

**SUN 14:48 - UNTIL THEN** Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest WRC news. Or head to WRC+ for loads of extra stuff including live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard library. Bye for now.

**SUN 14:46 - WE WILL RETURN** On Thursday 26 October when the championship resumes at Dayinsure Wales Rally GB.

**SUN 14:43 - FINISH CONTROL** And that's where we'll leave our live text service from RallyRACC Catalunya - Rally de España

**SUN 14:33 - WRC MANUFACTURERS' STANDINGS** 1. M-Sport World Rally Team: 358pts, 2. Hyundai Motorsport: 275pts, 3. Toyota Gazoo Racing: 225pts, 4. Citroën Total Abu Dhabi: 198pts

**SUN 14:30 - WRC DRIVERS' STANDINGS** 1) Ogier: 198 points, 2) Tanak: 161, 3) Neuville: 160, 4) Latvala: 123, 5) Sordo: 95, 6) Evans: 93, 7) Hänninen: 71

**SUN 13:31 - TEXT BREAKA** brief admin pause now. We'll be back soon with the full results and championship standings

**SUN 13:31 - SPAIN POWER STAGE RESULT:** 1: Sordo 8m07.8s (5 points) 2: Meeke +3.5s (4 points) 3: Ogier +4.2s (3 points) 4: Tanak +4.8s (2 points) 5: Hanninen +6.8s (1 point)

**SUN 13:25 - SPAIN FINAL** 1. Meeke 3h01m21.1s, 2. Ogier +28.0s, 3. Tänak +33.0s, 4. Hänninen +54.1s, 5. Østberg +2m26.2s

**SUN 13:21 - SS19: MEEKE** It's his second victory of the year and the fifth of his WRC career. He and co-driver Paul are on the roof of the C3 in celebration. Kris's wife and children are at the finish too. "It's been an exceptional weekend," Kris says. "It's not about how many times you get knocked down - it's more about how many times you get back up. And I've had to do that a few times in my career, let me tell you. We always knew this car was terrific on asphalt. This result goes to show that. It gives all of us in the team a huge confidence boost."

**SUN 13:14 - SS19: MEEKE** He's done it! Kris wins in Spain by 28sec from Sebastien Ogier. Second fastest on the Power Stage earns him four bonus points.

**SUN 13:13 - SS19: OGIER** SS19: Ogier That's second place secure for Seb, who picks up 18 points and takes another big step towards his fifth world title. The icing on the cake is second quickest so far on the Power Stage. "It feels great," he says. "We did a great job this weekend - even though it hasn't always been easy. After an amazing Friday we struggled a bit more on Saturday morning on asphalt then found a good rhythm. We have taken some good points and a bonus too on the Power Stage. All good."

**SUN 13:06 - SS19: MEEKE** The rally leader is in stage!

**SUN 13:06 - SS19: TANAK** Looks like third place overall for Tanak, who slots second quickest in the Power Stage standings. "We did the maximum we could over the past two days. It's nice to be back on Tarmac and the feeling is good. Great points for the team too. Almost the perfect weekend."

**SUN 13:02 - SS19: HANNINEN** The Finn brings the sole remaining Toyota Yaris home in fourth. That's his third consecutive top-five, and he is second quickest so far on the Power Stage. "Very close to the best drive of my career," he says. "It's good to see I can fight with these guys. It has been a big pleasure."

**SUN 12:57 - SS19: OSTBERG** Struggled to match his opening day pace when the action switched to asphalt, but fifth is a strong finish for Mads. "It's been a really good weekend. My last rally was Finland and I had good speed there too. We were leading here on Friday, and since then I have learned a lot about this car on Tarmac. Now I can't wait to get to Great Britain." Mads is third quickest so far in the Power Stage standings.

**SUN 12:53 - SS19: LEFEBVRE** Second quickest so far, despite his mechanical issues. "We tried to push but it was very difficult with the hydraulic problem. We finish having gained good experience." Sixth place overall for the Frenchman.

**SUN 12:51 - SS19: EVANS**A tough rally for Welshman, who has thoroughly explored the limits of his tyres. "Definitely looking forward to putting this one behind me..." he says. "A tough, tough weekend. Now we move on. I'm looking forward to Great Britain. It will be a relief to get there."

**SUN 12:46 - SS19: WRC 2 SUNINEN**Teemu takes the WRC 2 class win. It's his first victory of the season and the 25 points keep him on course for the title runner-up spot. "It's an awesome feeling for me to win on Tarmac. It's my first win on this surface and a special feeling."

