**Fourth overnight, Seb is 3.4sec slower than Paddon here, and now the Kiwi is just 1.1sec behind. "We tried. Not a bad stage for us but Hayden was fast..."

**SAT 08:49 - SS11: PADDON**Quickest so far. "The car feels good but I lost the feeling with the brake pedal about halfway through - I had to pump it a bit towards the end."

**SAT 08:47 - SS11: SORDO**"It's still slippery but not like yesterday. It's all about pace notes in here. I try to do my best. "

**SAT 08:45 - SS11: SUNINEN**Third quickest of the seven cars through so far. 4.2sec slower than pace-setter Breen.

**SAT 08:44 - SS11: HANNINEN**Fourth quickest.

**SAT 08:41 - SS11: LEFEBVRE**"I tried to push but I was too cautious. I lose some seconds."

**SAT 08:40 - SS11: OSTBERG**9.4sec off the pace. "Nicer than yesterday"

**SAT 08:40 - SS11: EVANS**12sec slower than Breen. Very different conditions to yesterday, but Evans hasn't yet found the sweet spot for his DMACK tyres. "We're closer for sure. The feeling is better but still not great."

**SAT 08:36 - SS11: MIKKELSEN**Andreas sets exactly the same time as his team-mate Breen. "Very different from yesterday. An okay stage. A new test, so I'm trying to discover it a bit. Happy enough. The car feels really nice in these conditions,"

**SAT 08:34 - SS11: BREEN**He's through in 8:08.8s. That was his original start time. And his car number. "I feel a lot more comfortable with the car. Not such a nervous feeling all the time. It will take a while to build the speed but the confidence is starting to go in the right way."

**SAT 08:27 - SS11: JAW DROPPING**The onboard pictures from the narrow opening section are some of the most impressive of the season. 160kph on a road barely wide enough for a car!

**SAT 08:23 - SS11: LIVE!**Breen blasts into the stage. His start time: 0823hrs

**SAT 08:20 - DELAY UPDATE**Another new start time for Breen: 0821hrs

**SAT 08:13 - 8-MINUTE DELAY**Breen's new start time: 0816hrs

**SAT 08:08 - SS11: DELAY**Breen was due to start at 0808hrs but we are hearing there will be a small delay. More to follow.

**SAT 08:05 - WATCH SS11 LIVE**WRC+ users can watch this stage via our live streaming service.

**SAT 08:04 - STAGE INFO: SS11**Baranowo 1, 15.55km. A familiar name but with many modifications. Much of the test was driven in the opposite direction over the last three years but little has been used in this format. The opening 3.4km comprise a new technical section through a forest before joining last year's route, but in the reverse direction. It ends with a final blast after a sharp asphalt turn in Uzranki.

**SAT 08:04 - SS11: GET SET!**WRC+ Live tracking shows cars gathered at the start control. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 08:03 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio and Colin Clark and Emyr Penlan reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**SAT 08:02 - WEATHER UPDATE**Big news: It has stopped raining! Sunny and dry in Mikolajki at the moment. Partly cloudy with a 15mph wind. The temperature is 18°C. Enjoy it while you can though - more rain is expected later today.

**SAT 08:01 - SATURDAY'S ITINERARY**Action gets underway with Baranowo at 0808hrs, before the first of two runs through the Pozezdrze, Goldap and Kruklanki stages. The day's super special should draw in a large crowd adjacent to the service park from 1930hrs.

**SAT 07:57 - COMING UP TODAY**A further nine stages. Saturday's longest leg packs almost 145km into nine stages, journeying north towards the border with the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad. Four stages are driven twice either side of service, before a third and final visit to the Mikolajki Arena.

**SAT 07:57 - WE'RE LIVE**On wrc.com and the WRC App, bringing you latest news from the championship's eighth round here in Mijolajki in northern Poland.

**SAT 07:57 - HELLO LIVE TEXTERS!**And welcome back to our coverage of Orlen 74th Rally Poland

**FRI 20:09 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news. Or head to WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including our daily highlights shows and exclusive onboard videos. Bye for now.

**FRI 20:08 - WE WILL RETURN**On Saturday to bring you all the news from the second full day of competition. We'll be here from 0808hrs (UTC +2hr) in time for the opening Baranowo stage.

**FRI 20:07 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Poland tonight

**FRI 20:06 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS101.**Veiby 1h00m41.7s, 2.Tidemand +5.1s, 3.Gilbert +2m09.5s, 4.Guerra +3m04.1s, 5. Bonato +3m25.5s

**FRI 20:06 - POLAND AFTER SS101.**Neuville 56m21.2s, 2.Tänak +1.3s, 3.Latvala +6.6s, 4.Ogier +35.1s, 5.Paddon +39.6s

**FRI 20:01 - WRC 2 UPDATE**Veiby leads from Tidemand and Gilbert.

**FRI 19:51 - SS10: TROPHY UPDATE**MINI driver Gorban leads the category tonight by 5m55s from Raoux. Serderidis is third, 11m28s adrift.

**FRI 19:42 - SS10: SUNINEN VS GORBANS**Suninen wins the heat and ends his first day in the 2017-spec Fiesta in seventh place. "As the last World Rally Car driver, today's stages have been destroyed by the time I got to them. But okay, I can be happy with my fastest time. Let's try to have a better day tomorrow!"

**FRI 19:40 - SS10: LEFEBVRE VS OSTBERG**Lefebvre goes sixth quickest so far. How did he find the C3? "A difficult day but we didn't make any mistakes and the car was quite okay. A good day and some good times." Ostberg is still ruing his rotten luck. "Even now, the windscreen was completely sprayed [with mud] ans of course my washers didn't work. It's rubbish. Probably more dangerous than the stages in the forest!"

**FRI 19:34 - SS10: MIKKELSEN VS BREEN**Mikkelsen goes fourth quickest so far in the development C3. Breen is 1.2sec slower and visibly upset. "Probably one of the worst days of my career in terms of driving and feeling. I really struggled. I'm absolutely petrified. I feel like I'm going to crash all the time. It's a horrible place to be right now." Mikkelsen says: "It has been difficult. This morning we hit a tree and lost over a minute. The afternoon has been better, I'm much more confident and comfortable now."

**FRI 19:28 - SS10: PADDON VS HANNINEN**Seventh quickest here, Paddon takes an easy heat win by 5.6sec. "Today has been all about keeping it clean. Tomorrow we'll look to put up a fight. I don't want to settle for fifth, so let's see." Hanninen thinks he has an engine problem. "A misfire I think, it's difficult to say. I had to play with the mapping to get it back. Luckily we go to service now."

