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-  The last word from Deeside - Bye for now!

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-  **Until then** - Keep an eye on WRC.com for all the reaction from Dayinsure Wales Rally GB and WRC+ users can view all of the action from this weekend's dramatic event online.

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-  **We will return** - On 17 November as we bring you all of the action from Kennards Hire Rally Australia, the final round of the 2017 FIA World Rally Championship.

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-  **Finish control** - Events at the dramatic Power Stage bring our live text coverage of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB to a close. Congratulations to Elfyn Evans, Sébastien Ogier and the M-Sport World Rally Team.

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-  **WRC manufacturers' standings** - 1. M-Sport World Rally Team 398pts, 2. Hyundai Motorsport 305pts, 3. Toyota Gazoo Racing 241pts, 4. Citroën Total Abu Dhabi 210pts.

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-  **WRC drivers' standings** - 1. Ogier 215pts, 2. Neuville 183pts, 3. Tänak 169pts, 4. Latvala 136pts, 5. Evans 118pts, 6. Sordo 95pts.

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- **GB WRC 2 FINAL:** - 1. Tidemand 3h07m12.2s, 2. Camilli+1h54.4s, 3. Cave+2m03.3s, 4. Bogie+2m36.1s, 5. Nordgren+4m04.0s.

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- **GB WRC 2 on SS21:** - 1. Veiby 4m13.6s, 2. Suninen+0.2s, 3. Nordgren+1.7s, 4. Tidemand+3.1s, 5. Bogie+3.3s, 6. Camilli+3.4s.

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- **GB FINAL:** - 1. Evans 2h57m00.6s, 2. Neuville+37.3s, 3. Ogier+45.2s, 4. Mikkelsen+49.8s, 5. Latvala+50.3s, 6. Tänak+1m02.3s.

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- **Power Stage points:** - 1. Neuville (5pts), 2. Meeke (4pts), 3. Latvala (3pts), 4. Ogier (2pts), 5. Mikkelsen (1pt).

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- **Power Stage result:** - 1. Neuville 4m01.2s, 2. Meeke+1.5s, 3. Latvala+1.6s, 4. Ogier+1.9s, 5. Mikkelsen+2.0s, 5= Breen+2.0s.

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- **Winner's reaction** - "It's been a good rally. I'm very, very grateful to everyone that's stuck by me over the years and helped me to get to this point. This is for them!"

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- **Evans wins Dayinsure Wales Rally GB!** - It's his first WRC victory, it's DMACK's first win as a tyre manufacturer and Elfyn is the first British winner of the event since Richard Burns in 2000. Brilliant!

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-  **SS21: Neuville** - The Belgian goes quickest, but he knows he's missed out on the world title. "I got the message about Séb before the start so I tried to just enjoy it. Congratulations to Séb. He deserves it."

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-  **SS21: Ogier** - Tears for Ogier. He's a very, very happy man. "I Don't know what to say. It's been a tough year for sure. Thanks to everyone at M-Sport and Malcolm. It's amazing to be the world champion with the team."

Sun 13:07

-  **Ogier is the world champion!** - A magnificent drive under huge pressure! He goes third fastest. He's a five-time WRC champion!

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-  **SS21: Ogier** - The championship leader is in the Power Stage....

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-  **SS21: Mikkelsen** - A few hairy moments for Mikkelsen and he can only complete the Power stage in third fastest. He remains fourth overall. "I tried to go as fast as I could but there were some mistakes here and there. I was pushing to hard, maybe?"

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-  **SS21: Latvala** - He goes second fastest so far. Meeke still tops the Power Stage time sheets. "I gave absolutely everything in there. There was nothing more I could give."

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- **SS21: Tänak** - He's through the Power Stage. Congratulations to M-Sport who are the 2017 WRC manufacturers' champions! "Malcolm and all the team have done an incredible job this year and it's been a huge success. They really deserve this."

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- **SS21: Tänak** - If the Estonian finishes safely, M-Sport will win the WRC manufacturers' championship...

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- **SS21: Meeke** - Seventh overall coming into the Power Stage, he goes fastest overall by 0.5sec. "I've enjoyed my weekend and the important thing is it was a contact weekend and we can learn from it."

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- **SS21: Paddon** - The eighth-placed man ends fourth fastest so far. "Can't really be happy with the weekend. We'll forget this one, reset and come back to Australia stronger."

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- **SS21: Lappi** - He goes second fastest, 2.5sec down on Breen's benchmark so far. "It was a really hard rally for us. We were struggling a lot. We need to do a lot of work with the car and also my driving. We need to learn a lot from this."

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- **SS21: Sordo** - He completes his final WRC event of the season safely. "We will try to come back stronger next year."

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- **SS21: Breen** - The Citroën driver brings his rally to an end by going fastest by 4.9sec so far.

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- **SS21: Al Qassimi** - The C3 WRC driver brings his car home 17.7sec behind Østberg.

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- **SS21: Østberg** - He completes the final stage in 4m 08.1s. "I'm glad to be at the end of the rally. It's been a disastrous weekend for us."

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- **Power Stage is LIVE** - Mads Østberg has left the start line in his Ford Fiesta WRC. We're underway!

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- **Drivers' championship update** - It's been a frantic weekend in terms of working out how the championship could pan out. Based on the current leaderboard, if Neuville wins the Power Stage, then Ogier needs at least one Power Stage point to win the title. That's unless Mikkelsen passes Ogier in the overall standings....

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- **GB WRC 2 after SS20** - 1. Tidemand 3h02m55.5s, 2. Camilli+1m54.1s, 3. Cave+2m01.3s, 4. Bogie+2m35.9s, 5. Nordgren+4m05.4s.

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-  **GB WRC 2 on SS20:** - 1. Bogie 5m52.8s, 2. Veiby+1.0s, 3. Tidemand+2.0s, 4. Cave+2.5s, 5. Nordgren+4.8s, 6. Camilli+4.9s.

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-  **Power Stage running order** - The cars will leave the start line in the following order: 1. Østberg, 2. Al Qassimi, 3. Breen, 4. Sordo, 5. Lappi, 6. Paddon, 7. Meeke, 8. Tänak, 9. Mikkelsen, 10. Latvala, 11. Ogier, 12. Neuville, 13. Evans.

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-  **Power Stage LIVE** - WRC+ users can watch all of the Dayinsure Wales Rally GB Power Stage action via our live streaming service. Coverage gets underway at 12.00. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

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-  **Stage start: 12.18** - That's when the crews will launch their respective cars into the Brenig 2 test.

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-  **Next up** - The rally-ending Power Stage! And the stage is set for one of the most exciting six kilometres in WRC history...

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-  **GB WRC after SS20** - 1. Evans 2h52m53.6s, 2. Neuville+43.1s, 3. Ogier+49.1s, 4. Mikkelsen+53.6s, 5. Latvala+54.5s.

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-  **SS20: Evans** - "It's all okay and in hand, I think. I just need to concentrate for the final six kilometres."

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-  **GB WRC on SS20** - 1. Mikkelsen 5m34.5s, 2. Tänak+0.7s, 3. Neuville+0.8s, 4. Evans+1.1s, 5. Meeke+1.9s, 6. Ogier+2.0s.

Sun 11:47

-  **SS20: Evans** - The rally leader is through in one piece. He'll take a 43.1sec into the Power Stage. Only 6.43km stands between him and his maiden WRC win...

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-  **SS20: Ogier** - He's completed safely and holds onto his third place. He'll take a 4.5sec advantage over Mikkelsen into the Power Stage.

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-  **SS20: Neuville** - The Belgian guides his i20 WRC to the third fastest time in this one. He remains second overall. "It's going well and I'm feeling comfortable. I'm driving at a high rhythm but trying to keep it on the road."

Sun 11:42

-  **SS20: Latvala** - Drama! He's lost 5.1sec in this one and has dropped behind Mikkelsen by 0.9sec. He's now fifth overall. "It was a very polished road and I couldn't get the car to turn. It was the worst possible situation for this car. It's really, really frustrating."

Sun 11:39

-  **SS20: Mikkelsen** - The Hyundai driver has responded to Tänak's charge. He goes 0.7sec faster than his Fiesta-driving rival to protect his fifth place by a further 0.7s. The gap between the two stands at 3.0sec going into the Power Stage. "We're trying as hard as we can. It was maximum attack in there."

Sun 11:35

-  **SS20: Tänak** - He's pushing Mikkelsen hard for his fifth place. He's gone fastest in this one, by 1.2sec.

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-  **SS20: Meeke** - The Citroën driver goes fastest in Alwen 2. He's 1.7s faster than Paddon. "The car's working well. Unfortunately, we're not in the battle that's going on ahead."

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-  **SS20: Paddon** - The Kiwi goes fastest so far. He's 3.8sec up on Sordo. "The guys up front are pushing hard and we're in no-mans land at the moment. I'm just trying to stay on the safe side."

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-  **SS20: Lappi** - The Finn is only third quickest in this test. "The first loop was good but the car doesn't work when the surface is polished. I didn't have any grip on that stage."

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-  **SS20: Sordo** - He's fastest so far by 0.1s. "It was a nice stage, very fast. I enjoyed it."

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-  **SS20: Al Qassimi** - He's safely through the penultimate stage. "The stage surface was quite messy and it was hard to find the good braking points."

Sun 11:19

-  **Drivers' title update** - If Latvala or Mikkelsen get by Ogier in the overall standings and the Frenchman finishes fourth, then Neuville has to score two more points than Ogier in the Power Stage to take the championship battle to Australia.

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-  **GB WRC 2 after SS19:** - 1. Tidemand 2h57m00.7s, 2. Camilli+1m51.2s, 3. Cave+2m00.8s, 4. Bogie+2m37.9s, 5. Nordgren+4m02.6s.

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-  **SS20 is LIVE** - We're underway at Alwen 2. Standby for updates...

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-  **GB WRC 2 on SS19:** - 1. Edwards 5m02.7s, 2. Suninen+2.0s, 3. Nordgren+4.3s, 4. Camilli+4.7s, 4= Tidemand+4.7s, 6. Bogie+5.1s.

Sun 11:08

-  **SS19: WRC 2 Brynildsen** - The blue smoke he saw coming from his car's engine at the end of SS18 has got worse. He's pulled out of the rally on the road section heading to SS19. His challenge for fourth place is over. he mentioned at stage end he could see blue smoke coming from engine and a nasty sound

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-  **SS19: WRC 2 Suninen** - The Rally 2 runner goes fastest by 2.3sec. "It was okay. There were a few small things I could have done better but I'm happy."

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-  **SS19: WRC 2 Bogie** - The Scot is fourth fastest to retain his fourth-place overall. "We had a half spin, a slide that lasted 100 yards and we went up the bank and back on the stage."

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- **SS19: WRC 2 Camilli** - The Frenchman jumps into second place after Cave's problems. He now holds the place by 9.6sec. "It was very slippery and lots of lose gravel. That wasn't easy."

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- **SS19: WRC 2 Cave** - Bidding to defend his second place from Camilli, he's 11.0sec slower than Tidemand. "We spun at the start – not good. We had to to reverse twice."

Sun 10:55



- **SS19 WRC 2 Tidemand** - The category leader completes in 5m 07.4s. "I'm very happy with my performance so far and the car has been working really well."

Sun 10:52



- **Stage info: SS20 Alwen 2 (10.41km)** - Alwen is quite different in nature to other Rally GB tests, with plenty of long straights leading into square junctions. It is wide and fast and forest work has removed trees, which increases the visibility for drivers but also makes the roads harder to read. The surface is smooth and compact.

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- **Stage start: 11.09** - That's when Alwen 2 gets underway.

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- **Up next** - The crews are currently driving to Alwen for the second run through the 10.41km test.

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-  **GB WRC after SS19:** - 1. Evans 2h47m18.0s, 2. Neuville+43.4s, 3. Ogier+48.2s, 4. Latvala+50.5s, 5. Mikkelsen+54.7s, 6. Tänak+57s.

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-  **GB WRC on SS19:** - 1. Latvala 4m51.1s, 1= Neuville, 3. Meeke+0.8s, 4. Tänak+1.0s, 5. Ogier+1.1s, 6. Mikkelsen+2.3s.

Sun 10:45

-  **SS19: Evans** - He's 7th fastest in Gwydir and his overall lead has reduced to 43.4sec. "It's just a case of being safe really. Want to get through cleanly. It was a tricky and slippery stage."

Sun 10:43

-  **SS19: Ogier** - He's only 5th quickest in this one. That means Latvala has edged closer to him in the overall standings. The gap between the two is down to 2.3sec. "It's tough because I try to go as fast as I can but it's not so easy when you have to think about the championship."

Sun 10:41

-  **SS19: Neuville** - He matches Latvala's pace in this one. "I'm not that happy about the stage. It was very slippery in the beginning and then I lost my place in the pace notes a bit further on and had to slow down."

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-  **SS19: Latvala** - He's responded magnificently to his loss of time in SS18. He's fastest to extend his fourth-place advantage to 4.2sec. "It was very slippery early on but then the grip got better and I tried to push."

Sun 10:34



- **SS19: Mikkelsen** - He drops 1.3sec to Tänak, meaning his fifth-place advantage is cut to 2.3sec heading into the last pair of stages. "That wasn't perfect and I messed up a bit at the start of the stage. I went wide in a couple of corners and lost some exit speed."

Sun 10:32



- **SS19: Tänak** - Second fastest for the M-Sport driver so far as he looks to move up from 6th place. "That was a new stage for me so we took no risk and had a clean run. At the moment, we can't do much more."

Sun 10:27



- **SS19: Meeke** - He goes fastest by 2.9s in this test. "That was tricky and very muddy. I think it will get quicker for the guys behind."

Sun 10:25



- **SS19: Paddon** - He's third fastest so far in Gwydir. "It was like ice, especially in the first part of the stage."