**SUN 12:41 - SS19: WRC 2 KOPECKY**Caught in Serderidis' dust on Friday, Kopecky has done well to battle back to second in WRC 2. "It's good but still I'm disappointed. The Stewards made a wrong decision, we lost more than a minute in the dust and we got nothing back. But that's life. Our pace on Tarmac was great."

**SUN 12:37 - SS19: AL QASSIMI**"Fantastic. The car is improving, we are improving and I'm pleased to see the progress."

**SUN 12:34 - SS19: SORDO**A similarly up and down rally for home hero Sordo, who retired in identical circumstances to Mikkelsen on Saturday. He's quicker than Mikkelsen by 12.5sec here. "I was on the limit here, the balance of the car is good. I enjoyed a lot during during the weekend, we take many positives but we paid a heavy price for one mistake. I'm disappointed for the spectators, the team and myself. Sorry."

**SUN 12:30 - SS19: MIKKELSEN**The end of an up and down Hyundai debut for Mikkelsen - the sensation of day one, who came to grief on day two along with his team-mate Sordo. "I think we can take a lot of positives. The pace on gravel was good. Okay, I need more time on Tarmac but I feel have progressed in the last two days. We have a job in front of us but I'm so pleased we have these three rallies before the new season starts."

**SUN 12:20 - SS19: LIVE**We're riding with Mikkelsen - looking through his Hyundai's broken windscreen.

**SUN 12:00 - SS19: RUNNING ORDER**A few changes to suit the live TV schedule. Here's how the leaders will line up: Mikkelsen, Sordo, Al Qassimi, Kopecky, Suninen, Evans, Lefebvre, Østberg, Hänninen, Tänak, Ogier, Meeke. Four minute intervals for all but the final three who have five minutes.

**SUN 11:57 - STAGE INFO: SS19**Santa Marina 2, 14.50km. A new configuration of one of the rally's classic stages, last driven in this format five years ago. It speeds from the start into Prattedip where a tight junction brings a switch from narrow and broken asphalt to a wider and smoother surface. Speeds rise further en route to Santa Marina, where the test passes the village chapel before a final twisty section up to the finish at Coll de Fatxes.

**SUN 11:56 - LIVE STAGE ALERT**WRC+ users can watch the Power Stage live via our streaming service. The coverage starts at 1200hrs. Head to [plus.wrc.com](http://plus.wrc.com) to find out more.

**SUN 11:54 - UP NEXT:**The Live TV Power Stage! First car: 1218hrs.

**SUN 11:53 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS18**1.Suninen 3h01m08.2s, 2.Kopecky +34.9s, 3.Guerra +4m22.4s, 4.Nordgren +5m05.5s, 5.Tempestini +5m09.3s

**SUN 11:50 - SS18: WRC 2 GUERRA**"All okay. We are pushing, we are fighting against Nordgren and Tempestini behind - I don't want to lose my podium position now." Guerra will start the Power stage with a 43sec cushion over his rivals.

**SUN 11:45 - SPAIN AFTER SS18**1.Meeke 2h53m09.8s, 2.Ogier +27.3s, 3.Tänak +31.7s, 4.Hänninen +50.8s, 5.Østberg +2m19.9s

**SUN 11:42 - SS18: WRC 2 KOPECKY**"The stage was nice. I was careful not to overheat the tyres."

**SUN 11:39 - SS18: WRC 2 SUNINEN**"Nothing special."

**SUN 11:39 - SS18: MIKKELSEN**"The intercom is okay now, but the broken windscreen is affecting my confidence. Some adjustments in the car have made it calmer but still a lot of understeer."

**SUN 11:37 - SS18: SORDO**"I saved the tyres a bit for the Power Stage. Plenty of positives to take from this rally but unfortunately one big negative..."

**SUN 11:35 - SS18: MEEKE**The rally leader safely though in the fastest time so far. His lead over Ogier now 27.3sec. "I'm really happy. With this gap, just to be able to drive is nice. I'm not interested in fighting for points on the Power Stage."

**SUN 11:33 - SS18: OGIER**Quickest so far here and Seb is 4.4sec ahead of Tanak with only the Power Stage to go. "A couple extra points [on the Power Stage] would be nice but I will not go for the full risk," he says.