**FRI 19:24 - SS10: EVANS VS SORDO**The smoother roads of the Super Special seem to suit Evans - he's quickest so far. "Some sort of a consolation prize I guess after a tough day. Hopefully it will be a bit drier tomorrow but I'm not sure. We'll do what we can." Sordo says: "The roads were better in the afternoon. The conditions were completely mad in the morning. The grip was more consistent on the repeats."

**FRI 19:19 - SS10: LATVALA VS TANAK**Tanak wins this heat and that's our overnight top four settled. Neuville leads by 1.3sec from Tanak. Latvala is third with Ogier fourth. "Tomorrow is the key of the rally," says Tanak. "Most of the stages are new, pretty long and tricky. If the weather is like this, it will be some day!" Latvala says: "Ott did very well. I thought I did, but I lost too much time. The morning was good but I couldn't get the best feeling with my driving in the afternoon."

**FRI 19:14 - SS10: OGIER VS NEUVILLE**Neuville takes the win by 1.2sec. "Tomorrow's road position will be very important so I try to stay in the lead tonight," he says. Ogier says: "Difficult stages today - even here I got a cracked widescreen from Neuville's mud and stones!"

**FRI 19:09 - SS10: OGIER VS NEUVILLE**On track now in some very wet and windy conditions.

**FRI 19:08 - SS10: WATCH LIVE**On WRC+

**FRI 18:55 - STAGE INFO: SS10**Mikolajki Arena 2, 2.50km. Friday ends with a repeat of the purpose-built super special stage next to Mikolajki's service park. Two cars at a time tackle the short test, scene of Jari-Matti Latvala's 2009 heartbreak when he crashed in the final stage and wrecked Ford's 1-2 finish. The surface has less gravel on top this year and has a harder base.

**FRI 18:55 - SS10: GET SET!**WRC+ Live tracking shows crews gathering at the Mikolajki Arena for today's final stage. First pairing on track at 1908hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 18:51 - SS9: J WRC FOLB**"He completes with a punctured rear-left tyre. "We lost a lot of time here. Okay, not such a bad day but I think we can go faster,"

**FRI 18:48 - SS9: J WRC CIAMIN**"This morning I struggled in the wet conditions. I was careful this afternoon. This stage was better but I spun in here and lost 10 seconds."

**FRI 18:47 - SS9: J WRC SOLANS**The Spaniard pleased to be leading the Junior category. "Good, yeah. We were slow in the morning. It's our first time in Poland in the rain. We managed well and in the afternoon we pushed a little more. I hope it will be a bit drier tomorrow and we can go faster."

**FRI 18:35 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS9**1.Veiby 58m52.4s, 2.Tidemand +6.8s, 3.Gilbert +2m10.1s, 4.Guerra +3m02.5s, 5. Bonato +3m23.7s

**FRI 18:32 - SS9: WRC 2 BONATO**"My first time in conditions like this. Sometimes the ruts were so deep it felt like I was in a bobsleigh."

**FRI 18:30 - SS9: WRC 2 ANDOLFI**"I don't have a good set up for these conditions. I'm not satisfied."

**FRI 18:29 - SS9: WRC 2 CHUCHALA**"On the stage before we destroyed a bit the front of the car in the ruts and we have no proper engine protection. So here we were very careful - worried we might not get to the finish. All okay though."

**FRI 18:25 - SS9: WRC 2 GILBERT**The Frenchman third in WRC 2 - despite an uncomfortable run here. "I hate this stage. The worst of the stages for me with lots of high-speed ruts. Okay, one more stage to go, I must drive, drive, drive.."

**FRI 18:15 - SS9: WRC 2 GUERRA**"Alex, my engineer, has given me a good set-up this afternoon and I've enjoyed a lot. So difficult, but I'm having a good day. It looks like P4 tonight. We'll keep pushing tomorrow."

**FRI 18:13 - SS9: WRC 2 VEIBY**Quicker than Pontus here by a second and Veiby's lead is up to 6.8sec with just the Super Special to come today. "A really, really good day for us. One stage to go and hopefully I will lead at the end of day one. I like these stages. An enjoyable day."

**FRI 18:11 - SS9: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**"Quite fun. The car is jumping about sideways. Just flat out. Hard to find the rhythm. A good fight with Ole Christian. I need to find the balance between fighting and safety."

**FRI 18:09 - SS9: TROPHY UPDATE**Big gaps now in the Trophy standings. Gorban leads, Raoux is second (+5m56s) and Serderidis third (11m28s)

**FRI 18:06 - WRC 2 UPDATE**The three-way lead battle has become a two-horse race. Greensmith went off at the end of SS8, hit a concrete gully and broke a steering arm. Before SS9, Veiby leads by 5.8sec from Tidemand.

**FRI 18:01 - SS9: SUNINEN**Another terrific opening split for the Finn - second only to stage winner Neuville - but he's fifth fastest at the end. What happened? "In the end I missed a junction and needed to reverse. A small mistake in the muddy braking. The afternoon loop has been good. Tomorrow I need to continue our good work without mistakes."

**FRI 17:57 - SS9: LEFEBVRE**Another clean run for the Frenchman. "A difficult day but we didn't do any big mistakes."

**FRI 17:55 - POLAND AFTER SS9**1.Neuville 54m36.2s, 2.Tänak +1.5s, 3.Latvala +5.4s, 4.Ogier +33.9s, 5.Paddon +37.9s. Neuville into the lead

**FRI 17:54 - SS9: OSTBERG**"Not better and not worse than this morning. A better day tomorrow - hopefully."

**FRI 17:51 - SS9: MIKKELSEN**Sixth quickest so far. "Very deep ruts. And I noticed a puncture on the start so I was careful in every left-hand corner not to take the tyre off the rim."

**FRI 17:49 - SS9: BREEN**"This one went with the flow of the rest of them today - terrible. I just want to get back to service now and have a reset. My plan for tomorrow? Do better."

**FRI 17:45 - SS9: HANNINEN**"Not satisfied, we are losing quite a lot. We know what to do tomorrow - today I was too low on the second pass."

**FRI 17:42 - SS9: PADDON**Second quickest so far. "The conditions are more even this afternoon. I'm looking forward hopefully to some drier weather tomorrow so we can enjoy these stages."

**FRI 17:40 - SS9: EVANS**Still struggling in the DMACK Fiesta. Slowest of the six cars through. "Not great, obviously. In this stage I don't think I've even been so far off the pace or had such big slides. We know it's just down to what we have available on the day. We have to get through it and wait for our day."