Sun 10:22



- **SS19: Lappi** - The Finn's positive morning continues. He's fastest by 4.5s. "It's been much, much better than before and now I can really enjoy the driving. It's working now, for sure."

Sun 10:19



- **SS19: Sordo** - The Hyundai driver is fastest so far, 20.2 up on Al Qassimi. "I try to drive and finish the weekend."

Sun 10:16



- **SS19: Al Qassimi** - The completes in 5m 19.5s, despite huge backwards moment part-way through the stage.

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-  **SS19 is LIVE** - Al Qassimi has launched his C3 WRC into the 7.49km Gwydir stage.

Sun 10:06

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS18:** - 1. Tidemand 2h51m53.3s, 2. Cave+1m49.8s, 3. Camilli+1m51.2s, 4. Bogie+2m37.5s, 5. Brynildsen+2m40.0s.

Sun 10:04

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS18:** - 1. Veiby 4m16.0s, 2. Suninen+1.0s, 3. Camilli+1.2s, 4. Brynildsen+1.4s, 5. Tidemand+2.0s.

Sun 10:03

-  **All to play for in WRC 2** - The SS18 times mean Tom Cave's grip on second place has reduced to 1.4sec, while David Bogie only has a 2.5sec advantage in fourth place.

Sun 10:00

-  **Stage info: SS19 Gwydir (7.49km)** - Gwydir has only been driven once since the 1960s – that was in 2013. It starts on a wide and open road, climbing uphill through crests and corners for the first 3km. After diving into the forest, thick vegetation makes the road very narrow and the surface becomes softer. The final section is wider, with several flowing corners leading to the finish.

Sun 09:57

-  **Drivers' title update** - Here are the permutations as things currently stand. Second for Neuville here and a Power Stage win would put him on 183pts. Third for Sébastien Ogier and zero on the Power Stage would put him on 213pts. That means Neuville could still win the title if he wins in Australia, scores maximum Power Stage points and Ogier scores zero at the final round.

Sun 09:56



- **GB WRC after SS18:** - 1. Evans 2h42m24.0s, 2. Neuville+46.3s, 3. Ogier+50s, 4. Latvala+53.4s, 5. Mikkelsen+55.3s, Tänak+58.9s.

Sun 09:51



- **GB WRC on SS18:** - 1. Mikkelsen 4m04.0s, 2. Neuville+0.6s, 3. Tänak+1.4s, 4. Ogier+1.8s, 5. Latvala+1.9s, 6. Breen+2.4s.

Sun 09:49



- **Stage start: 10.06** - That's when the short 7.49km Gwydir stage goes live. Stage notes to follow...

Sun 09:47



- **Up next** - The field is heading to the Gwydir test now. The stages come thick and fast this morning!

Sun 09:46



- **GB WRC 2 after SS17:** - 1. Tidemand 2h47m35.3s, 2. Cave+1m45s, 3. Camilli+1m52s, 4. Bogie+2m34.8s, 5. Brynildsen+2m40.6s.

Sun 09:46



- **SS18: Evans** - The rally leader has lost 6.7sec in this one. "There were hay bales scattered across the road everywhere. It's not great. We just need to keep going and keep it clean."

Sun 09:44



- **SS18: Ogier** - The Frenchman can only manage 4th quickest and drops 3.7sec behind second-placed Neuville. "I think everyone is flat out so we had to push as well. It's slippery this morning but we tried our best."

Sun 09:41

-  **SS18: Neuville** - He goes second fastest as he tries to defend his 2nd place from Ogier. "The time is okay for me. I had a good start on the asphalt and I tried to keep it clean. But at the same time, I need to go faster than Ogier."

Sun 09:39

-  **GB WRC on SS17** - 1. Suninen 5m49.7s, 2. Bogie+3.5s, 3. Veiby+4.3s, 4. Tidemand+4.3s, 5. Camilli+5.8s, 6. Cave+5.9s.

Sun 09:37

-  **SS18: Latvala** - His third-place advantage has reduced to 1.9sec in this test. Mikkelsen's charge had paid off. "I pushed really hard and I don't know where I can find more time. Andreas is driving really well. I don't know if i can find that speed."

Sun 09:35

-  **SS18: Mikkelsen** - The Norwegian responds to Tänak's improved pace and goes fastest by 1.4sec. His overall advantage over the M-Sport driver is up to 3.6sec. "I don't have so much more to give but it's fun to drive like that and stretch the limit."

Sun 09:32

-  **SS18: Tänak** - The Estonian goes fastest by 2.1sec so far. Will it be enough to draw closer to Mikkelsen in 5th? "We tried to do everything we can. This one was really slippery in places."

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-  **SS18: Meeke** - It's second fastest for the Briton, 1.6sec behind Lappi. He stays 7th and is critical of the hay bales that have been added to the stage.

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- **SS18: Paddon** - He drops 3.9sec and is third quickest so far. "There was a lot of hay bales that weren't on the recce so it's not quite what I was expecting."

Sun 09:23



- **SS18: Lappi** - The Toyota driver is fastest so far in this one. "It's still too slow here and there but we're still in the rally so that's good."

Sun 09:21



- **GB WRC after SS17:** - 1. Evans 2h38m13.3s, 2. Neuville+52.4s, 3. Ogier+54.9s, 4. Latvala+58.2s, 5. Mikkelsen+1m02.0s.

Sun 09:18



- **GB WRC on SS17:** - 1. Tänak 5m32.2s, 2. Mikkelsen 0.3s, 3. Neuville 0.7s, 4. Evans 1.9s, 5. Breen 2.0s, 6. Meeke 2.0s.

Sun 09:15



- **SS17: Evans** - It's fourth fastest in the opener for the rally leader. He's managing his 52.4s advantage. "Mixed condition in that one and hard to read the grip. We're still trying to keep a good rhythm but we're not taking any risks."

Sun 09:13



- **SS18 is LIVE** - We're underway at Brenig 1, the location for the Power Stage later today.

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- **SS18 is LIVE** - We're underway at Brenig 1, the location for the Power Stage later today.

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- **SS17: Ogier** - He completes the stage 3sec slower than Neuville and that means he loses his second place to the Belgian. The gap between the two is 2.5sec in Neuville's favour.

Sun 09:09



- **SS17: Neuville** - The third-placed man completes third fastest, 0.7s off Tänak's pace. "Everything went well."

Sun 09:07



- **Stage info: SS18 Brenig 1 (6.43km)** - The spectacular roads around Llyn Brenig provide picture postcard scenery. The stage skirts the lake for the first few kilometres which are in the open, meaning the surface is quite dry. After blasting past last year's podium area on top of the dam, the test drops downhill before turning onto asphalt and then onto a service road for the Brenig facilities to the finish.

Sun 09:04



- **SS17: Latvala** - The fourth-placed Finn has dropped 2.4s in this one and that means his advantage over Mikkelsen has decreased to 3.8s. "There was a left hander and I didn't expect it to be slippy. I ran wide and the speed died after that."

Sun 09:04



- **SS17: Mikkelsen** - He completes just 0.3s behind Tänak but retains his 5th place. "I think we were pretty maximum on that stage."

Sun 09:00



- **SS17: Tänak** - He's pushing as he tries to recover from his disappointing slump to 6th on Saturday night in the fog. He is the quickest so far. "Podium position is

realistic not possible with these short stages but we need to do our job and see what we can do."

Sun 08:58

-  **SS17: Meeke** - The Citroën driver goes fastest so far. He's 2.5s up on Paddon. "I have enjoyed the weekend and drove well in there."

Sun 08:56

-  **Stage start: 09.08** - That's when SS18 at Brenig 1 gets underway. Not long to wait.

Sun 08:54

-  **Up next** - The front runners are already heading to the second stage of the day at Brenig 1. Stage notes to follow...

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-  **SS17: Paddon** - "We're in a position where we can't really gain anything so it's a question of enjoying today's stages and getting the fun back."

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-  **SS17: Lappi** - He completes second fastest so far. "The confidence is getting better. It seems the car is working better."

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-  **SS17: Sordo** - He goes fastest so far, 26.4s up on Al Qassimi. "It's much better than yesterday. The grip was really good. I enjoyed it."

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- **SS17: Al Qassimi** - "Slippery for sure, but a better set up which is better for me today. Quite a bit of standing water on the road – especially in the junctions."

Sun 08:44



- **Weather** - Overnight rain has left the Alwen 1 stage surface pretty wet and the drivers have their wipers on to clear the drizzle that's still lingering.

Sun 08:43



- **SS17: Al Qassimi** - The Citroën driver has completed in 6m 03.5s.

Sun 08:42



- **SS17 is LIVE!** - The final day of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB is go. Al Qassimi is into the Alwen 1 test.

Sun 08:34



- **Title update** - It could be a good day for M-Sport and Sébasiten Ogier. The British team could seal the manufacturers' title in Wales and the Frenchman could secure his fifth drivers' title. Results permitting, of course!

Sun 08:30



- **Retirement update** - Juho Hänninen will not restart this morning after hitting trouble on Saturday afternoon. The Finn crashed his Toyota Yaris at Cholmondeley Castle.

Sun 08:22



- **Stage info: SS17 Alwen 1 (10.41km)** - Alwen is quite different in nature to other Rally GB tests, with plenty of long straights leading into square junctions. It is wide and fast and forest work has removed trees, which increases the visibility for drivers but also makes the roads harder to read. The surface is smooth and compact.

Sun 08:19



- **WRC Live** - Our radio service has just gone LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio. Colin Clark will be reporting from end of Alwen and Brenig. Trevor Agnew will be at the end of Gwydir. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Sun 08:17



- **Start intervals** - World Rally Car drivers will tackle today's stages at three-minute intervals, the rest of the field will go one minute apart.

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- **Running order** - The crews will start in reverse order today. The line up will be: 1. Al Qassimi, 2. Sordo, 3. Lappi, 4. Paddon, 5. Meeke, 6. Tänak, 7. Mikkelsen, 8. Latvala, 9. Neuville, 10. Ogier, 11. Evans

Sun 08:09



- **Live TV** - WRC+ users can watch action from the Brenig 1 stage at 09.00 via our live streaming service. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

Sun 08:06



- **First stage: 08.34** - That's when the opening 10.41km stage at Alwen 1 blasts into life.

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- **Time reminder** - All times quoted here are local. And in North Wales that's UTC + 0hrs

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-  **Sunday's itinerary** - The crews will tackle five stages, totalling 41.17 competitive kilometres. The opening loop in Alwen 1, Brenig 1 and Gwydir is followed by a second visit to Alwen 2 and then the all-important Power Stage at Brenig 2.

Sun 08:04

-  **To recap** - Elfyn Evans goes into today's five stages with a comfortable 53.1sec lead. But just behind, there's all to play for with 13sec separating five drivers.

Sun 08:03

-  **Good morning** - And welcome to Sunday's live coverage of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB. Our Live text service is available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

Sun 08:00

-  **We will return** - At 08.00 tomorrow morning to build up to the action that will get underway in Alwen 1 at 08.34. Remember, the clocks in the UK and Europe go back an hour tonight. Until then, bye for now!

Sat 21:30

-  **Day two highlights** - WRC+ users can watch today's highlights from 22.30 tonight. Check your listings for other highlights packages that are available.

Sat 21:24

-  **Service Park TV** - You can watch the teams re-prep the cars in service for tomorrow's stages via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

Sat 21:18

-  **Join us tomorrow** - For the final day of competitive action in North Wales. Coming up on Sunday: five gravel stages totalling 41.17 competitive kilometres.

Sat 21:16

-  **Finish control** - The leading cars are through Dyfnant 2 so that completes an eventful second day at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB.

Sat 21:14

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS16:** - 1. Tidemand 2h41m41.3s, 2. Cave+1m43.4s, 3. Camilli+1m50.5s, 4. Bogie+2m35.6s, 5. Brynildsen+2m38.1s.

Sat 21:04

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS16** - 1. Camilli 11m00.2s, 2. Tidemand+1.3s, 3. Cave+2.3s, 4. Bogie+14.0s, 5. Edwards+15.9s, 6. Greensmith+16.5s

Sat 21:02

-  **SS16: WRC 2 Bogie** - The Scot goes fourth fastest so far and had moved ahead of Brynildsen into fourth place overall.. "That was better than the previous stage. I'm just glad to get through tonight. I've never seen fog as bad as that in SS15. It was dangerous at times."

Sat 20:52

-  **SS16: WRC 2 Veiby** - "The beginning was quite good but I had some really tricky conditions at the end and we lost some time. It's been a learning day for me."

Sat 20:49

-  **SS16: WRC 2 Camilli** - He's third fastest and stays second overall. He's now 1m43.4s shy of Tidemand's lead, though. "It's been a very difficult couple of stages bit we're still second and we're in the fight."

Sat 20:48



- **SS16: WRC 2 Camilli** - He's the fastest so far in this one and it looks like he'll end the day in third overall.

Sat 20:46



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Sat 20:46



- **GB WRC after SS16** - 1. Evans 2h32m39.2s, 2. Ogier+53.1s, 3. Neuville+53.6s, 4. Latvala+57.7s, 5. Mikkelsen+1m03.6s, 6. Tänak+1m06.1s.

Sat 20:38



- **GB WRC on SS16** - 1. Evans 10m26.1s, 2. Neuville+0.8s, 3. Tänak+0.9s, 4. Lappi+1.8s, 5. Ogier+3.3s, 6. Latvala+3.6s.

Sat 20:35



- **SS16: Evans** - He goes fastest in Dyfnant 2 to extend his lead to 53.1s. It's looking very good for the Welshman. "It could be worse for sure. I'm glad to get tonight over with to be honest. In here it was quite enjoyable but the stage before was very hard."

Sat 20:33



- **SS16: Tänak** - Despite going 2nd quickest in this stage, he ends the night 6th overall. He's not enjoyed his evening.