**SUN 11:30 - SS18: TANAK**"It was okay. Now it is very important to finish. Just bring them back."

**SUN 11:28 - SS18: HANNINEN**"I tried to keep it steady and smooth. We go like this now."

**SUN 11:26 - SS18: OSTBERG**"Still enjoying, still learning. It's a shame it's the final day."

**SUN 11:25 - SS18: LEFEBVRE**Ongoing hydraulic problems - and now no intercom either. "I drove with my eyes. Also I have a problem with the diff, and the hydraulic shift, I have to use the manual gear change."

**SUN 11:22 - SS18: EVANS**"A difficult and frustrating event when you want to be fighting at the front."

**SUN 11:21 - SS18: AL QASSIMI**"A long delay at the start, then a spin and a stall at the roundabout."

**SUN 11:12 - SS18: AL QASSIMI**Stalled at the roundabout.

**SUN 11:09 - SS18: LIVE**Al Qassimi's start time: 1108hrs. That's a delay of 15 minutes. Cars will run at two-minute intervals.

**SUN 10:58 - SS18: UPDATE**Zero car now underway.

**SUN 10:55 - SS18: DELAY**The stage was due to start at 1054hrs. The stage opening zero car is still on the start line. More to follow

**SUN 10:50 - SPAIN AFTER SS17**1.Meeke 2h42m50.3s, 2.Ogier +26.2s, 3.Tanak +28.5s, 4.Hänninen +46.4s, 5.Østberg +2m10.5s

**SUN 10:46 - SS17: MEEKE**Quickest so far and in a class of his own. His rally lead now 26.2sec. "When you get a feeling this good and the car is working so well it's easy, simple and I enjoyed it. I just forget everything and enjoy it."

**SUN 10:43 - SS17: OGIER**No sign of a more cautious approach as Ogier goes quickest so far. "If I want to keep second place, and ahead of my team-mate, I have to keep the rhythm. I've said before, third would be okay but second is better."

**SUN 10:39 - SS17: TANAK**"Still some stages to go, but very important to bring both cars to the finish and score the points."

**SUN 10:36 - SS17: HANNINEN**Cleanly through and on course to finish fourth today. "I know I cannot catch the guys ahead and there is a big gap behind - let's just keep it steady like this."

**SUN 10:30 - SS17: OSTBERG**"I feel more and more comfortable in the car - like I am controlling it, and it is not controlling me."

**SUN 10:27 - SS17: LEFEBVRE**"This stage is much better in daylight but we have a small issue with the car - a small hydraulic problem perhaps."

**SUN 10:24 - SS17: EVANS**"It's all about getting to the end for us now. The two guys going out today have moved us into a decent position. It's about being smart now, and thinking about our road position for Great Britain."

**SUN 10:21 - SS17: AL QASSIMI**"Unfortunately I stalled on the start line, but I'm really starting to enjoy these stages."

**SUN 09:56 - NEUVILLE: NO REGRETS**"The rally is over for us. A suspension part was broken after an impact with a stone. We tried everything to fight back today, we had an unlucky weekend with some trouble yesterday and now it's finished for us. Obviously this wasn't our weekend. After yesterday we had no choice than to push hard and that is what we did - there are no regrets."

**SUN 09:37 - UP NEXT: REFUEL**A quick fuel stop is all the crews will get before they begin the repeat loop. Al Qassimi's start time for L'Albiol 2 (SS17) is 1014hrs. We'll take a live text break until then.

**SUN 09:35 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS16**1.Suninen 2h46m14.5s, 2.Kopecky +37.7s, 3.Guerra +4m04.7s, 4.Nordgren +4m50.4s, 5.Tempestini +4m56.8s

**SUN 09:33 - M-SPORT TITLE UPDATE**M-Sport will be guaranteed the manufacturers' title if it scores 23 points more than Hyundai in Spain. After Neuville's retirement, and if positions stay as they are, then they won't do that. A two-car finish in Great Britain - in any position - will be enough to seal the crown.

**SUN 09:23 - SPAIN AFTER SS16**1.Meeke 2h38m51.7s, 2.Ogier +23.9s, 3.Tänak +25.7s, 4.Hänninen +42.8s, 5.Østberg +2m07.0s. Neuville stops

**SUN 09:22 - SS16: WRC 2 SUNINEN**"We have to keep pushing if we are to progress to a World Rally Car. We are trying, the pace here on Tarmac has been good."