**FRI 17:38 - WEATHER UPDATE**Signs of improvement have disappeared. It's raining again on Stage 9.

**FRI 17:37 - SS9: SORDO**"A little better than this morning. Still slippery but a more natural feeling."

**FRI 17:36 - STILL TIGHT AT THE TOP!**Just 3.9s covers the top three: Neuville, Tanak and Latvala

**FRI 17:33 - SS9: LATVALA**6.1sec slower than Neuville and Latvala slots third in the standings. The afternoon I'm struggling in the ruts. I can't get the car to turn in. I haven't tested this car enough in these conditions."

**FRI 17:32 - SS9: TANAK**3.2sec slower than Neuville. Tanak loses the lead but still sounds super confident. "It's still Friday so I'm not on the limit. Some extreme conditions this afternoon so no need to go all out for the moment. It's still very early, for sure we need to keep close. Tomorrow is a long day with new stages."

**FRI 17:28 - SS9: NEUVILLE**8.6sec quicker than Ogier here and the Belgian is 33.9sec ahead in the overall standings. "Really, really tricky. We are suffering with our road position. Okay, we gained a bit in the morning but we lose in the afternoon. When I push the car behaves well. I've done a good stage."

**FRI 17:25 - SS9: OGIER**"Like the whole afternoon I'm on the limit. I pushed as hard as I can. We have to analyse why, but I can't go faster. I was hoping for better today but the conditions in the afternoon didn't help me."

**FRI 17:23 - SS9: LIVE**We'll cross straight to the next stage. Ogier has just completed.

**FRI 17:22 - POLAND AFTER SS8**1.Tänak 47m27.1s, 2.Latvala +1.0s, 3.Neuville +1.7s, 4.Ogier +27.0s, 5.Paddon +38.1s. Tänak takes the lead

**FRI 17:20 - SS8: SUNINEN**Another super impressive time from Teemu. Quickest to the 6.5km split, he ends the stage third fastest. "At the beginning it was good but later I was sliding a lot in the ruts. Still, quite an okay time. I'm feeling comfortable. Still learning."

**FRI 17:14 - SS8: LEFEBVRE**"The ride height was too low. I lose some seconds with this mistake."

**FRI 17:13 - SS8: OSTBERG**"It feels a bit better. I'm sure everybody has said the conditions are difficult - and they are. It was horrible this morning and I would say horrible again this afternoon."

**FRI 17:10 - SS8: MIKKELSEN**Fifth fastest. "We've got the suspension working a bit better. When I don't get any surprises from the car, and the grip is more constant, then I get back to my normal driving again. I'm happy with the changes we've made."

**FRI 17:07 - SS8: BREEN**The Irishman is slowest of the nine cars through and suffering a crisis of confidence. "A really terrible feeling, to be honest. I'm constantly, constantly afraid of crashing. Not nice on roads like this."

**FRI 17:03 - SS8: HANNINEN**"Quite rutted in here. We tried to raise the car before the stage but the dampers were covered in mud and we couldn't do it."

**FRI 17:01 - SS8: PADDON**Fourth quickest so far. "It's okay. A bit different. The stage was a bit rutted. Today is all about keeping it smooth."

**FRI 16:54 - SS8: SORDO**The rain has stopped, the cloud is lifting and so is Sordo's mood. "These conditions are a bit better - you can drive and control the car. Here I have more feeling in the road."

**FRI 16:53 - TIGHT AT THE TOP**Eight stages done in Poland and just 1.7sec covers the top three drivers: Tanak, Latvala and Neuville!

**FRI 16:51 - SS8: LATVALA**7.2sec slower than Tanak and Jari-Matti loses the rally lead. "I was too much afraid of the slippery places because I had a moment on the previous stage. I was just too cautious."

**FRI 16:50 - SS8: TANAK**Slower than Neuville here and his advantage in the overall standings is down to 1.7sec. "Thierry was pushing. I tried not to take any risks. It's difficult to understand what's happening. I'm happy like this."

**FRI 16:46 - SS8: NEUVILLE**A storming drive - 13.5sec quicker than Ogier! "I had a push. Not easy, there are no lines. I tried to follow Seb's lines in a couple of corners, but when I got off it was really slippery. For sure the road will be better for the cars behind."

**FRI 16:43 - SS8: OGIER**"I tried. The first one maybe I was too defensive, but here I tried everything. It's impossible. For sure I'm going to lose time but I pushed everything I could."

**FRI 16:31 - STAGE INFO: SS8**Swietajno 2, 19.60km. A slightly shorter version of the stage driven 12 months ago. At the start, a narrow and bumpy cobbled section leads onto soft gravel, but the roads become wider as the test progresses. The opening 1.5km passes through a forest but the rest of the stage crosses open fields with tall grass on either side. It is littered with fast jumps, the most famous being Rosochackie.

**FRI 16:30 - SS8: LIVE**We'll cross straight to the next stage. Ogier started at 1630hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 16:29 - POLAND AFTER SS7**1.Latvala 37m17.6s, 2.Tänak +2.3s, 3.Neuville +7.9s, 4.Ogier +19.7s, 5.Paddon +40.4s. Suninen stage win!

**FRI 16:27 - WEATHER UPDATE**Signs of improvement. The torrential rain has been replaced by intermittent showers and the clouds overhead look less grey. The temperature is 18°C.

**FRI 16:25 - SS7: SUNINEN**Quickest! That's his first WRC stage win - and on only his sixth stage in a World Rally Car. And he's cool as a cucumber. "Really? Okay, it was a clean run. The conditions are

different to the first loop. That's good but we still have a lot of things to improve. It's just one stage and I want more."

**FRI 16:18 - SS7: LEFEBVRE**"The grip was better than I expected."

**FRI 16:16 - SS7: OSTBERG**Fifth quickest. "It was okay. We made quite big changes in service and it seems to be working well. We changed something on the diff and it has helped with the turn-in."

**FRI 16:12 - SS7: MIKKELSEN**Third quickest. That's more like it. "The car feels better now. The team made some changes in service and now I have much more feeling for the grip. No surprises in the driving."

**FRI 16:10 - SS7: BREEN**His car has four-wheel-drive again but Breen is slowest through so far. "Shocking. We made a couple of set-up changes but we'll make a couple more now"

**FRI 16:08 - SS7: BREEN**WRC timing system shows a 70sec penalty for Craig. He got this when work to repair his C3 at midday service overran by seven minutes.

**FRI 16:07 - SS7: HANNINEN**A decent time, fourth quickest so far but Juho is shaking his head. "It's not easy on the car - deep ruts and so muddy. I don't know where we will end up."