Sat 20:32



- **SS16 Ogier** - He goes fourth fastest so far, but manages to protect his second place from Neuville by 0.5s. "I did the stage with only three brakes. We couldn't push because we had no power on the brakes. We had to brake early all the time."

Sat 20:30

-  **SS16: Neuville** - He goes fastest overall so far as he looks to recover from a disappointing run in SS15. "In the stage before [SS15], we probably had the most fog. In this one, there was no fog and I tried to push. You're fighting hard and then you get fog like that. It's so disappointing."

Sat 20:28

-  **SS16: Latvala** - The Finn extends his lead over Mikkelsen with a clean run in this one. The gap between the pair is now 5.9s. "We had a good run and the grip was very good when it was raining towards the end of the stage. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

Sat 20:26

-  **SS16: Meeke** - He goes fourth fastest so far. "That was beautiful, really nice. I didn't have a good run because you find yourself hesitating after the fog in the previous one."

Sat 20:24

-  **SS16: Mikkelsen** - He goes third fastest in this one, despite altering his lamp pods and making his visibility worse in the fog-less stage.

Sat 20:22

-  **SS16: Sordo** - He's 31.3s slower in this stage to follow on from the minute he lost in the previous test. "It's been a difficult day." He clearly isn't happy.

Sat 20:20

-  **SS16: Paddon** - He goes second fastest so far, 2.2s slower than Lappi. I probably didn't quite commit as much as I could have done with the grip."

Sat 20:17



- **SS16: Lappi** - He completes 1m 07.6s faster than Al Qassimi. "Now it was like visible. The first stage tonight was quite dangerous to be honest."

Sat 20:15



- **SS16: Al Qassimi** - He's safely through Dyfnant 2 in 11m 35.5s. He's reported that the fog was clearer in this stage than it was in SS15.

Sat 20:14



- **SS16: Al Qassimi** - The stage opener has safely passed the second split in this test.

Sat 20:10



- **Weather** - We're hearing the weather is pretty grim in Dyfnant 2. There's some rain – and also some more fog.

Sat 20:07



- **GB WRC 2 after SS15** - 1. Tidemand 2h30m39.8s, 2. Cave+1m42.4s, 3. Camilli+1m51.8s, 4. Brynildsen+2m14.0s, 5. Bogie+2m22.9s.

Sat 20:06



- **GB WRC 2 on SS15** - 1. Tidemand 8m45.1s, 2. Camilli+36.2s, 3. Rovannerä+41.5s, 4. Nordgren+45.7s, 5. Greensmith+47.5s, 6. Cave+47.8s

Sat 20:04



- **SS16 is LIVE** - We're underway at Dyfnant 2.

Sat 20:01



- **Ogier update** - We're hearing the Frenchman suffered a broken front-left brake disc in SS15. He's apparently removed it and will do the final stage without it. He's a brave man – and probably a stressed one as well.

Sat 20:00



- **Stage info: SS16 Dyfnant 2 (17.91km)** - Wide and flowing forest roads characterise much of Dyfnant, with some great corners to entice drivers – if the stage isn't fog-bound. It was last used in this format in 2014, but a new 2.3km section has been added at the start which is narrow and covered in slippery leaves.

Sat 19:55



- **Stage start: 20.00** - That's the time we're set to get underway for the 17.91km run through Dyfnant 2.

Sat 19:53



- **Up next** - The crews are arriving at Dyfnant 2 for the final stage of the night. Like Aberhirnant, could that stage have a sting in the tail?

Sat 19:52



- **GB WRC after SS15** - 1. Evans 2h22m13.1s, 2. Ogier+49.8s, 3. Neuville+52.8s, 4. Latvala+54.1s, 5. Mikkelsen+57.4s, 6. Tänak+1m05.2s.

Sat 19:50



- **GB WRC on SS15** - 1. Latvala 7m 58.0s, 2. Paddon+0.5s, 3. Mikkelsen+11.5s, 4. Ogier+12.2s, 5. Lappi+13.4s, 6. Meeke+17.7s.

Sat 19:48



- **SS15: Ogier** - We're hearing Ogier suffered a front-left puncture in that stage and is working on his Fiesta on the road section after the stage.

Sat 19:46

-  **SS15: Evans** - The rally leader is through safely. He's dropped 27.3s to Latvala but the time loss for others means he's actually increased his lead to a magnificent 49.8s. "It's totally mad. Just totally mad."

Sat 19:42

-  **SS15: Tänak** - He's dropped 31.4s in this stage and has plummeted from 3rd to 5th. The fog has turned the leaderboard upside down. "I have no vision. I can't see anything!"

Sat 19:40

-  **SS15: Ogier** - He's 4th fastest in this one so far, but we're hearing his Ford Fiesta is sporting some front-end damage. He won't mind, though. He's faster than Neuville and Tänak to jump into 2nd place. Remarkable!

Sat 19:39

-  **SS15: Neuville** - The second-placed man has dropped 33.8s in this one. He'll drop down the order after that.

Sat 19:36

-  **SS15: Latvala** - A fastest time so far means he leaps above Mikkelsen. "Sometimes you have to attack in the tricky conditions when you don't have a chance in the daylight."

Sat 19:34

-  **SS15: Meeke** - He's 17.7s slower than Latvala who has set the ultimate pace. "It was completely crazy. You can't see 10 metres off the start line. It was hellishly crazy."

Sat 19:33



- **SS15: Mikkelsen** - He's only third fastest, 11.5s off the pace. "The position of my lights was too high. I couldn't see properly."

Sat 19:30



- **SS15: Sordo** - He's dropped almost a minute to his team-mate, Paddon. Not a good stage for the Spaniard.

Sat 19:29



- **SS15: Paddon** - He's the fastest finisher so far. He takes 1m 49.9s out of Al Qassimi. "It was very difficult, but a lot of fun. In some parts you can't even see past the bonnet."

Sat 19:27



- **SS15: Lappi** - He's through safely, 1m 37s faster than Al Qassimi. "You can't see anything in some sections. It's easy to do a mistake but also a good opportunity for some to make up some time. For me, it was very slow."

Sat 19:25



- **SS15: Al Qassimi** - He's completed in 9m 48.4s. Looks like it's been a tough stage for the C3 driver. "You cannot drive in sixth gear, it has to be second gear. Lots of fog!"

Sat 19:24



- **SS15: Paddon** - The Kiwi is the fastest driver to reach the first split at 6.90km. He's 50.5s up on Al Qassimi already.

Sat 19:17



- **Weather update** - We're hearing there's patchy fog for the first 1km in Aberhrrnant and then some more in the middle. These are tricky conditions for the crews.

Sat 19:15

-  **SS15 is LIVE** - We're back in business! Khalid Al Qassimi is into the stage. Standby for updates...

Sat 19:08

-  **Weather** - Our WRC TV crews are reporting that light rain and wind will greet the crews when they leave the Aberhirsant start line shortly.

Sat 19:01

-  **To recap** - Elfyn Evans will take a 46.3s lead into tonight's pair of stages. Thierry Neuville fills 2nd place, with Ott Tänak 14.8s further behind in 3rd.

Sat 18:57

-  **Stage info: SS15 Aberhirsant 2 (13.91km)** - A repeat of the morning's opener, but this time in darkness, and two long straights in the opening couple of kilometres will raise the heartbeat. It remains fast with plenty of high-speed corners, and tree branches have been cut back from the road to improve visibility for drivers in the bends.

Sat 18:53

-  **Stage start: 19.08** - That's what time the competitive action will get back underway tonight. Khalid Al Qassimi will be the first driver to leave the start line.

Sat 18:51

-  **Up next** - The crews are arriving at Aberhirsant for today's second run through the 13.91km test. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 18:50

-  **Welcome back** - To our live text service from day two at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB. It's dark and the crews are about to tackle two of Wales' finest stages.

Sat 18:49

-  **Text pause** - We're going to take a short admin break to prepare for tonight's remaining two stages. We'll be back with you at around 18.45. Bye for now!

Sat 17:16

-  **Coming up** - The day will end with a pair of stages in the dark. Aberhiant 2 will start at 19.08, while Dyfnant 2 is set to get underway at 20.00. Both times are later than advertised because of the spectator delay earlier this afternoon.

Sat 17:08

-  **Service halt** - The crews are now back in Deeside for today's one-and-only service between stages. They'll start to head to Aberhiant 2 at the slightly revised time of 17.38.

Sat 17:07

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS14** - 1. Tidemand 2h21m54.7s, 2. Cave+54.6s, 3. Camilli+1m15.6s, 4. Brynildsen+1m23.6s, 5. Bogie+1m27.7s.

Sat 16:59

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS14** - 1. Tidemand 2h21m54.7s, 2. Cave+54.6s, 3. Camilli+1m15.6s, 4. Brynildsen+1m23.6s, 5. Bogie+1m27.7s.

Sat 16:59

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS14** - 1. Tidemand 1m10.9s, 2. Suninen+0.3s, 3. Camilli+1.2s, 4. Veiby+1.7s, 5. Loubet+2.4s, 6. Brynildsen+2.9s.

Sat 16:57

-  **SS14: WRC 2 Bogie** - The Scotsman, chasing 4th in category, drops 0.5s to Brynildsen who he's chasing. He remains 5th.

Sat 16:55

-  **SS14: WRC 2 Veiby** - The Rally 2 runner goes fourth fastest in this one. He's 1.7s off the pace.

Sat 16:52

-  **SS14: WRC 2 Cave** - The Brit's clearly taken it steady in this test as he protects his second place. He's dropped 2.9s, but still enjoys a 21s advantage over Camilli.

Sat 16:49

-  **SS14: WRC 2 Suninen** - He's second quickest through this one, 0.3s behind Tidemand.

Sat 16:44

-  **SS14: WRC 2 Camilli** - The Frenchman is through 1.2s slower than Tidemand.

Sat 16:43

-  **SS14 WRC 2 Tidemand** - The category leader completes Cholmondeley Castle safely in 1m 10.9s.

Sat 16:42

-  **GB WRC after SS14** - 1. Evans 2h13m47.8s, 2. Neuville+46.3s, 3. Tänak+1m01.1s, 4. Ogier+1m04.9s, 5. Mikkelsen+1m13.2s.

Sat 16:38

-  **GB WRC on SS14:** - 1. Neuville 1m07.5s, 2. Sordo+0.5s, 3. Tänak+0.8s, 4. Latvala+1.0s, 5. Lappi+1.1s, 6. Mikkelsen+1.2s.

Sat 16:37

-  **SS14: Evans** - The rally leader drops 1.6s to complete the stage in 9th place. His overall advantage is still a mighty 46.3s. No need to panic.

Sat 16:35

-  **SS14: Tänak** - He completes third quickest, 0.8s off Neuville's time.

Sat 16:33

-  **SS14: Ogier** - The M-Sport driver drops a bit more time in this one. He falls a further 1.3s behind the ultimate pace. He's now only 8.3s ahead of Mikkelsen. He'll need to work hard to protect his fourth place tonight.

Sat 16:31

-  **SS14: Neuville** - The hard-charging Hyundai driver has moved to the top of the time sheets. He's taken 0.5s out of Sordo's time. A good effort.

Sat 16:30

-  **SS14: Hänninen update** - The Finn is out of the rally with broken suspension. His Toyota clipped a hay bale in Cholmondeley Castle. Game over.

Sat 16:28

-  **SS14: Latvala** - Second fastest for the Toyota driver's Yaris WRC. He completes 0.5s slower than Sordo.

Sat 16:26

-  **SS14: Meeke** - He matches Mikkelsen's time. He's 0.7s off Sordo's chart-topping pace at the finish line.

Sat 16:25

-  **SS14: Mikkelsen** - Third fastest for the Norwegian at the end of this stage. It's also been confirmed that the 10-second penalty he picked up earlier today for an alleged jump start has been rescinded by rally organisers.

Sat 16:24

-  **SS14: Hänninen** - Drama for the Finn in SS14. We're hearing he's clipped a tree. More as we get it...

Sat 16:22

-  **SS14: Sordo** - The Hyundai driver goes fastest. He marginally eclipses Lappi by 0.6s.

Sat 16:21

-  **SS14: Paddon** - The Kiwi is slower than expected in this one as he fails to negotiate a chicane cleanly. He's dropped 5.1s against Lappi's benchmark so far.

Sat 16:19

-  **SS14: Lappi** - The Toyota driver completes 1.7s faster than Al Qassimi.

Sat 16:13

-  **SS14: Al Qassimi** - He's through safely in 1m 10.3s.

Sat 16:12

-  **SS14 is LIVE** - Al Qassimi is into the short blast at Cholmondeley Castle.

Sat 16:10



- **Start intervals** - The WRC cars will go at two-minute intervals for SS14. Everyone else will go at minute intervals.

Sat 16:10



- **Final countdown** - Five minutes until SS14 is scheduled to get underway at Cholmondeley Castle. Standby for updates...

Sat 16:06



- **Stage info: SS14 Cholmondeley Castle (1.80km)** - Saturday afternoon's short test loops around the castle on parkland tracks. It marks the rally's only incursion into England.

Sat 15:57



- **Stage start: 16.10** - That's the time the 1.80km Cholmondeley Castle stage is scheduled to start. Slightly later than planned due to the spectator delay in Dyfi earlier this afternoon.

Sat 15:52



- **Up next** - The Cholmondeley Castle spectator stage, then the crews head back to Deeside for a service break. After that, they re-visit Aberhiraant and Dyfnant for the final two stages of the day in the dark.

Sat 15:48



- **Welcome back** - To our live text service from Dayinsure Wales Rally GB.

Sat 15:45



- **Text pause** - We're going to take a short admin break. We'll be back with you at around 15.45 to build up to the Cholmondeley Castle action. Bye for now!

Sat 14:08

-  **Stage start: 16.10** - That's the time when the delayed action at Cholmondeley Castle starts.