**SUN 09:19 - SS16: MIKKELSEN**"A lot of things have happened today, wow. We are trying some new things this morning, some are better some are worse. I still need to figure the car out on Tarmac. We'll get there."

**SUN 09:15 - SS16: SORDO**Second quickest. "I'm so sorry for Thierry and the team. Not a good moment for Hyundai. We have really bad luck."

**SUN 09:13 - SS16: MEEKE**Quickest so far and Meeke's rally lead is up to 23.9sec with three stages remaining. "A few tricky places, but a clean stage after a period of difficulty, so I'm happy."

**SUN 09:11 - SS16: OGIER**Quicker than Tanak by two-tenths on stage - his advantage now 1.8sec in the standings. He learns of his title rival's exit at the finish control. "It is even more important to finish the rally now. I could see in the stage the line of the tyres and the oil."

**SUN 09:07 - SS16: TANAK**Third quickest, and it sounds like Neuville's exit has added an extra challenge for the crews following. "There was some oil in the road in some tricky places. Not so nice," says Tanak.

**SUN 09:03 - SS16: HANNINEN**Quickest! "I believe this time is not enough. I'm a bit worried about my tyres. I wanted to save them. Let's see what the other guys do."

**SUN 09:02 - SS16: NEUVILLE**He completes with the loss of more than a minute and climbs out to inspect the damage. What's the verdict? "It's game over." Same problem as my colleagues yesterday. It's like this." And with that, he's off.

**SUN 09:00 - SS16: NEUVILLE**He gets off line and cuts a right-hand corner too deeply. Looks like he collected a rock and now the right-hand wheel is pointing out at 90 degrees!

**SUN 08:58 - SS16: NEUVILLE**Disaster - he's broken his steering!

**SUN 08:57 - SS16: OSTBERG**1.7sec off Lefebvre's leading time. "I try a few things with the car. Now I think I should just leave the car normal and focus on my driving instead."

**SUN 08:54 - SS16: LEFEBVRE**Quickest so far, 12.6sec up on Evans. "My pace notes were not so good. We try to understand these Spanish roads."

**SUN 08:52 - SS16: EVANS**20.7sec quicker than Al Qassimi - but definitely not satisfied with his pace. "We're doing what we've got to do to get through."

**SUN 08:50 - NEUVILLE SAFE**He's arrived at the stage start control on time.

**SUN 08:48 - SS16: AL QASSIMI**"A really nice stage. When you are in the lines it's really enjoyable."

**SUN 08:45 - NEUVILLE WRONG SLOT**WRC+ live tracking shows Thierry took a wrong turn on the liaison route from SS15 - SS16. He's back on track now.

**SUN 08:39 - SS16: LIVE**Al Qassimi is underway

**SUN 08:33 - SS16: STANDBY**Al Qassimi's start time: 0838hrs

**SUN 08:33 - WATCH SS16 LIVE**The programme has started on WRC

**SUN 08:24 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS15**1.Suninen 2h37m41.3s, 2.Kopecky +38.8s, 3.Guerra +3m55.0s, 4.Nordgren +4m35.4s, 5.Tempestini +4m38.8s

**SUN 08:18 - SPAIN AFTER SS15**1.Meeke 2h30m42.2s, 2.Ogier +18.5s, 3.Tänak +20.1s, 4.Hänninen +41.6s, 5.Neuville +59.7s. Lappi stops.

**SUN 08:16 - SS15: MIKKELSEN**Bonnet up, smashed windscreen and Mikkelsen is peering through a small gap above the dashboard. "We took off the light pods before the stage and forgot about the bonnet clips. Then in the stage the intercom stopped working."

**SUN 08:12 - LAPPI UPDATE**Confirmation from Toyota that Lappi has retired. Crew okay.

**SUN 08:11 - SS15: MEEKE**Quickest so far and Meeke's rally lead is up to 18.5sec. But Kris says the stage could have been better. "At the roundabout, I hand braked as normal, went for the power and there didn't seem to be anything there. I don't know why but I reckon I dropped four seconds. The time still seems okay."

**SUN 08:09 - SS15: OGIER**Ogier seven-tenth quicker than Tanak. It's close. "Yes, I guess its going to be like this to the end. I need to give it everything but I don't want to take full risks."

**SUN 08:07 - SS15: TANAK**Still trying to catch Ogier, but struggling with a gravel gearbox. "Very tough with the gearbox, not enjoyable at all. I try my best. I'm going close to the limit - not over it. I don't see a chance to pass him."