**FRI 16:04 - SS7: PADDON**Quickest so far and Hayden is revitalized. "We made some set up changes in service and they have transformed the car. I'm much more comfortable. What changes? Many changes..."

**FRI 16:01 - SS7: EVANS**Slowest of the six cars through so far. "I didn't think it was possible, but it was worse than this morning!"

**FRI 15:58 - SS7: SORDO**10.3sec off the pace here. "It's totally stupid to drive like this. You can't drive. It's like a lottery."

**FRI 15:55 - SS7: LATVALA**2.7sec slower than Tanak and Jari-Matti holds the rally lead.

"Horrendous. Absolutely terrible. The grip is really, really low. The car is going from side to side. It's amazing that we are still here."

**FRI 15:52 - SS7: TANAK**Now Tanak goes quickest - 6.1sec up on Neuville. "The conditions are something crazy. It's difficult to understand what is happening - it's so slippery and rutted. Maybe the conditions are going to get better [for those behind]."

**FRI 15:50 - SS7: NEUVILLE**Nine seconds quicker than Ogier. "A lot of standing water in the ruts. I tried to avoid most of them. A good stage, but there is no line. We are cleaning the road to benefit the guys behind."

**FRI 15:46 - SS7: OGIER**First driver to complete a repeated stage. How was it? "Terrible.

Undriveable. A lot of water in the ruts now. It's really, really hard." His time of 8m04.2s is a full 30 seconds slower than his earlier pass.

**FRI 15:39 - SS7: LIVE**Ogier and Neuville in stage.

**FRI 15:33 - STAGE INFO: SS7**A reminder of what is coming up next: Wieliczki 2, 15.05km.

Wieliczki is fast and flowing for most of the way, with big cuts for the brave. Only the closing part is narrow and technical and here drivers must remain tidy, or risk going off. The stage crosses a railway line near the finish. Much of it was driven in the opposite direction in 2016, and only the opening kilometres to the village of Markowskie are the same as last year.

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**FRI 15:04 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin that all its drivers have five soft-compound tyres for the afternoon loop. That's a repeat of the morning choices.

**FRI 13:54 - WRC DIVERSION**Competitors will take an alternative route to the start of SS7. The next stage is due to start at 1530hrs.

**FRI 13:51 - SS6: UPDATE**Organisers cancelled the stage on the grounds of spectator safety.

**FRI 13:47 - SS6: CANCELLED**News just in. We will bring you more details as soon as possible.

**FRI 13:42 - STAGE INFO: SS6**Chmielewo 2, 6.52km. Friday afternoon's opening test is a mixture of wide and narrow roads but is fast throughout, with several flat-out jumps early on. The middle is

technical and narrow, with tight corners up to the village of Grabówka, before fast and wide roads lead to the finish. The surface is sandy, apart from a short asphalt section which links two gravel roads. Identical to 2016.

**FRI 13:41 - WELCOME BACK**Ready for the afternoon loop? Crews are arriving at the start of Chmielewo.

**FRI 12:26 - NEXT STAGE: 1345HRS**That's Ogier's start time for Chmielewo - the first stage of the repeat loop. We'll take a live text break until then. Bye for now

**FRI 12:25 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are en route to Mikolajki for a regroup and then today's midpoint 30-minute service. First car into service at 1240hrs. You can watch teams re-prepare the cars in service via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

**FRI 12:09 - SS5: WRC 2 BONATO**Early contender for quote of the rally: "We are on the mountain of hell."

**FRI 12:07 - SS5: WRC 2 ANDOLFI**"Not so good for us. We have an electronic problem with the gearbox."

**FRI 12:04 - SS5: WRC 2 CHUCHALA**"A big problem because I could not see anything - the windscreen was completely [steamed up]. Very easy to hit rocks here."

**FRI 12:00 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS5**1.Veiby 32m25.5s, 2.Tidemand +7.1s, 3.Greensmith +22.3s, 4.Gilbert +1m27.0s, 5. Ptaszek +1m34.8s

**FRI 11:57 - SS5: WRC 2 PTAZEK**"This is only the morning of the first day so I am taking it carefully. I've never driven in conditions like this. This is a good warm up for GB!"

**FRI 11:55 - SS5: WRC 2 HELLERA**A rear wheel running out of alignment. "We were doing a very good rally but here we hit a bale and lost a lot of time. We will continue."

**FRI 11:53 - SS5: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**12sec off the pace and he drops to third in WRC 2. What happened? "The boot opened! I couldn't hear a single thing and I overshot one corner. Terrible. A stupid mistake but okay, it's happened now."

**FRI 11:49 - SS5: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**Has not started the stage yet.

**FRI 11:46 - SS5: WRC 2 GUERRA**"We were a bit confused in the pace notes at the beginning here."

**FRI 11:45 - SS5: WRC 2 VEIBY**"For sure happy to be leading. This was the most difficult stage of the day so far. In some places I had no control - unbelievable."

**FRI 11:43 - SS5: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**"It's been difficult and I've struggled to find a good rhythm. So much rain in there that the wipers couldn't go fast enough. Aquaplaning everywhere. The last time I drove in conditions like this was in Wales."

**FRI 11:42 - SS5: TROPHY UPDATE**Big gaps in the category for pre-2017 World Rally Cars. Gorban leads by 3m06 from Raoux. Serderidis is third, 2m56s further back.

**FRI 11:38 - WRC 2 UPDATE**A tight and unexpected picture after four stages. Veiby leads a breakaway trio covered by just 6.8sec. Greensmith is a surprise second and championship leader Tidemand third. Gilbert is fourth, 49.sec behind

**FRI 11:34 - POLAND AFTER SS5**1.Latvala 29m25.8s, 2.Neuville +4.5s, 3.Tanak +5.0s, 4.Ogier +7.3s, 5.Paddon +43.6s. Mikkelsen suspension

**FRI 11:29 - SS5: SUNINEN**"Getting muddier and muddier all the time. At least service now will give us a small break."

**FRI 11:26 - SS5: LEFEBVRE**"A horrible stage. I went off a bit. After that I just tried to keep the car on the road."

**FRI 11:23 - SS5: MIKKELSEN**Big issues for the Norwegian. His C3 completes with rear-left suspension damage and the wheel running out of alignment. "We tried to push a bit but in a right-hander we went out a bit and hit a tree stump. That's it basically." The incident costs him 1m45s to the leaders. He should make it back to service okay.