Sat 14:05

-  **Next up** - The crews are currently refuelling at Ceinws. Then they head to Cholmondeley Castle for the short – but hugely popular – 1.80km super special.

Sat 14:04

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS13** - 1. Tidemand 2h20m43.8s, 2. Cave+51.7s, 3. Camilli+1m14.4s, 4. Brynildsen+1m20.7s, 5. Bogie+1m24.3s.

Sat 14:02

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS13** - 1. Cave 16m07.6s, 2. Bogie+4.0s, 3. Brynildsen+4.7s, 4. Tidemand+9.7s, 4=. Edwards+9.7s, 5. Veiby+14.0s

Sat 14:00

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Bogie** - He's upped the pace as he battles for third place. He's second fastest in this test. "It was completely wild, thanks to the [worn] tyres. We were backwards into some of the junctions. It's not the fastest way but it's great fun!"

Sat 13:57

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Veiby** - The Rally 2 runner is 14s slower than Cave in this test. "I tried to drive a bit differently in this one and it was interesting."

Sat 13:55

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Cave** - It's been a fantastic stage for the Briton. He sets the fastest time so far to extend his advantage over Camilli to 22.9s.

Sat 13:52

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Suninen** - He's lost more than a minute in this stage: "It's the power steering again! We lost it on the road section."

Sat 13:51

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Camilli** - "We had lots of bad moments because I'm a bit too lost with the set up – we are too hard on the suspension."

Sat 13:49

-  **SS13: WRC 2 Tidemand** - He through SS13 safely. He's 4.6s faster than third-placed Camilli. "It was slippery in the stage but I'm happy. We're quite sideways in some places but that's the conditions."

Sat 13:47

-  **GB WRC after SS13** - 1. Evans 2h12m38.7s, 2. Neuville+47.9s, 3. Tänak+1m01.9s, 4. Ogier+1m05.2s, 5. Latvala+1m22s, 6. Mikkelsen+1m23.6s.

Sat 13:44

-  **GB WRC on SS13** - 1. Neuville 15m21.2s, 2. Evans+2.7s, 3. Ogier+5.3s, 4. Mikkelsen+7.3s, 5. Tänak+7.9s, 6. Breen+8.1s.

Sat 13:42

-  **SS13: Breen** - He doesn't have a handbrake but he's still sixth fastest on the stage. "I'm having to find the correct rut to get the car to turn. When we do it's great. It's a shame we've lost the handbrake because the speed is definitely there today."

Sat 13:41

-  **SS13: Evans** - He's only second fastest in this one, despite his impressive splits early on. "Everything was okay at the start but there was no grip end at the

end, compared to what we've been used to. We struggled quite a lot after half way." His lead is still 47.9s.

Sat 13:39

-  **SS13: Tänak** - His loss of pace is evident again. He loses 7.9s in this one and falls 14s behind Neuville in the battle for second place. "Thierry is very strong and there's nothing we can do with him. We are definitely lacking something."

Sat 13:36

-  **SS13: Ogier** - He's second fastest so far as he continues his calculated approach. "Obviously we are missing some pace but I'm happy with my driving for the last four stages."

Sat 13:34

-  **SS13: Neuville** - He goes fastest so far. "It was a good stage. We were a bit careful in a couple of corners but what you lost on the braking you gain on the exit."

Sat 13:33

-  **SS13: Latvala** - He goes second fastest in Dyfi 2. "I can't push anymore. I gave everything. I have nothing left."

Sat 13:31

-  **SS13: Meeke** - "I lost part of the rear wing in the previous stage so we didn't have much downforce in that one. It's a bit more exciting, that's for sure!"

Sat 13:28

-  **SS13: Mikkelsen** - He's pushed in this one. He's fastest so far by 7 seconds. "That was a good stage. We can still go faster but it was a decent time. My set-up is perfect for today. I'm happy with that!"

Sat 13:26



- **SS13: Sordo** - It's third fastest for the Spaniard in that test. He's now only 2.3s ahead of Hänninen in the overall standings.

Sat 13:24



- **SS13: Paddon** - He's third fastest so far – but he's had a major mechanical failure. "We've had no hydraulics for the whole stage – no gearbox and no diffs. It's been an absolute handful in that stage."

Sat 13:23



- **SS13: Hänninen** - He's 0.5s slower than his Toyota team-mate Lappi in this one. "I was struggling a lot with the grip on the exit of the corners. For me, there's a big difference between the grip this morning and this afternoon."

Sat 13:21



- **SS13: Lappi** - He's 1m 16.4s faster than Al Qassimi, but he's not happy. "We're still struggling like hell on the second pass. We just can't try because it's like on ice all the time."

Sat 13:19



- **SS13: Al Qassimi** - He's the first to complete Dyfi 2 in 16m 51.9s. "This is the first event in my life where I was completely cruising."

Sat 13:17



- **GB WRC2 after SS12** - 1. Tidemand 2h04m26.5s, 2. Cave+1m01.4s, 3. Camilli+1m09.8s, 4. Brynildsen+1m25.7s, 5. Bogle+1m30s.

Sat 13:15



- **GB WRC 2 on SS12** - 1. Tidemand 8m02.0s, 2. Cave+3.3s, 3. Suninen+3.7s, 4. Brynildsen+3.8s, 5. Veiby+4.3s, 6. Bogle+5.0s.

Sat 13:13

-  **SS12: WRC 2 Bogie** - He holds on to his fifth place overall in this test. "It's very slippy and tricky but there's a bit more left in the tank."

Sat 13:10

-  **SS12: WRC 2 Veiby** - The Rally 2 runner is trying to build some confidence after his roll yesterday. He goes fifth fastest so far.

Sat 13:09

-  **SS12: WRC 2 Cave** - The Fiesta driver goes second fastest to maintain his second place. He extends his advantage over Camilli to 8.4s. "I'm very pleased with that. The rear tyres are getting a bit worn so that will make the next stage a bit tough but I'm really happy we have a gap now."

Sat 13:08

-  **SS12: WRC 2 Camilli** - The Frenchman is fourth fastest as he tried to wrestle second place back from Tom Cave. "I'm pushing very hard to beat Tom. I can't go any faster, to be honest."

Sat 13:05

-  **SS12: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The WRC 2 champion is fastest again in this test. He's nice and relaxed. "I really enjoyed the drive. We just need to keep going."

Sat 13:04

-  **Start intervals** - We're back to two-minute gaps in SS13. That's for the WRC runners. The rest of the field go at one-minute intervals.

Sat 13:03



- **SS13 is LIVE** - A bit of a delay due to the spectator numbers but we're now underway in Dyfi 2.

Sat 13:00



- **GB WRC after SS12** - 1. Evans 1h57m14.8s, 2. Neuville 50.6s, 3. Tänak 56.7s, 4. Ogier 1m02.6s, 5. Latvala 1m14.7s, 6. Mikkelsen 1m19s.

Sat 12:58



- **GB WRC on SS12** - 1. Evans 7m35.1s, 2. Neuville+1.3s, 3. Mikkelsen+4s, 4. Latvala+4.4s, 5. Paddon+5.7s, 6. Ogier+5.7s.

Sat 12:55



- **SS12 Evans** - The rally leader is through and he adds a further 1.3s to his advantage. He now heads Tänak by 56.7s. "it's going pretty well. We're just managing everything we have in terms of getting through on the tyres."

Sat 12:54



- **SS12: Tänak** - Like his team-mate, he drops valuable time in this one. He loses 4.9s. "There is nothing much to say. Me and Seb are slower."

Sat 12:50



- **SS12: Ogier** - The championship leader has dropped another 4.5s in this stage. He remains third overall. "To be honest, we're trying but we're missing some speed. We're not super fast."

Sat 12:48



- **SS12: Neuville** - He sets the benchmark stage time so far. He's 2.7s clear of the field. "It's running well. We have to continue fighting for the championship."

Sat 12:45

-  **SS12: Latvala** - His speed continues to improve. He's second quickest on this one to hold off Mikkelsen by 4.3s. "We're still playing with the damper clicks and its getting a bit healthier."

Sat 12:42

-  **SS12: Meeke** - He's 1.9s slower than Mikkelsen. That means he's now 2.4s behind his Hyundai rival in the overall standings. "I was happy with my run and I really enjoyed it."

Sat 12:39

-  **SS12: Mikkelsen** - He's fastest by 1.7s so far, but he knows he could have been faster. "The last corner, I was completely sideways and didn't get any speed from there to the finish."

Sat 12:35

-  **Stage info: SS13 Dyfi 2 (25.86km)** - Dyfi, in the shadow of the Snowdonia mountains, is a GB classic. It's fast and smooth, but a thin layer of slime on the surface will keep drivers attentive. A 4km section in the middle is very different to the rest of the test. The roadsides are overgrown with bracken and vegetation and it is even more slippery than the other parts.

Sat 12:34

-  **SS12: Sordo** - He's 2.5s slower than Paddon in this stage. That leaves him 9.8s behind his team-mate in the overall standings.

Sat 12:33

-  **Stage start: 12.36** - That's the time Dyfi 2 is due to get underway.

Sat 12:32



- **Next up** - Al Qassimi and the other frontrunners are now heading to Dyfi 2 for the second run through that 25.86km test. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 12:31



- **SS12: Paddon** - A good run from the Hyundai driver. He's fastest so far by 3.6s. "I'm starting to enjoy it a bit more. For sure, I'm not at my best but at east the stage conditions are a bit more consistent. That makes it a bit more enjoyable."

Sat 12:30



- **SS12: Hänninen** - The Finn is 1.4s slower than his Toyota team-mate in this test. But he's still 21.1s clear in the overall standings. "It's really, really, really slippery now. It's like a different stage compared to this morning."

Sat 12:27



- **SS12: Lappi** - The Toyota driver is safely through and completes 35.8s faster than Al Qassimi.

Sat 12:24



- **SS12: Al Qassimi** - He completes Gartheiniog 2 in 8m 20.2s. "The stage surface is really polished and slippery. It's not very easy to drive."

Sat 12:21



- **SS12: update** - We have three cars in the stage at the moment. They're running at three-minute gaps right now.

Sat 12:20



- **SS12 is LIVE** - We're underway at Gartheiniog 2. Standby for updates...

Sat 12:12



- **Text pause** - We're just going to take a short admin break. Back with you in a handful of minutes for SS12.

Sat 12:02



- **Stage starts: 12.11** - That's the time the fifth test of the day is scheduled to get underway. Standby for updates...

Sat 11:50



- **Stage info: SS12 Gartheiniog 2 (12.61km)** - This will be the second run through this test today. The stage climbs and descends throughout and plenty of open sections mean visibility is good and drivers have lots of opportunities to attack hard. The surface is soft, especially near the start.

Sat 11:49



- **Østberg retires** - The Norwegian's team has confirmed on Twitter that he's retired from today's action due to the electrical problem that's stunted his progress so far.

Sat 11:42



- **Watch SS12 LIVE** - WRC+ users can watch the action from Gartheiniog 2 live online. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

Sat 11:37



- **Up next** - The second run through the 12.61km Gartheiniog test is next on the agenda. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 11:32



- **GB WRC 2 after SS11:** - 1. Tidemand 1h56m24.5s, 2. Cave+58.1s, 3. Camilli+1m0.3s, 4. Brynildsen+1m21.9s, 5. Bogie+1m25s.

Sat 11:29

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS11:** - 1. Tidemand 15m56.8s, 2. Cave+2.3s, 3. Suninen+5.6s, 4. Camilli+5.7s, 5. Bogie+5.9s, 6. Veiby+10s.

Sat 11:27

-  **SS11: WRC 2 Cave** - The Briton moves into second place overall. He's now 2.2s ahead of Camilli. He admits he's been taking some risks this morning – but his daring approach has been rewarded.

Sat 11:24

-  **SS11: WRC 2 Camilli** - He goes third fastest in the category as he tries to defend his second place from Tom Cave in the overall standings. "I think we had a puncture on the rear right."

Sat 11:21

-  **Route update** - The leaders have started arriving at the Corris regroup and technical zone. They'll begin leaving there at 11.42 to head back to Gartheiniog 2.

Sat 11:20

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS10:** - 1. Tidemand 1h40m27.7s, 2. Camilli+54.6s, 3. Cave+55.8s, 4. Brynildsen+1m11.5s, 5. Bogie+1m19.1s, 6. Loubet+1m42.8s.

Sat 11:17

-  **GB WRC after SS11:** - 1. Evans 1h49m39.7s, 2. Neuville+49.3s, 3. Tänak+50.5s, 4. Ogier+56.8s, 5. Latvala+1m10.3s, 6. Mikkelsen+1m 15.0s.

Sat 11:12

-  **GB WRC on SS11:** - 1. Evans 15m02.6s, 2. Hänninen+1.8s, 3. Neuville+3.6s, 4. Mikkelsen+4.3s, 5. Paddon+7.7s, 6. Ogier+8.2s

Sat 11:11

-  **SS11: Evans** - It's another fastest time for the Welshman! He extends his lead to 49.3s. "It was pretty good but more slippery and muddy than expected. Wanted a clean and tidy run and it seemed to work okay."

Sat 11:09

-  **SS11: Tänak** - He's slower than Neuville in this test and drops to third place overall, 1.2s behind his Belgian rival. "We're doing all we can, he [Neuville] is going fast."

Sat 11:07

-  **SS11: Ogier** - The Fiesta driver can only go fifth quickest and falls further behind Neuville who holds third. But he's clearly looking at the bigger picture in terms of his championship bid. "It's okay for us."

Sat 11:05

-  **SS11: Neuville** - He's second fastest in this stage. "I tried my best but the road is getting more and more slippery in this one."

Sat 11:03

-  **SS11: Latvala** - He goes fourth fastest in this one. "It feels a bit better but the times could be better. The traction has improved but the understeer is still there."