**SUN 08:05 - SS15: MIKKELSEN**WRC TV crew reports Mikkelsen is driving with the bonnet up.

**SUN 08:04 - SS15: HANNINEN**1.6sec quicker than Neuville. "I'm losing time in the twisty sections - I can't do any miracles. Let's see."

**SUN 08:02 - SS15: NEUVILLE**Slower than Hanninen on the splits. "It won't be difficult for him to be quicker than me here - in this stage we have no chance. Understeer, understeer, understeer. I can't go on the throttle. So frustrating. The whole year you are fighting like hell, and then you are not competitive."

**SUN 08:00 - LAPPI UPDATE**He has gone off and collided with an armco barrier.

**SUN 07:57 - SS15: OSTBERG**"A good stage. I stopped at the roundabout to have a look." We think he's joking...

**SUN 07:55 - SS15: LAPPI**WRC+ live tracking shows his Toyota stopped at 11.7km

**SUN 07:55 - SS15: LEFEBVRE**"We have woken up now! This one was very difficult, it's my first time here."

**SUN 07:53 - SS15: EVANS**"I struggled a lot in here. Just couldn't get the front end to turn in."

**SUN 07:51 - SS15: AL QASSIMI**"No cuts in the road. A good start. It's getting better - all about the mileage."

**SUN 07:40 - SS15: LIVE**Riudecanyes 1, 16.35km. Best known for the famous roundabout at Coll de la Teixeta, soon after the start, where drivers complete a 360 degree doughnut in front of huge crowds packed on the hillsides. Much of the stage is downhill, and the opening part to Duesaigües is twisty and complicated. After passing under the landmark railway bridge, the road becomes flatter and faster, before skirting Riudecanyes reservoir and onto the finish.

**SUN 07:37 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS14**1. Suninen 2h26m54.8s, 2. Kopecky +42.3s, 3. Guerra +3m45.8s, 4. Nordgren +4m25.5s, 5. Tempestini +4m32.4s

**SUN 07:35 - SPAIN AFTER SS14**1. Meeke 2h20m22.0s, 2. Ogier +14.7s, 3. Tänak +15.6s, 4. Hänninen +37.8s, 5. Neuville +54.3s

**SUN 07:33 - SS14: WRC 2 SUNINEN**The WRC 2 leader through cleanly. "Difficult to see in the dark but I hope it was okay."

**SUN 07:32 - SS14: CAMILLI**Problems for Camilli. He's not registered for WRC 2 points here, but is the best placed R5 entry. "I broke the differential just before the start line so I am in rear-wheel drive only."

**SUN 07:29 - SS14: MIKKELSEN**Seventh quickest. "Using this day to try some different things with the car. Not really on the attack."

**SUN 07:27 - SS14: SORDO**Fifth fastest so far. "That's a terrible time. After yesterday's mistake the plan is to try and take some points on the Power Stage. We can't do any more than that."

**SUN 07:26 - SS14: MEEKE**Quickest so far and Meeke's rally lead over Ogier is up to 14.7sec. How was that? "Beautiful. I love driving in the night time. The lights give you a sort of tunnel vision and in a car working well on Tarmac it's perfect."

**SUN 07:23 - SS14: OGIER**Six-tenths slower than Tanak on stage and Seb's advantage in the standings is trimmed to nine-tenths. "We knew it would be a tight day - I was a bit too hesitant in the dark," he says.

**SUN 07:22 - SS14: TANAK**Quickest so far. "Not so bad. The day looks very tight and we don't have all the tools we need but we try to do our best."

**SUN 07:21 - SS14: HANNINEN**2.7sec slower than Neuville. "I don't know how it can be so difficult, but I didn't feel my driving was very clean. Nothing special. I am looking forward to the sun coming up."

**SUN 07:19 - SS14: NEUVILLE**Comfortably quickest. "I have no choice," he says. "I pushed very hard. I started understeering near the end but I have to catch Juho today at least. I have finished second in this championship twice before - so I have nothing to lose."

**SUN 07:16 - SS14: LAPPI**"Quite okay, no mistakes, all the time on the safe side - just not fast enough."

**SUN 07:15 - SS14: OSTBERG**He sets the same time as Lefebvre. It was okay, dark and I am tired. Looking forward to the daylight now." And what caused your frustration after SS13? "It was a mixture of things. I had an electrical problem, so I had no handbrake, and before the stage I was held up by spectators in the road before the check in. I was frustrated that the marshals did not do their job properly."