**FRI 11:14 - SS5: HANNINEN**"Okay. Nothing special. Muddy sections and really fast. Sometimes my braking was on the limit."

**FRI 11:13 - SS5: PADDON**Quickest at the first split but fifth fastest at the finish. "The first section wasn't bad. The rain had almost stopped but then it started again and the surface was immediately more muddy and slippery. Conditions should be more consistent for all of us this afternoon."

**FRI 11:10 - SS5: BREEN**That's the end of a miserable morning for Craig. "I'm gutted, absolutely gutted. We wanted a good rally here. It's a shame it happened so early. The other guys will have the benefit of a high-speed pass this morning. We were in road mode."

**FRI 11:04 - SS5: EVANS**"Tricky. Hard to know where the grip is. More of the same, really."

**FRI 11:02 - SS5: SORDO**15.4sec off the pace. "I spun. I arrived at a corner and there was no grip. When conditions are like this it is better to stay on the road. It is not very comfortable in there."

**FRI 11:00 - SS5: LATVALA**1.9sec slower than Neuville but Jari-Matti retains the rally lead. One of his wiper blades is missing. "It broke on stage four and is a little bit distracting. We changed them from side to side so my one is working."

**FRI 10:56 - SS5: TANAK**3.2sec slower than Neuville and Ott throws his driving gloves onto the dash in frustration. "I stalled on the start line. The engine was weak on the start. What can we do?"

**FRI 10:53 - SS5: NEUVILLE**4.1sec up on Ogier. "Yeah, it was better. I was quite committed apart from one or two corners when I got the braking wrong. Otherwise I pushed hard in places - especially when I knew I would only go off into fields."

**FRI 10:51 - SS5: OGIER**He's through, and that's Friday's morning loop done. "It's still quick here even if it's wet. A difficult morning for everyone I think but I expect the second loop will be harder. First on the road has been not such a bad position to be in, but it's still not been an easy morning."

**FRI 10:47 - STAGE INFO: SS5**Stare Juchy, 13.50km. Initially it is narrow, fast and open through trees up to the village of Gorłówko. It leaves the trees behind but remains fast with grass down the middle of the road in places. There is a spectacular jump at the midpoint. Identical route to 2016.

**FRI 10:47 - SS5: LIVE**We'll cross over to the next stage now. Ogier started on schedule at 1040hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 10:43 - POLAND AFTER SS4**1.Latvala 22m29.1s, 2.Tänak +3.7s, 3.Ogier +5.1s, 4.Neuville +6.4s, 5.Sordo +32.2s. Lappi stops

**FRI 10:41 - SS4: OSTBERG**"The feeling was better in here. Okay, there was no grip all but at least it was consistent. We try things [on the car] but it doesn't seem to change a lot."

**FRI 10:39 - SS4: MIKKELSEN**First to pass Lappi in stage. Did you see him? "Yes, I saw a wheel was damaged - not in the right direction." he says. "For me it was very difficult stage. We made a very good set up for the dry but it looks like it isn't working in the wet."

**FRI 10:35 - SS4: LAPPI**WRC live tracking shows his Toyota stopped at 17.1km - just a couple of kilometers before the finish. He started the stage in fifth place.

**FRI 10:32 - SS4: HANNINEN**Seventh quickest. "A bit frustrating when you see the times of the top guys. I tried, but I'm losing quite a lot."

**FRI 10:30 - SS4: PADDON**"It's getting more slippery with every single car. You can't fight physics. Full credit to Esapekka behind, he's doing a better job than we are here."

**FRI 10:29 - SS4: BREEN**He drops another 2m40s to the leaders here. Any improvement? "I've managed to make myself dirty, that's all. Two wheel drive, but at the wrong end. I have front-wheel-drive. It's an absolute disaster."

**FRI 10:22 - SS4: EVANS**"Tough for us. We have to keep doing what we can. It's really risky for us, we have okay grip at one point and then nothing. It's hard to know how much to commit."

**FRI 10:20 - SS4: SORDO**12.6sec off the pace. "I can't manage the grip. For me it's difficult to go fast because the grip is not consistent and I don't like that. This stage was a little more constant. A tricky rally for the moment, but I'm still on the road so I'm happy."

**FRI 10:17 - SS4: LATVALA**Another new fastest time and Jari-Matti holds the rally lead by 3.7sec from Tanak. "I have a good feeling with the car. The conditions are difficult. Some sections good grip, some sections slippery. You have to think ahead."

**FRI 10:13 - SS4: TANAK**Quickest so far. "A tricky, tricky stage but normally I go quite okay in here. I drove a bit faster."

**FRI 10:10 - SS4: NEUVILLE**Quick in the opening section, Neuville completes 1sec slower than Ogier. What happened? "Nothing. I just tried to control. There are places I can be faster but at the moment I don't need to. I don't want to make any stupid mistakes."

**FRI 10:08 - SS4: OGIER**Ogier completes, and the splits show Neuville is 3.2sec quicker at the 6km point. "This is all about daring to take risks. I'm happy with my drive but it's hard to be on the limit."

**FRI 10:05 - WEATHER UPDATE**Rain falling steadily on SS4.

**FRI 09:53 - STAGE INFO: SS4**Swietajno, 19.60km. A slightly shorter version of the stage driven 12 months ago. At the start, a narrow and bumpy cobbled section leads onto soft gravel, but the roads become wider as the test progresses. The opening 1.5km passes through a forest but the rest of the stage crosses open fields with tall grass on either side. It is littered with fast jumps, the most famous being Rosochackie.

**FRI 09:52 - SS4: GET SET!**WRC+ Live tracking shows the lead cars gathering the pre-start control. Ogier's start time: 0955hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 09:51 - POLAND AFTER SS3**1.Latvala 12m41.8s, 2.Ogier +2.1s, 3.Tänak +2.4s, 4.Neuville +2.4s, 5.Lappi +12.6s

**FRI 09:50 - SS3: SUNINEN**Ninth fastest on stage. "This time the driving was good, I can be happy with that. I know where I can go faster. I think the stages are getting more and more muddy. A lot of wheel spin."

**FRI 09:47 - SS3: LEFEBVRE**Stephane adopts a cautious strategy but is 2.7sec quicker than his team-mate Mikkelsen. "I didn't take any risks in here and the time is not so bad. I struggled for traction."

**FRI 09:44 - SS3: OSTBERG**Sounds like Mads caught a sharp shower in stage. "The rain is increasing a lot now. It's very difficult with water in the lines and mud everywhere. Like on Tarmac, there is no grip left."