Sat 11:01

-  **SS11: Meeke** - He's lost 14.9s in this test and drops behind Mikkelsen overall. "I lost 10 seconds in the chicane! I lost the car under braking, we touched the bale and then couldn't get the car restarted."

Sat 11:00



- **GB WRC 2 on SS10:** - 1. Tidemand 7m55.2s, 2. Bogie+5.2s, 3. Suninen+5.6s, 4. Veiby+7s, 5. Cave+7.6s, 6. Camilli+7.7s.

Sat 10:58



- **SS11: Paddon** - The Kiwi posts the second-fastest time so far. "I'm braking much too early everywhere. I'm driving too much like a blouse!"

Sat 10:53



- **SS11: Hänninen** - He goes fastest so far by 12.1s. "I was a bit too careful in this one. The grip was better than I thought. But its going better today."

Sat 10:51



- **SS11: Østberg** - His centre diff problems continue. "The car was stopping in the stage and we were rolling for a few hundred metres. I have no idea what is going on."

Sat 10:48



- **SS11: Al Qassimi** - The C3 WRC man is the first driver to complete the stage in 16m 19.8s.

Sat 10:46



- **WRC Live** - Trevor Agnew will be reporting from the end of the Dyfi 1 (SS11) stage. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Sat 10:44



- **GB WRC after SS10:** - 1. Evans 1h34m37.1s, 2. Tänak 39.8s, 3. Neuville 45.7s, 4. Ogier 48.6s, 5. Meeke 59.2s, 6. Latvala 1m01.0s.

Sat 10:37



- **GB WRC on SS10:** - 1. Evans 7m30.5s, 2. Neuville+0.3s, 3. Mikkelsen+0.4s, 4. Latvala+1.6s, 5. Hänninen+1.7s, 6. Meeke+2.5s.

Sat 10:35



- **SS10: Evans** - His local knowledge pays off – marginally. He's 0.3s faster than everyone else to extend his overall lead to 39.8s. "I think we've had the perfect conditions today, we couldn't have wished for better. I've tried to be neat and tidy and tried to push when I can. But I think there's a bit left in the tank."

Sat 10:33



- **SS11 is LIVE** - We're underway at Dyfi 1.

Sat 10:30



- **SS10: Ogier** - The Frenchman has dropped 5.5s in this one and slipped behind Neuville into fourth place. "Mentally, I'm not ready to take enough risks. But I have to try a bit more. The only bad result this weekend would be not to score any points."

Sat 10:29



- **SS10: Neuville** - He goes fastest so far and jumps ahead of Ogier into third place overall. The gap between the two is 2.9s. "I tried to push a bit more in this one. Hard to make a difference because everyone knows this stage."

Sat 10:27



- **Stage info: SS11 Dyfi 1 (25.86km)** - Dyfi, in the shadow of the Snowdonia mountains, is a GB classic. It's fast and smooth, but a thin layer of slime on the surface will keep drivers attentive. A 4km section in the middle is very different to the rest of the test. The roadsides are overgrown with bracken and vegetation and it is even more slippery than the other parts.

Sat 10:25



- **SS10: Latvala** - The Finn has found some pace in this one. He's second fastest so far. "It's a little bit better now, we've been working with the car. Working hard with the clicks in the dampers."

Sat 10:24



- **SS10: Meeke** - He goes fourth fastest so far. "More grip in there than in the previous two stages. Andreas [Mikkelsen] keeps nibbling away at our times but I'm enjoying it. We'll see what we can do."

Sat 10:23



- **Stage start: 10.28** - That's the time when SS11 blasts into life.

Sat 10:22



- **Up next** - The leaders are now on their way to SS11, the 25.86km run through Dyfi 1. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 10:21



- **SS10: Mikkelsen** - He goes fastest so far by 1.3s. "No real mistakes and pretty clean. Happy with that."

Sat 10:20



- **SS10: Lappi** - The Toyota driver is fastest so far but he's far from happy. "I was too slow. The grip was better than I thought. I was just way, way too slow."

Sat 10:13



- **SS10: Østberg** - The Norwegian thinks he's identified the intermittent centre diff problem that's been hampering his progress so far this weekend. He hopes it can be fixed.

Sat 10:12

-  **SS10: Al Qassimi** - He's completed the stage in 8m 12.8s. "It's very difficult on the medium-speed corners. I'm trying to find a good balance but I'm learning also."

Sat 10:09

-  **Road conditions update** - The '0' car has reported that SS10 at Gartheiniog is the roughest stage of the rally so far. There's lots of water on the road, as well.

Sat 10:06

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS9** - 1. Tidemand 1h32m32.5s, 2. Camilli 46.9s, Cave 48.2s, 3. Brynildsen 1m03.3s, 4. Bogie 1m13.9s, 5. Edwards 1m59.5s.

Sat 10:03

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS9** - 1. Tidemand 10m50.5s, 2. Suninen 0.4s, 3. Cave 2.3s, 4. Camilli 2.7s, 5. Bogie 6.2s, 6. Brynildsen 9s.

Sat 10:01

-  **SS10: LIVE** - We're underway at Gartheiniog 1. A 12.61km forest road awaits.

Sat 09:59

-  **Final countdown** - Ten minutes to go until SS10 at Gartheiniog starts...

Sat 09:50

-  **Stage info: SS10 Gartheiniog 1 (12.61km)** - This test is unchanged from the 2016 layout, except for the addition of a blisteringly fast opening 1.3km. It climbs and descends throughout and plenty of open sections mean visibility is good and

drivers have lots of opportunities to attack hard. The surface is soft, especially near the start, and it is likely to become rutted quickly. Home territory for Elfyn Evans, who lives close by.

Sat 09:35

-  **SS9: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The category leader goes fastest so far in Dyfnant 1. His time is 10m50.5s.

Sat 09:34

-  **Next stage: 09.59** - That's the scheduled start time for the Gartheiniog 1 test. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 09:31

-  **Up next** - After a quick refuel at Llangadfan, the crews are driving to Gartheiniog 1 for the third stage of the day.

Sat 09:30

-  **GB WRC after SS9** - 1. Evans 1h27m06.6s, 2. Tänak+36.1s, 3. Ogier+42.8s, 4. Neuville+45.4s, 5. Meeke+56.7s, 6. Latvala+59.4s.

Sat 09:30

-  **GB WRC on SS9** - 1. Evans 10m15.5s, 2. Mikkelsen+3.5s, 3. Neuville+5.8s, 4. Tänak+6.1s, 5. Meeke+8.7s, 6. Hänninen+9.0s.

Sat 09:28

-  **SS9: Evans** - The DMACK-shod driver has revelled in the wet conditions and he's fastest again! His overall lead is now 36.1s after Dyfnant 1. "The first two stages have gone okay but this one was exceptionally difficult. Lots of understeer in these conditions."

Sat 09:26



- **SS9: Tänak** - Third fastest so far for the Estonian. "That was a pretty slippery stage."

Sat 09:22



- **SS9: Ogier** - He's only sixth fastest so far. That means his advantage over Neuville has reduced to only 2.6s overall. "It's not really the plan to battle too hard this weekend. I didn't have a good feeling in that stage."

Sat 09:21



- **SS9: Neuville** - He's second fastest so far and the splits show he's edging closer to Ogier's third place in the overall standings. "I could have gone faster in the first part because there was a big rock in the road and I lost time avoiding it."

Sat 09:18



- **SS9: Latvala** - He goes fourth fastest so far. "I don't have the best confidence with the car, it's really challenging now and not going in the direction I was hoping for. The turn-in doesn't give me the confidence at the moment."

Sat 09:16



- **SS9: Meeke** - The C3 driver goes second quickest so far. He's 5.2s down on Mikkelsen. "That was a messy stage for me. The braking caught me out in some places and, for sure, I lost four or five seconds."

Sat 09:14



- **SS9: Mikkelsen** - The Hyundai driver goes fastest by 5.5s. "That was fine. Some tricky corners where you lose the grip very suddenly but we made it through."

Sat 09:12



- **SS9: Sordo** - The Spaniard goes fourth fastest so far. "The car had a lot of understeer and we were going out on the fastest corners. We're playing a little bit with the diffs to try and keep the front on the road."

Sat 09:10



- **SS9: Paddon** - The Kiwi's struggle continues. He drops a further 8.2s. "That wasn't good. I think we had a front-left puncture close to the start. That means we did two thirds of the stage with a flat tyre."

Sat 09:08



- **SS9: Hänninen** - He goes fastest so far. "That was a typical Rally GB stage. It was really, really slippery but a nice stage character."

Sat 09:07



- **SS9: Lappi** - The Finn goes fastest so far with a time of 10m 26.8s, but it's not been a clean run. "We made some changes between the stages and it was really bad. Never had so many moments. I need to change it back again!"

Sat 09:05



- **SS9: Lappi** - The Finn goes fastest so far with a time of 10m 26.8s, but it's not been a clean run. "We made some changes between the stages and it was really bad. Never had so many moments. I need to change it back again!"

Sat 09:05



- **SS9: Østberg** - The Norwegian is 51.7s faster than Al Qassimi in this one as he bids to battle back up the leaderboard.

Sat 09:02



- **SS9: AL Qassimi** - He completes SS9 in 11m 19.5s.

Sat 09:00

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS8** - 1. Tidemand 1h21m42.0s, 2. Camilli+44.2s, 3. Cave+45.9s, 4. Brynildsen+54.3s, 5. Bogie+1m07.7s.

Sat 08:51

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS8** - 1. Suninen 8m00.9s, 2. Cave+3.5s, 3. Tidemand+4.0s, 4. Brynildsen+4.7s, 5. Camilli+5.1s, 6. Loubet+5.6s.

Sat 08:49

-  **SS9: LIVE!** - Khalid Al Qassimi is into Dyfnant 1.

Sat 08:47

-  **GB WRC after SS8** - 1. Evans 1h16m51.1s, 2. Tänak+30s, 3. Ogier+33s, 4. Neuville+39.6s, 5. Meeke+48s, 6. Latvala+50s.

Sat 08:41

-  **GB WRC on SS8:** - 1. Evans 7m30.2s, 2. Neuville+2.5s, 3. Mikkelsen+4.8s, 4. Tänak+5.4s, 5. Meeke+6.0s, 6. Ogier+6.2s

Sat 08:39

-  **SS8: Breen** - The Citroën driver, who lost a stack of time yesterday afternoon, is reporting he has a brake issue this morning. He's hoping it doesn't get any worse with no service until 16.55.

Sat 08:36

-  **Weather update in SS9** - Our TV crews are reporting the stage surface is wet and muddy in Dyfnant 1 but there isn't any rain falling.

Sat 08:35

-  **Stage info: SS9 Dyfnant 1 (17.91km)** - Wide and flowing forest roads characterise much of Dyfnant, with some great corners to entice drivers. It was last used in this format in 2014, but a new 2.3km section has been added at the start which is narrow and covered in slippery leaves. The surface is good throughout and drivers will love the final downhill part with some superb fast bends to attack.

Sat 08:34

-  **SS8: Evans** - The rally leader is fastest by 2.5s in this one and extends his overall lead out to 30s. "That was a good stage with a good rhythm. The car is working well. All good."

Sat 08:33

-  **SS8: Tänak** - The Estonian is third fastest in this one. "It was a good stage, poor visibility, but it's a long day. We'll see."

Sat 08:31

-  **Next stage: 08.47** - That's when the 17.91km test gets underway.

Sat 08:29

-  **Up next** - With SS8 done, the leaders are already heading to Dyfnant 1 for the second stage of the day. Stage notes to follow...

Sat 08:29

-  **SS8: Neuville** - The Belgian has reduced the gap to third-placed Ogier by 3.7s in this one. The gap is down to 6.6s now. "It was a good stage for us. The car was fast and I was driving quite well."

Sat 08:28



- **SS8: Latvala** - "We tried something overnight – something with the suspension – but too early to say whether the car is better today. We still have some understeering."

Sat 08:26



- **SS8: Meeke** - "That wasn't so bad. I missed one hairpin as I got caught out on the braking but I'm happy enough. There was a fast section towards the end between the trees that definitely wakes you up!"

Sat 08:24



- **SS8: Mikkelsen** - "That was a good stage to start with and better with the road position. The grip was better, although I had to change my lines slightly in some places."

Sat 08:22



- **SS8: Paddon** - "Lacked the confidence yesterday but the engineers have made some changes overnight and it definitely felt better in that one. The road conditions are better this morning, as well."

Sat 08:17



- **SS8: Lappi** - "It was not that bad this morning, compared to yesterday. Not sure if the set-up is better – we will find out during the day."

Sat 08:16



- **SS8: Hänninen** - "It's a bit better today. It's hard to estimate the grip in the dark but we're trying our best."

Sat 08:15



- **SS8: Østberg** - The Norwegian is still struggling with the set up of his Fiesta WRC this morning. He thinks the problem may be electrical-related.

Sat 08:13

-  **SS8: Al Qassimi and Lappi** - Both drivers have finished the stage but we don't have any times at the moment.

Sat 08:11

-  **SS8: Al Qassimi** - The Citroën driver has passed the first split at 6.90km. We're hearing it's pretty foggy on the stage...

Sat 08:05

-  **SS8 is LIVE!** - Khalid Al Qassimi's C3 WRC is into the Aberhirnant 1 test. Standby for updates...

Sat 07:58

-  **Final countdown** - Five minutes to go until SS8 and day two of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB starts...

Sat 07:50

-  **WRC Live** - Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio. Colin Clark and Trevor Agnew will be reporting from the stage ends today. Colin is at the end of Aberhirnant 1. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Sat 07:41

-  **Stage info: SS8 Aberhirnant 1 (13.91km)** - The crews must be wide awake here with two long straights in the opening couple of kilometres to raise the heartbeat. It remains fast with plenty of high-speed corners, and tree branches have been cut back from the road to improve visibility for drivers in the bends.

Sat 07:40



- **Start intervals** - World Rally Car drivers will tackle today's stages at two-minute intervals, the rest of the field will go one minute apart.

Sat 07:38



- **Tyre info** - All of the drivers using Michelin rubber have taken six soft compound tyres with them this morning, except Mads Østberg and Dani Sordo, who have opted to only take five.

Sat 07:37



- **Running order** - The crews will start in reverse order today. The line up will be: 1. Al Qassimi, 2. Østberg, 3. Lappi, 4. Hänninen, 5. Paddon, 6. Sordo, 7. Mikkelsen, 8. Meeke, 9. Latvala, 10. Neuville, 11. Ogier, 12. Tänak, 13. Evans.

Sat 07:34



- **First stage: 07.55** - That's when the opening 13.91km stage at Aberhirnant 1 blasts into life. Stage info coming up...

Sat 07:33



- **Time zones** - All times quoted here are local. And in North Wales that's UTC + 1hr

Sat 07:33



- **Saturday's itinerary** - The crews will tackle nine stages, totalling 142.38 competitive kilometres, today. A two-stage loop in Aberhirnant and Dyfnant will start and end (in the dark) the day, while a pair of back-to-back runs through Gartheiniog and Dyfy precede the Cholmondeley Castle spectator stage.

Sat 07:32



- **To recap** - Local hero Elfyn Evans holds a useful 24.6sec lead heading into today's stages. But Ott Tänak and Sébastien Ogier will be ready to pounce if Elfyn makes a mistake on home soil.

Sat 07:31



- **Good morning** - And welcome to Saturday's live text coverage of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, the penultimate round of the 2017 FIA World Rally Championship. Our Live text service is available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

Sat 07:31



- **We will return** - At 07.30 tomorrow morning for the first stage of the day at Aberhirnant 1. The action gets underway at 07.55. Bye for now!

Fri 17:14



- **Day one highlights** - WRC+ subscribers can watch today's highlights at 22.30 tonight. Check listings for times of other highlights packages.

Fri 17:13



- **Service Park TV** - You can watch teams re-prep the cars in service via our live stream cameras from 20.00 tonight. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

Fri 17:07



- **Join us tomorrow** - For the second full day of competitive action in Wales. Coming up on Saturday: nine gravel stages covering 142.38 competitive kilometres.

Fri 17:05



- **Finish control** - The bulk of the field has completed this afternoon's loop of stages so that's where we'll park Friday's live text service from Dayinsure Wales Rally GB

Fri 17:03

-  **SS7: Breen** - The Citroën man is out of the ditch in this one. Co-driver Scott Martin: "It was a simple half spin and unfortunately there was a massive water hole. The front went in and we couldn't get out. It was a very small, simple mistake and we didn't get away with it. Thanks to the spectators we managed to get out."

Fri 17:00

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS7:** - 1. Tidemand 1h13m37.1s, 2. Camilli+43.1s, 3. Cave+46.4s, 4. Brynildsen+53.6s, 5. Bogie+1m01.9s, 6. Loubet+1m21.2s

Fri 16:54

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS7:** - 1. Suninen 21m 42.5s, 2. Cave+2.1s, 3. Tidemand+4.2s, 4. Brynildsen+7.2s, 5. Bogie+8.1s, 6. Camilli+17.7s

Fri 16:52

-  **Route update** - Having completed SS7, the field is now heading back to Deeside for the end of day service halt.

Fri 16:49

-  **SS7: WRC 2 Brynildsen** - He ends the day fourth overall. "The car isn't doing what I want. I hope we can fix it tonight and do a lot better tomorrow. Despite all that, I'm living the dream by doing this sport."

Fri 16:43

-  **SS7: WRC 2 Bogie** - The Scot is fourth fastest in this one. He'll end the day fifth overall. "It's been a good day and we really wanted to get through with a clean run."

Fri 16:40



- **SS7: WRC 2 Cave** - The Brit is second fastest so far to keep in touch with the category leaders and end the day third overall. "I pushed hard in there after the engine cutting out in the first stage this afternoon. I drove flat out."

Fri 16:33



- **SS7: WRC 2 Greensmith** - The Brit goes fifth fastest in this one. "That was all fine, sticking to the plan and taking it easy. We're looking to get some more mileage tomorrow."

Fri 16:31



- **SS7: WRC 2 Loubet** - "The feeling wasn't very good this morning but I'm happier this afternoon. I'm looking forward to tomorrow now."

Fri 16:30



- **SS7: WRC 2 Tempestini** - We're hearing the Italian has stopped in this stage. More info as we get it...

Fri 16:29



- **SS7: WRC 2 Camilli** - He's dropped 17.7s to Suninen in this one. "The car was too stiff today so I hope we can make it softer for tomorrow."

Fri 16:28



- **SS7: WRC 2 Suninen** - "It was okay. I want to drive as hard and as fast as I can without any mistakes tomorrow."

Fri 16:26



- **SS7: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The category leader completes the final stage of the day. "In the middle of the stage I struggled to find the rhythm but it was better after that. I like this rally for sure."

Fri 16:25

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS6:** - 1. Tidemand 51m50.4s, 2. Camilli+29.6s, 3. Cave+48.5s, 4. Brynildsen+50.6s, 5. Bogie+58s, 6. Loubet+1m07.4s

Fri 16:22

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS6:** - 1. Tidemand 2m 53.2s, 2. Nordgren+2.3s, 3. Greensmith+2.7s, 4. Suninen+3.2s, 5. Wilson+3.3s, 6. Tempestini+3.6s

Fri 16:19

-  **SS7: Al Qassimi** - "It's been like driving on ice; sliding all over the road. I will speak to the team to see what we can do to improve the car for tomorrow."

Fri 16:17

-  **GB WRC after SS7** - 1. Evans 1h09m20.9s, 2. Tänak+24.6s, 3. Ogier+26.8s, 4. Neuville+37.1s, 5. Latvala+41.9s, 6. Meeke+42s

Fri 16:13

-  **GB WRC on SS7** - 1. Neuville 20m 22.3s, 2. Evans+0.8s, 3. Ogier+7.6s, 4. Tänak+9.3s, 5. Latvala+12.7s, 6. Meeke+17.1s

Fri 16:11

-  **SS7: Lappi** - The Finn's disappointing day hasn't improved in this last test. He loses 36s and is 1m 50s off the lead. "I can only laugh because we are so slow. I was pushing my maximum. It's quite ridiculous. I don't know what I'm doing wrong. I don't have any grip."

Fri 16:09



- **SS7: Paddon** - He completes the day 1m 22.9s off the lead. "I haven't been confident or comfortable all day. Tomorrow is a new day and I hope I can enjoy it more."

Fri 16:07



- **SS7: Meeke** - The Northern Irishman has lost 17.1s in this one. He ends the day 42sec off the lead. "I had a really good rhythm. Generally, I'm happy with my day. I couldn't have done much more. Tomorrow should be more even with the road conditions."

Fri 16:05



- **SS7: Hänninen** - The Toyota driver is the slowest driver so far. He's dropped 35.6s in this one to end the day 1m43.5s off the lead. "It's really difficult to enjoy when you see the stage times. I'm losing a lot – and I mean a lot!"

Fri 16:01



- **SS7: Evans** - Second-fastest in this one allows the Welshman to extend his overnight lead to 24.6s. "I think we should have been more competitive in there, there wasn't a fantastic feeling in the stage. It's a good position to be in but tomorrow will be a key day."

Fri 15:59



- **SS7: Sordo** - He goes fifth fastest so far. He ends the day 49.3s off the lead. "I tried to do my best. The time of Thierry is incredible. My time is not fantastic, it's like what it was before."

Fri 15:57



- **SS7: Latvala** - He drops 12.7s in this one and he isn't very pleased. "I did what I could but there's nothing more I can do. I don't have traction. I can't get the grip to the ground. There is too much understeer."

Fri 15:55



- **SS7: Neuville** - He sets the fastest time so far in this test. A good performance – but he's not happy. "We want to be in the fight. The speed is there but the time we have lost already will be difficult to get back."

Fri 15:53



- **SS7: Tänak** - He stays second overall after this stage. His overnight advantage on Ogier is 2.2s. "We don't have a great balance with the car – it's the diffs. It's quite frustrating because you can see where the time in going. "

Fri 15:51



- **SS7: Breen** - We're hearing he's stopped on the stage. More as we get it...

Fri 15:49



- **SS7: Ogier** - His time of 20m 29.9s is good but it's not quite good enough to steal second overall from Tänak. "This morning I wasn't good on this stage so I tried a bit harder this afternoon, I was a bit ore on the limit."

Fri 15:49



- **SS7: Evans** - The rally leader is the only other driver showing green sectors for the stage distance he's completed so far. He's just past the 6.70km split.

Fri 15:44



- **SS7: Neuville** - The Belgian has just reached the 13.70km split in SS7 and he's the fastest man on the stage at the moment.

Fri 15:42



- **GB WRC 2 after SS5:** - 1. Tidemand 48m57.2s, 2. Camilli+25.3s, 3. Cave+44.3s, 4. Brynildsen+47s, 5. Bogie+53.7s, 6. Loubet+1m02.1s

Fri 15:40

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS5:** - 1. Tidemand 11m32.6s, 2. Suninen+0.6s, 3. Camilli+2.7s, 4. Brynildsen+3.4s, 5. Loubet+8.2s, 6. Nordgren+11.6s

Fri 15:38

-  **GB WRC after SS6:** - 1. Evans 48m57.8s, 2. Tänak+16.1s, 3. Ogier+20s, 4. Meeke+25.7s, 5. Latvala+30s, 6. Neuville+37.9s

Fri 15:36

-  **GB WRC on SS6:** - 1. Ogier 2m41.6s, 2. Evans+0.7s, 3. Neuville+1.3s, 4. Latvala+1.7s, 5. Tänak+1.7s, 6. Sordo+1.9s

Fri 15:34

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Rovannerä** - The young Finn has stopped in this stage. We're waiting to hear why. More info as we get it...

Fri 15:29

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Cave** - He goes seventh fastest in his category so far. "The engine cut out coming down a hill and we had to completely power cycle the car. It's very strange."

Fri 15:28

-  **SS7: LIVE** - The final stage of the day at Hafren 2 is go! A 35.14km road awaits Ogier.

Fri 15:26

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Veiby** - We're hearing the Norwegian has rolled Skoda Fabia R5.

Fri 15:24

-  **Stage info: Hafren 2 (35.17km)** - Hafren is the longest test of the rally and is driven in the same format as 2016. It's fast throughout on a good surface, although there are muddy sections and rougher parts where the road has been regraded. The final part is spectacular, blasting out of the forest and descending amid stunning mountain views.

Fri 15:22

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Suninen** - "We had a clean run and I'm just trying to learn as much as I can from this rally."

Fri 15:20

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The category leader is safely through. "The feeling was much better for me in this one. I'm happy with that."

Fri 15:19

-  **Up next** - Ogier is now heading to Hafren 2. That one starts at 15.26. Stage notes coming up...

Fri 15:18

-  **SS6: Tänak** - He's dropped another 1.7s to Ogier in this one. The overall gap between the two is now down to 3.9s. All to play for.

Fri 15:18

-  **SS5: WRC 2 Veiby** - We're hearing that the second-placed Norwegian has stopped close to the start of this test. More as we get it...

Fri 15:17

-  **SS6: Ogier** - He's safely through Sweet Lamb 2 in a time of 2m 41.6s.

Fri 15:14

-  **SS5: Al Rajhi** - He goes 14th fastest so far. "Now we are enjoying and the rhythm is coming back to me after a long time out of the car. I need to find some more."

Fri 15:13

-  **SS6: LIVE** - The short 4.24km blast through Sweet Lamb 2 is underway!

Fri 15:11

-  **SS5: Østberg** - He loses another 20.8s in this one and he isn't happy with his Fiesta's handling. "I feel quite lost and without being able to get back to service I'm struggling to find the confidence in the car. I have lots of understeer and I can't commit to the corners."

Fri 15:09

-  **SS5: Mikkelsen** - A good stage for the Hyundai driver. He posts the third-fastest time. "It was a clean stage and I'm quite happy. There's not a lot we can do from this road position."

Fri 15:06

-  **SS5: Lappi** - The Toyota driver is struggling with his Yaris WRC and is 15.2s off the pace in this one. He's a frustrated man.

Fri 15:05

-  **GB WRC after SS5:** - 1. Evans 46m15.5s, 2. Tänak+15.1s, 3. Ogier+20.7s, 4. Meeke+23.7s, 5. Latvala+29s, 6. Neuville+37.3s

Fri 15:03

-  **GB WRC on SS5:** - 1. Evans 10m52.3s, 2. Ogier+4.3s, 3. Breen+6.8s, 4. Meeke+7.7s, 5. Neuville 7.8s, 6. Latvala+8.1s

Fri 15:02

-  **SS5: Meeke** - Fourth fastest in this one and he drops to fourth overall, 3sec behind Ogier.

Fri 15:00

-  **SS5: Breen** - Third fastest for the Citroën driver. "It was a relatively clean stage. I'm trying to stay neat and tidy. I'm gutted about the puncture from this morning but I can't dwell on that."

Fri 14:58

-  **SS5: Hänninen** - He loses 17.4s in SS5 and is now more than a minute off Evans' lead. He isn't enjoying the handling of his Toyota Yaris WRC. "It's very slippery and the car is moving too much, for sure."

Fri 14:57

-  **Stage info: SS6 Sweet Lamb 2 (4.24km)** - Sweet Lamb is a spectator magnet as fans pack the hillsides in the bowl for uninterrupted views across almost 2km of the stage. It's all downhill from the start, via a double hairpin, into the arena. Two jumps and a water splash provide great entertainment before the road climbs away over the moors to the finish.