**FRI 09:41 - SS3: MIKKELSEN**26.7sec off the pace here and struggling for confidence in his development-spec C3. "I find it very hard. The car is understeering in some corners and oversteering in others."

**FRI 09:38 - SS3: LAPPI**"A small error with the pace note reading. Janne jumped one line and I didn't know where to go for a moment. It's okay - we are still here." Fifth fastest time so far.

**FRI 09:34 - SS3: HANNINEN**"This was better than the first one, but it's still difficult to guess what the grip will be like in any corner."

**FRI 09:33 - WEATHER UPDATE**The rain is easing on SS3.

**FRI 09:32 - SS3: PADDON**"I'm struggling for any confidence. You can't read the grip levels here. I'm not doing a very good job in these conditions."

**FRI 09:31 - SS3: BREEN**He completes with the loss of 2m15s. "There is nothing I can do to fix it. We took out the driveshaft but couldn't get it back in. We've locked the diff and are just checking our notes before the repeat pass."

**FRI 09:28 - SS3: BREEN**In stage, but his Citroen has three-wheel-drive so he is dropping time.

**FRI 09:26 - SS3: EVANS**20.9sec off the pace. "Really hard for us. I was surprised at the amount of grip in the first half but in the second half, when the road turns black, I was getting caught out in the mud."

**FRI 09:23 - SS3: SORDO**Slowest of the five cars through and Sordo is lacking confidence. "You can imagine it is very difficult. I don't have mechanical feeling when it is so wet and muddy. I'm trying all I can."

**FRI 09:19 - SS3: LATVALA**Quickest time so far puts Jari-Matti into the lead. "That's surprising because I didn't think I was driving so well. The grip is changing so much!"

**FRI 09:16 - SS3: TANAK**Quickest so far. "It went a bit better than the first stage. A bit of a better feeling but still tricky."

**FRI 09:13 - SS3: NEUVILLE**1.8sec slower than Ogier and that puts the Frenchman just ahead in the overall standings. "Much more grip than I expected on the first part and less at the end. I struggled to find a good rhythm. I was too slow at the start."

**FRI 09:10 - SS3: OGIER**First to complete in 7m34.3s. "Tricky. It's going to be a long day I think. A lot of grip changes and the road is hard to read. You cannot be on the limit. At the end I was too careful."

**FRI 09:08 - SS3: LIVE**Ogier, Neuville and Tanak in stage. WRC TV crews report rain is falling. Puddles of standing water throughout.



**FRI 09:00 - SS2: PRYCE**Fourth overnight in WRC 2, the Briton is out following a huge crash halfway through SS2. He and co-driver Dale Funiss are okay. Their Fiesta is heavily damaged after multiple rolls.

**FRI 08:32 - STAGE INFO: SS3**Wieliczki, 15.05km. Wieliczki is fast and flowing for most of the way, with big cuts for the brave. Only the closing part is narrow and technical and here drivers must remain tidy, or risk going off. The stage crosses a railway line near the finish. Much of it was driven in the opposite direction in 2016, and only the opening kilometres to the village of Markowskie are the same as last year.

**FRI 08:31 - NEXT STAGE: 0900HRS**That's Ogier's start time for Wieliczki. Stage notes coming up. We'll resume our live texting when Seb is underway.

**FRI 08:26 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS2**1.Veiby 5m33.9s, 2.Tidemand +0.3s, 3.Greensmith +5.3s, 4.Heller +18.0s, 5. Tempestini +19.4s

**FRI 08:23 - SS2: WRC 2 PTASZEK**Slowest so far and it's a cautious start for Hubert as the rain continues to pour down. "Really, really slippery. Not easy. Just driving in careful mode."

**FRI 08:20 - SS2: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**Third quickest so far in WRC 2 despite a hairy landing after a jump. "Glad to get this one out of the way. I've never seen conditions like this!"

**FRI 08:17 - SS2: WRC 2 PIENIAZEK**His front-right tyre has been knocked off the rim.

**FRI 08:15 - SS2: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**Reports a fogged windscreen for the last few kilometres.

**FRI 08:13 - BREEN UPDATE**Stopped on the roadside, 1km from the end of SS2, and working on the car.

**FRI 08:12 - SS2: WRC 2 GUERRA**"My first time here in Poland and it's very difficult. We have to find the correct pace."

**FRI 08:10 - SS2: WRC 2 VEIBY**1.7sec quicker than Tidemand. "Slippy, but I think I had a good run." Indeed he did.

**FRI 08:09 - SS2: WRC 2 TIDEMAND**"A clean run, but it's difficult to judge how this time will match up. Still, we are here and that's the important thing!"

**FRI 08:09 - SS2: TROPHY UPDATE**Gorban is quickest of the Trophy Trio, followed by Raoux and Serderidis. "It's like ice," says Raoux. "Extremely slippery - we have to be careful if we want to finish," adds Serderidis.

**FRI 08:02 - POLAND AFTER SS2**1.Neuville 5m08.1s, 2.Latvala +0.7s, 3.Ogier +1.5s, 4.Tänak +2.2s, 5.Lappi +5.5s. Breen transmission

**FRI 07:59 - SS2: SUNINEN**Not the conditions or road position you'd want for your World Rally Car debut. "I stalled the engine in the first junction. The rest of the stage was better. I enjoy the car but I need to improve my driving and avoid mistakes."

**FRI 07:57 - SS2: LEFEBVRE**Eighth quickest, and the Frenchman is Citroën's pace setter on this stage. "Everything is okay. I touched one bale on the front right, but I think it's okay."

**FRI 07:54 - SS2: OSTBERG**Some terse stage-end comments from Mads. "It's horrible." How are you managing? "Not so well." He's 11th quickest.

**FRI 07:52 - SS2: MIKKELSEN**Eighth quickest. "Very, very hard. So slippery - especially under braking."

**FRI 07:51 - SS2: LAPPI**No repeat of his earlier engine concerns. "The engine problem was fine - just a mapping issue." And it's a decent run here to fifth quickest. "It's going to be a tough day - it's so slippery in places. All the braking and [corner] entries are mainly completely mud. The car is like a boat - I'm just sailing and hoping. I have to be cautious, put it a lot sideways and try to survive." .

**FRI 07:45 - SS2: HANNINEN**Fifth quickest so far. That's an impressive start from his position of 9th in the start order. "Slippy. Really difficult and muddy," he says.

**FRI 07:42 - SS2: PADDON**8.3sec slower than his team-mate Neuville. "We have absolutely no chance with this road position. It's so slippery, like ice, no grip. I can't worry about the guys ahead, we'll just do the best job we can."

**FRI 07:39 - SS2: BREEN**40.4sec off the pace and poor Craig looks gutted. "It feels like two-wheel-drive. Something is broken in the transmission."

**FRI 07:36 - SS2: EVANS**Slowest so far, 19.2sec off the pace in his DMACK-shod Fiesta. "A few mistakes here and there but generally it's just impossible to drive. Am I dreading the rest of the day? If [the weather] stays like this then yes!"

**FRI 07:34 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin on the numbers and compounds (hard or soft) their drivers have chosen for the morning loop. All have taken five soft compound tyres.

**FRI 07:32 - SS2: SORDO**10sec off the pace here. What happened? "I missed the first junction. It was very slippery and I didn't have a lot of confidence."

**FRI 07:31 - SS2: LATVALA**Second quickest so far. Is fourth in the running order a better place to be than Ogier's road-opening slot? "It's not much better. Okay, you can see a little bit of the braking lines, but in the small roads under the trees it is very difficult. In the open areas the grip is more consistent."

**FRI 07:28 - SS2: TANAK**1.6sec off quickest time. "It's getting very muddy and I missed a bit one junction on the tarmac - I went straight on." His car looks okay, but there is some grass stuffed in the front air intakes.

**FRI 07:24 - SS2: NEUVILLE**Quicker than Ogier by 1.4sec but he's shaking his head. "So many surprises! The braking is so slippy, I went against the bank a couple of times. There's no grip at all. It will be difficult for the guys behind."

**FRI 07:22 - HANNINEN PENALTY**He has picked up a 10sec penalty for a jump start at Thursday's Super Special.

**FRI 07:21 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becc Williams in the studio and Colin Clark and Emyr Penlan reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link to the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**FRI 07:21 - SS2: OGIER**First to complete in 3m24.3s. "It's tricky, really slippery in some sections. The same for all of us though. We expected these conditions. The grip is low."

**FRI 07:19 - LAPPI UPDATE**Esapekka was concerned about his engine last night. His Toyota team later tweeted: "Team has an idea what the problem is and we believe we can fix it." His car left service on schedule this morning. Fingers crossed.

**FRI 07:16 - STAGE INFO: SS2**Chmielewo, 6.52km. Friday's opening test is a mixture of wide and narrow roads but is fast throughout, with several flat-out jumps early on. The middle is technical and narrow, with tight corners up to the village of Grabówka, before fast and wide roads lead to the finish. The surface is sandy, apart from a short asphalt section which links two gravel roads. Identical to 2016.

**FRI 07:16 - SS2: GET SET!**WRC+ Live tracking shows the lead cars gathering the pre-start control. Ogier's start time: 07:15hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 07:15 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becc Williams in the studio and Colin Clark and Emyr Penlan reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link to the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**FRI 07:15 - FRIDAY'S RUNNING ORDER**Crews will tackle today's stages in championship order, which puts current leader Ogier though first. Here's how they will line up: 1. Ogier, 2. Neuville, 3. Tänak, 4. Latvala, 5. Sordo, 6. Evans, 7. Breen, 8. Paddon, 9. Hänninen, 10. Lappi, 11. Mikkelsen, 12. Østberg, 13. Lefebvre, 14. Sunninen

**FRI 07:15 - WEATHER**The Masurian Lake District is living up to its name. Grey clouds and lots of rain this morning. Heavy rain overnight and more is falling over Mikolajki now. Puddles of standing water on the stages. The temperature is 17°C. Adding to the misery for spectators is a stiff breeze of 14 mph.

**FRI 07:15 - FRIDAY'S ITINERARY**The Chmeilewo special gets proceedings underway at 0715hrs and is followed by the Wieliczki, Swietajno and Stare Juchy specials that will be repeated in the afternoon after a return to the Service Park from 1240hrs.

**FRI 07:14 - COMING UP**Today teams will tackle two loops of four high-speed gravel stages and a repeat run through the Mikolajki Arena stage to round off the day's action.

**FRI 07:14 - WE'RE LIVE**On wrc.com and the WRC App to bring you all the news from today's opening day of the rally. After last night's Super Special, this is when the rally really gets started!

**FRI 07:14 - GOOD MORNING!**And welcome back to our live text coverage of Orlen 74th Rally Poland

**THU 20:47 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news from Mikolajki. Or head to WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including our preview programmes and exclusive onboard comparison library. Bye for now.

**THU 20:47 - WE WILL RETURN**On Friday to bring you all the news from the rally's first full day of competition. We'll be here bright and early from 0715hrs (UTC +2hr) when the opening stage gets underway.

**THU 20:43 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll leave our live text coverage from Poland tonight

**THU 20:42 - POLAND JWRC AFTER SS11.**Folb 1m57.9s, 2.Solans +0.3s, 3.Ciamin +0.9s, 4.Radstrom +2.1s, 5.Tannert +2.7s

**THU 20:37 - POLAND WRC2 AFTER SS11.**Tidemand 1m48.3s, 2.Greensmith +1.2s, 3.Veiby +1.4s, 4.Pryce +1.7s, 5. Tempestini +2.0s

**THU 20:30 - POLAND AFTER SS11.**Evans 1m44.4s, 2.Neuville +0.8s, 3.Ogier +0.9s, 4.Latvala +1.3s, 5.Tanak +1.4s

**THU 20:21 - SS1: OGIER VS NEUVILLE**Neuville wins tonight's headline battle of the championship leaders by one-tenth. "A good stage for us, the car feels great. It was a close battle with Ogier here but we managed to do well. I'm pleased," Neuville says. Ogier sounds optimistic that the wet conditions might lessen the disadvantage of running first through Friday's stages. "We will see how the weather affects things. I'm not sure how heavy the rain has been across the whole stage area but for sure if it's wet it's a different story for me."

**THU 20:15 - SS1: LATVALA VS TANAK**With so many Estonian spectators making the journey to Poland, the cheering reaches fever pitch as Tanak gets underway. It's a close run thing but sadly for them the heat goes Latvala's way by one-tenth. "A great atmosphere. There are Finnish supporters here as well as Estonians. A good start to the rally," Latvala says. "A fun weekend some fast stages tomorrow let's see what the day brings," Tanak says.

**THU 20:10 - SS1: EVANS VS SORDO**Now Evans grabs quickest time so far. "The weather is looking quite unsettled but it's the same for everyone, so we'll do what we can. If the weather is extreme it might not suit our tyres but otherwise we should be okay." Sordo is 1.8sec slower. "The balance of my car was really bad. A lot of understeer and then oversteer when I tried to control it."