Fri 14:55

-  **SS5: Evans** - The rally leader goes fastest by 4.3s and extends his overall lead to 15.1s. Impressive stuff! "That stage was good and I was trying to be very clean and not sliding too much. It seems to be working well at the moment."

Fri 14:53

-  **SS5: Sordo** - The Spaniard's day isn't getting any better. He loses 16.9s in this test.

Fri 14:52



- **Up next** - The leading crews are now on their way to Sweet Lamb 2, the second stage of the afternoon. That one gets underway at 15.11

Fri 14:51



- **SS5: Latvala** - He goes third fastest in this one and his car is handling better this afternoon. "The understeer is better and the feeling is better. It's been a good run for me."

Fri 14:50



- **SS5: Neuville** - The Belgian ace is through safely. He's 3.5s slower than Ogier. "We went wide a couple of times and Nicolas (Gilsoul, his co-driver) was losing his voice a couple of times and I couldn't hear some of his pace notes."

Fri 14:48



- **SS5: Tänak** - The second-placed driver drops 4.1s to his team-mate. "The feeling was no so bad, some places are wet and some are quite dry. Seb must have had a good run."

Fri 14:45



- **SS5: Ogier** - He's at the finish in 10m 56.6s – almost 10sec faster than this morning. "We played a bit with what we had [at the regroup] and I was happy with the car in this stage. It felt better."

Fri 14:44



- **SS5: Ogier** - The championship leader has passed the second split in SS5. He was 0.4s up on Tänak at the first marker.

Fri 14:39



- **WRC Live** - Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio. Colin Clark is at the end of Myherin 2. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Fri 14:32

-  **SS5: LIVE** - Sébastien Ogier, currently fourth overall, is into the stage.

Fri 14:31

-  **Stage info: SS5 – Myherin 2 (20.28km)** - The crews have a second run at a Rally GB classic this afternoon. Myherin is fast and smooth from the start with enticing corners early on. Two new sections are introduced in the second half, the stage ending with a series of fast open bends overlooking a valley before a downhill finale to the finish.

Fri 14:17

-  **Stage start: 14.31** - That's the time when the competitive action gets back underway in SS5. Remember, Elfyn Evans holds a slender 4sec lead after this morning.

Fri 14:16

-  **What's coming up** - The crews are on their way to Myherin 2 which kicks off this afternoon's loop of three re-run stages

Fri 14:14

-  **Hello** - Welcome back to our live text service from day one at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB

Fri 14:12

-  **Text break** - We're now going to take a brief admin break. We'll be back shortly with the action from SS5 as Elfyn Evans tries to defend his impressive early lead.

Fri 12:51

-  **Next stage: 14.31** - That's when Sébastien Ogier will start his assault on SS5 (Myherin 2)

Fri 12:47

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- **Coming up** - The crews will tackle this morning's stages at Myherin, Sweet Lamb and Hafren again this afternoon.

Fri 12:46



- **Current status** - The WRC and WRC 2 crews are now in Newtown for the regroup and technical zone. They're also eating some well-earned lunch!

Fri 12:43



- **GB WRC 2 after SS4** - 1. Tidemand 37m24.6s, 2. Veiby+7.5s, 3. Camilli+22.6s, 4. Cave+28s, 5. Bogie+38.7s, 6. Brynildsen+43.6s

Fri 12:41



- **GB WRC 2 on SS4** - 1. Veiby 21m38.3s, 2. Tidemand+1.3s, 3. Camilli+2.3s, 4. Bogie+12.4s, 5. Cave+13.4s, 6. Brynildsen+22.8s

Fri 12:39



- **SS4: WRC 2 Bergkvist** - He's hit trouble – literally. "Unfortunately, I hit something in the middle of the road and I got a puncture. I had to drive on this for quite a long time."

Fri 12:26



- **SS4: WRC 2 Nordgren** - The Finn is sixth fastest. "That was difficult. Very hard to see the surface and feel the grip. These are totally new conditions for me so we'll do this afternoon's loop carefully as well."

Fri 12:24



- **SS4: WRC 2 Cave** - The local driver goes fourth fastest in this test and remains fourth overall. "Very enjoyable in there because the grip is getting better. I'm pleased with the way I'm driving."

Fri 12:22



- **SS4: WRC 2 Greensmith** - The Briton has hit mechanical problems. "We've got some problem with the pop-off valve going so we're down on power. Sadly, we're not going to be able to fix it for the rest of the day either."

Fri 12:20



- **SS4: WRC 2 Loubet** - "My driving is not very good at the moment. The feeling is not perfect and I have no confidence. I have to find a solution for this afternoon."

Fri 12:19



- **SS4: WRC 2 Veiby** - The Norwegian sets the fastest time in this stage but he complains that his car is feeling down on power.

Fri 12:18



- **SS4: Suninen** - The Finn explains why he lost more than two minutes in this test: "Not good. I got a puncture in the rear."

Fri 12:17



- **SS4: WRC 2 Camilli** - The Frenchman goes third fastest in this one.

Fri 12:16



- **SS4: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The WRC 2 leader completes in 21m 39.6s. "It was great and the feeling was good. We maybe lost some seconds catching Serderidis but it's hard to see behind you in these conditions."

Fri 12:14

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS3** - 1. Tidemand 15m 45.0s, 2. Suninen 7.8s, 3. Veiby 8.8s, 4. Camilli 11.6s, 5. Cave 15.9s, 6. Brynildsen 22.1s

Fri 12:11

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS3** - 1. Tidemand 2m 55.0s, 2. Veiby 1.5s, 3. Suninen 2.2s, 4. Bogie 2.7s, 5. Camilli 3.2s, 6. Cave 5.1s

Fri 12:09

-  **SS4: WRC 2 Suninen** - We're hearing that the third-placed Finn had stopped in this stage but he appears to be moving again now.

Fri 12:05

-  **Regroup info** - With the first loop of three stages complete, the leaders have now headed to Newtown for a regroup and technical zone.

Fri 12:03

-  **GB WRC after SS4:** - 1. Evans 35m23.2s, 2. Tänak 6.7s, 3. Meeke 16s, 4. Ogier 16.4s, 5. Latvala 20.9s, 6. Mikkelsen 27.4s

Fri 12:01

-  **SS4: Mikkelsen** - He's seventh fastest in Hafren 1. "The grip wasn't so bad in there. I could be faster in many places but it's so tricky."

Fri 12:00

-  **GB WRC on SS4** - 1. Evans 20m25.3s, 2. Tänak 4s, 3. Neuville 8.5s, 4. Meeke 9.8s, 5. Latvala 13.5s, 6. Ogier 14.2s

Fri 11:59

-  **SS4: Paddon** - The Kiwi is 23.2s off the pace in Hafren 1. "Really struggling, especially in the braking areas. It would probably be easier if it was raining. I need to find a better feeling and try to ease myself into it."

Fri 11:56

-  **SS4: Meeke** - He goes fourth fastest in this test. "I had a good stage. I braked early for one hairpin but that's all. With our road position, I'm happy with that performance."

Fri 11:54

-  **SS4: Breen** - He completes more than a minute off Evans' pace. He's picked up a front-left puncture. "It was a slow puncture and then it went at the end of the stage. It's been a clean rally and I haven't been anywhere I shouldn't have so it's a bit of a mystery how it's gone down."

Fri 11:53

-  **SS4: Hänninen** - Not a good run for the Finn in this one. He's dropped 26.4s. "We are losing so much so I am almost laughing. I'm missing a lot of confidence as we try to find out where the grip is."

Fri 11:50

-  **SS4: Evans** - The DMACK runner has put in a blinder. He's 4s faster than Tänak to extend his overall lead to 6.7s. "Our tyres are working well but I'm still not finding it easy. I'm trying to be clean and attack when I can. I don't want to overdrive so it's a very difficult balance."

Fri 11:48

-  **SS4: Sordo** - Not a good stage for the Spaniard. He's 16.2s off Tänak's pace. "The grip was more constant than in the other stages but we have to do some more."

Fri 11:46



- **SS4: Latvala** - He's 9.5s slower than Tänäk in this one. "I'm not happy with that one. The car doesn't turn and I'm understeering too much. I have no confidence."

Fri 11:44



- **SS4: Neuville** - He goes second fastest so far as he tries recover from his early problems. "The car is working so we cross our fingers and continue. The stage was good for me. I tried to keep my line and drive well."

Fri 11:42



- **SS4: Tänäk** - The Estonian is 10.2s faster than his team-mate in Hafren 1. "It was a bit funny. I'm not happy with the car at all – not behaving like I would like. It's understeering quite a lot and I'm using the handbrake far too much."

Fri 11:40



- **SS4: Ogier** - "It looks not so good. Hard to judge the grip and maybe not daring enough. You need to be confident."

Fri 11:37



- **SS4: Ogier** - The championship leader has struggled in Hafren 1. He's completed in 20m 39.5s – a time that looks like it will be considerably slower than his rival behind.

Fri 11:36



- **SS4: Ogier** - It's not going well for the Frenchman in Hafren 1. He's already 9.8s slower than Tänäk at the 13.70km split...

Fri 11:27



- **GB WRC after SS3** - 1. Evans 14m57.9s, 2. Ogier 2.2s, 3. Tänäk 2.7s, 4. Meeke 6.2s, 5. Latvala 7.4s, 6. Breen 8.4s

Fri 11:25

-  **GB WRC on SS3** - 1. Tänak 2m44.4s, 2. Neuville 0.1s, 3. Ogier 0.2s, 4. Latvala 0.8s, 5. Breen 1s, 6. Evans 1.1s

Fri 11:23

-  **GB WRC 2 after SS2** - 1.Tidemand 12m 50.0s, 2.Suninen 5.6s, 3.Cave 10.8s, 4.Brynildsen 16.8s, 5.Veiby 17.3s, 6.Nordgren 18.3s

Fri 11:21

-  **GB WRC 2 on SS2** - 1.Tidemand 11m38.3s, 2.Suninen 3.7s, 3.Veiby 6.9s, 4.Camilli 7.2s, 5.Cave 8.1s, 6.Nordgren 15s

Fri 11:20

-  **SS4: LIVE** - Sébastien Ogier has left the start line in Hafren 1!

Fri 11:16

-  **SS3: Evans** - The Welshman has lost 1.1s to Tänak in this one. He still leads the rally overall, but his lead has been reduced to 2.2s.

Fri 11:15

-  **Stage info: SS4 Hafren 1 (35.14km)** - This is the longest test of the rally and driven in the same format as 2016. It's fast throughout on a good surface, although there are muddy sections and rougher parts where the road has been regraded. The final part is spectacular, blasting out of the forest and descending amid stunning mountain views.

Fri 11:13

-  **Next stage: 11.15** - That's the time when Sébastien Ogier will lead the field into Hafren 1. Stage notes to follow...

Fri 11:11

-  **Up next** - The leaders are now on their way to Hafren 1 where they'll tackle 35.14km of gravel roads. Stage notes to follow...

Fri 11:10

-  **SS2: WRC 2 Camilli** - "Very slippery, I did two times off the good line and lost some time. Not too easy to find the grip. You can definitely push more."

Fri 11:09

-  **SS2 WRC 2 Sunninen** - "Car is working fine but I think I could drive faster."

Fri 11:08

-  **SS2: WRC 2 Tidemand** - He's the first WRC 2 driver through. "A clean run but maybe a bit too wide in the exit of some of the corners."

Fri 11:08

-  **SS3: Tänak** - He's 0.2s faster than his team-mate in this one.

Fri 11:05

-  **SS3: Ogier** - The Frenchman has completed Sweet Lamb 1 in a time of 2m44.6s.

Fri 11:04

-  **Stage info: SS3 – Sweet Lamb 1 (4.24km)** - This test is a spectator magnet as fans pack the hillsides in the bowl for uninterrupted views across almost 2km of the stage. It's all downhill from the start, via a double hairpin, into the arena. Two jumps and a water splash provide great entertainment before the road climbs away over the moors to the finish.

Fri 11:02

-  **Next stage: 11.00** - Sébastien Ogier has launched his M-Sport Ford Fiesta WRC into Sweet Lamb 1.

Fri 11:01

-  **GB WRC after SS2:** - 1. Evans 12m 12.4s, 2. Ogier 3.1s, 3. Tänak 3.8s, 4. Meeke 5.1s, 5. Mikkelsen 7.4s, 6. Latvala 7.7s

Fri 11:00

-  **SS2: Østberg** - He's dropped 20.4s in this one. He's the slowest so far. "It doesn't feel good to be honest. The car got stuck between gears a few times on the stage. I don't know why. Hopefully it's nothing that will develop."

Fri 10:57

-  **GB WRC on SS2:** - 1. Evans 11m 01.6s 2. Meeke 3.7s, 3. Ogier 4.2s, 4. Tänak 4.3s, 5. Mikkelsen 7.4s, 6. Breen 8.3s

Fri 10:56

-  **SS2: Mikkelsen** - Fifth fastest for the Norwegian and his Hyundai is sporting some light front-end damage.

Fri 10:55

-  **SS2: Lappi** - The Rally Finland winner can only go 10th fastest in this test. "It was quite bad. I tried to be fast in a few corners but was always wide. I stopped trying after that."

Fri 10:53



- **SS2: Paddon** - He drops 13.2s in this one. "Very slippery and a few judders there. Having to use the handbrake in 5th and 6th gear corners to get the car to turn in some places. Very tough."

Fri 10:51



- **SS2: Meeke** - The Brit is second fastest, only 3.7s slower than Evans. A good start to the morning. "really happy as very slippery. When the mud gets cleaned a bit and you're left with the cobblestones, it's very hard. But I'm happy with my driving and the car."

Fri 10:49



- **SS2: Breen** - The C3 WRC driver goes 4th fastest so far, albeit 8.3s slower than Evans. "Incredibly slippery, tried to be neat and tidy and not do anything silly."