**THU 20:05 - SS1: PADDON VS BREEN**Paddon matches Lappi's time to hold joint quickest so far. Breen slots seventh quickest. "All good so far. Looking forward to the big day tomorrow," says Breen.

**THU 20:03 - SS1: LAPPI VS HANNINEN**Lappi is fastest through so far, but the Finn looks worried. What's wrong? "I don't know. Something is wrong with the engine. I don't know what, but the smell is bad." The engine sounds a little rough as he leaves for the parc ferme. No dramas for his Toyota team-mate Hanninen. "Everything with me is okay, a nice stage," he says.

**THU 19:59 - SS1: OSTBERG VS MIKKELSEN**Mikkelsen is second quickest so far. "The feeling is good but some good weather would be nice. On this stage I struggled with understeer - I couldn't get the front in." Ostberg slots four-tenths slower. "I'm feeling confident and good with the car." Mads crashed heavily at a pre-event test but insists it hasn't knocked his confidence.

**THU 19:55 - SS1: SUNINEN VS LEFEBVRE**The first of the 2017-spec World Rally Car battles goes Lefebvre's way by 1.3sec. He's quickest so far. "The car set-up was too stiff in some corners, some understeer, but it was a clean run." Suninen, making his debut in the 2017 Fiesta this weekend, is

cross with himself: "Not good. It's difficult to find anything good to say. Mistakes, taking it too carefully and not good on the throttle. I need to improve tomorrow."

**THU 19:49 - SS1: WRC2 RAOUX VS GORBAN**Raoux wins this WRC Trophy duel and is happy to see a wet weather forecast. "I like these slippery conditions - good for me I think."

**THU 19:46 - SS1: WRC2 TIDEMAND VS SERDERIDIS**Quickest so far, and surely favourite to win WRC 2 this weekend. "Maybe," he says, "but the conditions can be tough. For sure this rally will not be easy. We need to keep up the concentration." Serderidis is 5.2sec slower in his WRC-spec Citroen DS3. "Quite okay - I had a lot of fun," he says.

**THU 19:43 - SS1: WRC2 GUERRA VS VEIBY**A confident Veiby slots second quickest so far. "I'm looking forward to this rally, it's really different to Sardinia. This is one of my favourite events." Guerra is 10th quickest. "The car is working fantastically. It's a difficult stage because the surface is changing so much. Hard to understand where and when you can push."

**THU 19:38 - SS1: WRC2: PIENIAZEK VS TEMPESTINI**Tempestini wins the heat and slots fourth quickest. "I enjoy, but psychologically it's really hard to wait 30 minutes before the stage." Pieniazek says: "Really enjoyable but I went wide on the last corner and think I touched the barrier. I kept my foot down. It was a close call!"

**THU 19:34 - SS1: WRC2 GREENSMITH VS HELLER**Greensmith goes quickest so far despite picking up a right-rear puncture halfway through. "Good until I got a puncture. I didn't hit anything. We never do! Not ideal but it's okay." Heller says: "All good but the rally starts tomorrow."

**THU 19:31 - SS1: WRC2 PTASZEK VS GILBERT**A wide moment for Ptaszek, but both cars complete unscathed. Gilbert goes second quickest so far. "A really good first stage, a lot of people here, a nice stage," says Gilbert. Ptaszek says: "The real fight starts tomorrow so not too much risk in here."

**THU 19:25 - SS1: WRC2 BONATO VS KOLTUN**Bonato completes fifth-quickest so far. "It's going to be wet again tomorrow so it's good to get some preparation tonight," he says. Koltan says: "This is my home rally so it's very nice for us with so many spectators."

**THU 19:22 - SS1: WRC2 CHUCHALA VS ANDOLFI**Polish driver Chuchala takes a hugely popular heat win. "It was very difficult because we were driving and at the same time thinking about the spectators. Maybe sliding too much, but we were there for the crowds!" Andolfi says: "For us really good. This stage was fun. I'm happy."

**THU 19:17 - SS1: WRC 2 PRYCE VS JEETS**British Championship leader Pryce wins this first WRC 2 clash and his time is quickest so far. "I was surprised by the amount of grip in there - I was expecting it to be more slippery!" Jeets, from Estonia, is making his WRC debut this weekend, "There is a bit of pressure," he acknowledges.

**THU 19:13 - SS1: CAMILLI VS LOUBET**Loubet wins the opening heat by three-tenths. He says: "It was slippery in there but the grip was not so bad." Camilli says: "Quite slippery. We are too hard. I managed just to finish the stage - that's all. There is something strange in the feeling of the car."

**THU 19:10 - SS1: LIVE**We're underway! And first on stage are Camilli and Loubet. Both are in Ford Fiesta R5 cars, but neither are registered in WRC 2 on this event.

**THU 19:08 - STAGE INFO: SS1**Mikolajki Arena, 2.50km. The rally roars into life at a purpose-built super special stage next to Mikolajki's service park. Two cars at a time tackle the short test, scene of Jari-Matti Latvala's 2009 heartbreak when he crashed in the final stage and wrecked Ford's 1-2 finish. The surface has less gravel on top this year and has a harder base.

**THU 19:07 - SS1 RUNNING ORDER**WRC 2 crews will go through first, followed by the WRC Trophy entries and then the headline WRC class. Stage notes coming up...

**THU 19:07 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio and Colin Clark and Emyr Penlan reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**THU 19:06 - WEATHER**Wet. Very wet. So wet that this afternoon's start was cancelled before it was washed away. There was a MASSIVE thunderstorm over the service park a few hours ago. Since then, skies have cleared and it's actually sunny out there. The roads remain very wet and there is more rain forecast for the next few days. The current temperature is 18°C.

**THU 19:06 - THURSDAY'S ITINERARY**Just the one competitive stage tonight. Crews skipped the ceremonial start in Mikolajki's Main Square (more to follow) and are gathered at the stage start area. Stage complete, they will head to the overnight parc fermé just 850 metres away.

**THU 19:06 - COMING UP.....**tonight is the Mikolajki Super Special Stage, Poland's traditional curtain raiser before the three full days of flat-out competition on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**THU 19:05 - WE'RE LIVE**On wrc.com and the WRC App to bring you all the news from tonight's rally opening stage

**THU 19:05 - GOOD EVENING TEXTERS!**And welcome to our live text coverage of Orlen 74th Rally Poland



**TUE 14:56 - LIVE STAGES**5 Stages will be LIVE on wrcplus.com :-)

**FRI 12:35 - ORLEN 74TH RALLY POLAND**26min. Preview Magazine online on WRC+