Fri 10:47



- **SS2: Hänninen** - The Finn has dropped 14.9s in this one. "Really difficult to keep the rhythm as the grip is changing so much. Very tricky to estimate the grip and how fast you should go."

Fri 10:45



- **SS2: Evans** - A great performance by the Welshman! He's 4.2s faster than Ogier in this one and takes the lead of the rally by 3.1s. "We tried hard in a few places but the grip was so changeable and was so low. It was hard to find the right balance with the car."

Fri 10:43



- **SS2: Sordo** - The Hyundai driver is the biggest loser so far. He's 13.1s down on Ogier. "Really, really slippery – more than I expected. Very hard to get the feeling."

Fri 10:41



- **SS2: Latvala** - The Finn is 4.2s slower and is third fastest through this test. "I think we were losing some time. It felt slippy and I couldn't get the best feeling from the driving. I don't know why."

Fri 10:39



- **SS2: Neuville** - He reaches the finish 8.4s slower than Ogier. Not the start he would have wanted. He's already 18.2s behind Ogier in the overall standings. "I went wide and stalled the engine. I had to restart. I was struggling like hell with the understeer." The Belgian also hints there may be a problem with his car that could cause a problem as the day unfolds.

Fri 10:38



- **SS2: Tänak** - He completes but has lost a bit of time as he's is 0.1s slower than Ogier at the finish. "The beginning was really polished and slippy but it was still a clean run and no problem."

Fri 10:35



- **SS2: Ogier** - The Frenchman has completed the stage in 11m 05.8s. "I struggled because it was very slippy. Not sure if it's getting better behind. Difficult to find a rhythm. The handling is not perfect."

Fri 10:33



- **SS2: Tanak** - He's reached the 13.80km split and is still ahead of Ogier. The gap is 1.2s as things stand.

Fri 10:31



- **SS2: Tanak** - He's reached the 13.80km split and is still ahead of Ogier. The gap is 1.2s as things stand.

Fri 10:31



- **SS2: Neuville** - Not a good start for the Belgian. He's been off and is 7.8s down at the first split. He's back on the road, though...

Fri 10:29



- **SS2: Tänak** - The M-Sport driver is 1.3s faster than his team-mate at the first split. A positive start.

Fri 10:26



- **SS2: Ogier** - The rally leader has reached the first split – at 6.80km – in 3m 44.9s. Let's see what the others can manage...

Fri 10:25



- **SS2: Tänak** - The Estonian has now joined his team-mate in Myherin 1.

Fri 10:23



- **SS2: LIVE** - Ogier is into Myherin!

Fri 10:20



- **Weather info** - The stage surface in Myherin is, as you would expect, wet and muddy. But the sun is shining and the sky is clear. Beautiful.

Fri 10:18



- **Tyre info** - No surprises today. All of the drivers have taken five of Michelin's soft compound LTX Force S5 tyres into this morning's loop of three stages.

Fri 10:15



- **Start intervals** - World Rally Car drivers will tackle today's stages at two-minute intervals, while the rest of the field will go at one-minute intervals.

Fri 10:10



- **WRC Live** - Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio. Colin Clark will be reporting from the end of Myherin. Trevor Agnew will be at the end of Hafren. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Fri 10:10



- **Stage info: SS2 – Myherin 1 (20.28km)** - A Rally GB classic kicks off the forest action this morning – but with a difference as a tree disease has ruled out the open moorland roads. It is fast and smooth from the start with enticing corners early on. Two new sections are introduced in the second half, the stage ending with a series of fast open bends overlooking a valley before a downhill finale to the finish.

Fri 10:06



- **Running order** - The crews will start in championship order this morning. The line up will be: 1. Ogier, 2. Tänak, 3. Neuville, 4. Latvala, 5. Sordo, 6. Evans, 7. Hänninen, 8. Breen, 9. Meeke, 10. Paddon, 11. Lappi, 12. Mikkelsen, 13. Østberg, 14. Al Qassimi, 15. Al Rajhi, 16. Serderidis

Fri 10:05



- **First stage: 10.20** - That's when the opening stage, the tricky blast through Myherin 1 gets underway. The 20.28km test is the furthest south on the entire rally route. Stage notes to follow...

Fri 10:04



- **Time reminder** - All times quoted here are local. And in North Wales that's UTC + 1hr

Fri 10:03



- **Friday's itinerary** - Today is when the authentic Rally GB mileage gets underway. There are six forest stages to come, kicking off with a loop that takes in Myherin, Sweet Lamb and Hafren. The loop is then repeated this afternoon.

Fri 10:03



- **Time penalty** - Thierry Neuville, one of the men that can still win the WRC title in 2017, was third fastest on SS1 but plummeted down the order to 45th after he was handed a 10-second penalty last night. He was a minute late at TC1 after his i20 WRC failed to start. He's got a busy day ahead of him as he tries to recover that time loss.

Fri 10:02



- **To recap** - Sébastien Ogier carved out a slender 0.4s lead on last night's opening stage at the 1.49km Visit Conwy Tir Prince test. Jari-Matti Latvala was second quickest in his Toyota Yaris WRC.

Fri 10:00



- **Good morning** - And welcome back to our live text coverage of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, the penultimate round of the 2017 FIA World Rally Championship. Our Live text service is available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

Fri 10:00



- **We will return** - Bright and breezy tomorrow morning to see how Sébastien Ogier gets on with defending his 0.4s lead through the first Myherin test. The stage will start at 10.20 and we'll be here to bring you all the latest news. Bye for now!

Thu 20:19



- **Join us tomorrow** - For the first full day of competitive action at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB. Coming up on Friday: six gravel stages covering 119.32 competitive kilometres.

Thu 20:16



- **Finish control** - All of the leading cars are through so that's where we'll park our live text service from Thursday night at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB.

Thu 20:15



- **GB WRC 2 after SS1** - 1. Tidemand 1m 11.7s, 2. Brynildsen+0.2s, 3. Veiby+0.4s, 4. Rovannerä+1s; 5. Camilli+1.2s.

Thu 20:13



- **SS1: WRC 2 Rovannerä** - The young Finn, making his WRC debut, impresses as he goes third fastest in WRC 2. "It was quite okay but our lights were showing in the sky. I didn't see very much."

Thu 20:03



- **SS1: WRC 2 Bergkvist** - "So happy to be here. The rally is really special and we'll try to do everything we can."

Thu 20:00



- **SS1: WRC 2 Nordgren** - The Finn is only ninth fastest in the opener. "This wasn't very good from us."

Thu 19:57



- **SS1: WRC 2 Cave** - Seventh fastest in his Ford Fiesta. "Some really tough competition in WRC 2 but you have to set your goals high. We had a great feeling in shakedown this morning so we're really up for this event."

Thu 19:55



- **SS1: WRC 2 Pieniazek** - Seventh fastest for the Polish driver. "A new car and new possibilities. Really happy to be here in the Skoda Fabia R5."

Thu 19:53

-  **SS1: WRC 2 Greensmith** - The young Briton goes fourth fastest in his category. He's 1.4s behind Tidemand.

Thu 19:51

-  **GB overall after SS1** - 1. Ogier 1m 09.7s, 2. Latvala+0.4s, 3. Neuville+0.5s, 4. Tänak+0.6s; 5. Mikkelsen+1.1s, 5= Evans+1.1s

Thu 19:50

-  **SS1: WRC 2 Veiby** - The Norwegian goes second fastest in the WRC 2 category. He's only 0.4s shy of Tidemand's pace. "It's a big field in WRC 2 but I'm really looking forward to this rally. I think it's going to be real fun."

Thu 19:45

-  **SS1: WRC 2 Camilli** - The one-time M-Sport World Rally Team driver is second quickest in his category. "I'm happy to be here and we'll see what we can do. It won't be easy because there is always a big fight. But I like this adventure in the dark and the rain."

Thu 19:43

-  **SS1: WRC 2 Suninen** - The Finn is 1.9s slower than Tidemand. "This rally is really challenging with all the mud and difficult weather. Normally I like these conditions."

Thu 19:41

-  **SS1: WRC 2 Tidemand** - The man who has already won the WRC 2 championship is in good spirits as he sets a time of 1m 11.7s. "I will really have fun and try to enjoy the stages this weekend."

Thu 19:39



- **SS1: Ogier** - The championship leader goes fastest by 0.4s! That means the M-Sport driver has led for 87 consecutive stages in GB since SS1 in 2013. That's 1258.64km!!

Thu 19:36



- **SS1: Tänak** - The Estonian goes third fastest. He's 0.2s slower than Latvala. "It wasn't so bad. Hopefully it was good fun for the fans because it's all about them. The proper stages come tomorrow."

Thu 19:35



- **SS1: Neuville** - He's 0.1s shy of Latvala to go second fastest.

Thu 19:32



- **SS1: Latvala** - The Finn, starting Rally GB for the 16th time, goes top of the time sheets by 0.7s! "The stage felt it was going quite well so I'm happy. We're all set for tomorrow."

Thu 19:31



- **SS1: Sordo** - Fourth quickest for the Hyundai i20 WRC driver. "That was good fun. I was a bit nervous at the beginning but the end was really nice."

Thu 19:28



- **SS1: Evans** - The Welshman builds on his pacesetting speed at this morning's shakedown to go joint fastest with Mikkelsen. "It was alright. Hard to judge the grip at the first corner but it was okay."

Thu 19:27



- **SS1: Hänninen** - The Finn is fourth fastest in his Toyota. "That was okay, quite a nice stage. The grip was better on the horse track than I thought. Everything is okay for tomorrow."

Thu 19:25

-  **SS1: Breen** - The C3 WRC driver completes just 0.2s off Mikkelsen's benchmark pace to go third overall. "That's a tricky little stage; I'm trying to cap all the passion. I'm a young lad ready to explode. I need to keep it in check."

Thu 19:23

-  **Slight delay** - Craig Breen is being held at the stage start while the organisers do a spot of crowd management. Underway again shortly...

Thu 19:20

-  **SS1: Meeke** - The homegrown hero is 1.4s behind Mikkelsen. It's not a great start for the RallyRACC Catalunya - Rally de España winner and he's had a problem. "The car stalled when I pulled the handbrake. Something's not quite right."

Thu 19:17

-  **SS1: Paddon** - The Kiwi is third fastest so far with a 1m 11.3s. "It was actually quite slippery in there. I was expecting the grip to be a bit better."

Thu 19:14

-  **SS1: Lappi** - The Toyota Yaris WRC driver completes 0.1s down on Mikkelsen. "No sense to put any higher targets. Need to try and be smart. So tricky in there so anything can still happen."

Thu 19:13

-  **SS1: Mikkelsen** - A great time for the Hyundai driver in the opener: 1m 10.8s. "We really have nothing to lose. Our starting position isn't perfect but we will push as hard as we can tomorrow."

Thu 19:11



- **SS1: Østberg** - The M-Sport World Rally Team driver goes fastest by 1.4s. but he's scratching his head at the stop line: "The stage is incredible. They didn't mark properly where the stage goes and I'm not sure I went properly through some cones..."

Thu 19:09



- **SS1: Al Qassimi** - He goes fastest in 1m 14.4s. "The stage is so difficult because you cannot see a lot of angles, but it's okay."

Thu 19:06



- **SS1: Al Rajhi** - "I'm happy I come back to the WRC. This is a stage we enjoyed a lot. It wasn't easy in the last part – muddy and slippery – but that is what we expect."

Thu 19:05



- **Serderidis** - SS1: The Greek driver completes in 1m 20.1s. "It was fantastic! I like this rally and such an honour to start the rally as number one."

Thu 19:03



- **SS1 is LIVE** - The 2017 Dayinsure Wales Rally GB is underway! Jourdan Serderidis's Citroën is into the opening stage. Standby for his time and end of stage reaction...

Thu 19:02



- **Stage info: SS1 – Visit Conwy Tir Prince (1.49KM)** - This short floodlit blast at Tir Prince trotting track includes a slalom section and two eye-catching jumps. After a high-speed lap around long and flowing bends of the oval horse racing track, the stage ends with a twisty section on adjoining roads.

Thu 18:58



- **WRC Live** - Our radio service is LIVE with Becs Williams in the studio and Colin Clark reporting from the end of the Visit Conwy Tir Prince stage. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

Thu 18:57



- **Non starters** - A couple of drivers won't start the rally this weekend. Henning Solberg hasn't made the cut and WRC 2 driver Benito Guerra has withdrawn on medical grounds.

Thu 18:54



- **Running order** - The cars will go into the stage in reverse order. The DS3 WRC of Greek privateer Jourdan Serderidis will be first. The order is: 1 Serderidis, 2 Al Rajhi, 3 Al Qassimi, 4 Østberg, 5 Mikkelsen, 6 Lappi, 7 Paddon, 8 Meeke, 9 Breen, 10 Hänninen, 11 Evans, 12 Sordo, 13 Latvala, 14 Neuville, 15 Tänak, 16 Ogier.

Thu 18:51



- **Weather** - It's pretty settled in Conwy tonight. There's been a little bit of drizzle but temperatures are 12°C and there's a gentle breeze. Perfect conditions for rallying.

Thu 18:49



- **First stage: 19.00** - That's when the opening stage around the Tir Prince trotting track blasts into life. Stage notes coming up shortly...

Thu 18:44



- **Time zones** - All times quoted here are local to the rally. And in North Wales that's UTC + 1hr

Thu 18:43



- **Coming up tonight** - The opening stage of the event, the 1.49km spectator test at Visit Conwy Tir Prince.

Thu 18:41

-  **We're live** - From Deeside in North Wales – the location of Rally HQ and the Service Park.

Thu 18:40

-  **Good evening** - And welcome to our live text coverage of Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, the penultimate round of the 2017 FIA World Rally Championship. Our Live text service is available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

Thu 18:40

-  **Dayinsure Wales Rally GB 2017** - Watch the 26min. Preview Magazine on wrcplus.com