**SUN 07:11 - SS14: LEFEBVRE**Quickest so far. "It's too early for me. All okay though, I push a bit more, and I am trying a different driving style."

**SUN 07:09 - SS14: EVANS**"Fine, no problem. Not the best run. We have tried a few things on the car which I'm not so keen on."

**SUN 07:07 - SS14: AL QASSIMI**"Trying to get the feeling and warm my tyres."

**SUN 07:03 - SS14: LIVE**The schedule is running a minute late. Al Qassimi got underway at 0701hrs

**SUN 06:56 - START INTERVALS**Two-minute intervals today.

**SUN 06:56 - STAGE INFO: SS14**L'Albiol 1, 6.28km. This is a spectacular downhill blast that is driven in the opposite direction to last year. Less than a kilometre from the start near the junction in L'Albiol, a wriggling section of hairpin bends begins, which eventually climaxes with a very fast stretch towards the finish near Vilaplana. A big hairpin just metres from the end is hugely popular with fans.

**SUN 06:55 - RUNNING ORDER**Drivers will start in reverse rally classification order today. Here's how they line up: 1. Al Qassimi, 2. Evans, 3. Lefebvre, 4. Østberg, 5. Lappi, 6. Neuville, 7. Hänninen, 8. Tänak, 9. Ogier, 10. Meeke, 11. Sordo, 12. Mikkelsen

**SUN 06:53 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin on tyre numbers and compounds (hard / soft) its drivers have for today's loop. All have opted for 5H.

**SUN 06:52 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becc Williams in the studio and Emyr Penlan and Colin Clark reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**SUN 06:52 - WEATHER**A cool, dry start in Salou. Clear, starry skies overhead and a temperature of 14°C. We'll see more when the sun rises at 0759hrs but we're expecting a hot, dry and sunny day and a temperature of up to 25°C. No chance of rain today.

**SUN 06:48 - FIRST STAGE: 0700HRS**That's when the opening stage, the 6.28km A'Albiol gets underway. Crews are heading there now having left service from 0600hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SUN 06:48 - TIME REMINDER**All times quoted here are local. And in Salou that's (UTC +2hrs)

**SUN 06:48 - WATCH SS19 LIVE**A reminder that WRC users can watch SS16 and today's Power Stage finale live via our online streaming service. The Power Stage coverage starts at 1200hrs. Head to plus.wrc.com to find out more.

**SUN 06:47 - SUNDAY'S ITINERARY**There are six more stages on the final day, with only a remote refuel coming in-between two loops of three. The Santa Marina test will serve as the rally-ending live TV Power Stage from 1200hrs.

**SUN 06:47 - COMING UP TODAY**The final, decisive day of competition. A short, sharp all-asphalt leg to decide the final result.

**SUN 06:46 - WE'RE LIVE**From Rally HQ at Port Aventura in Salou. Overlooking the WRC Service Park.

**SUN 06:46 - HELLO**And welcome back to our live text coverage of RallyRACC Catalunya - Rally de España. Available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

**SAT 17:58 - EVANS**collects a 10sec penalty for arriving 1min late to the same control. He remains ninth.

**SAT 17:57 - OSTBERG**has been given a 20sec penalty for being 2min late. That drops him from sixth to seventh position overnight - and probably explains why he was so cross at the end of the stage.

**SAT 17:56 - LATE NEWS**Mads Ostberg and Elfyn Evans have both been handed penalties for late arrival at the regroup before the Salou street stage (SS13)

**SAT 17:48 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest news and day reports in WRC, WRC 2 and Junior WRC. And don't forget WRC+ where you will find extra content like live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard comparison system. Bye for now!

**SAT 17:46 - JOIN US ON SUNDAY**For the rally's third and final leg. Coming up: six more asphalt stages, 74 competitive kilometres, and the live TV Power Stage. We will be here in time for the opening stage at 0700hrs.

**SAT 17:43 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll end our live text coverage from Spain today

**SAT 17:42 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS13**1.Suninen 2h22m39.7s, 2.Kopecky +44.4s, 3.Guerra +3m38.2s, 4.Nordgren +4m25.9s, 5.Tempestini +4m27.3s. Tempestini penalty.

**SAT 17:38 - TEMPESTINI PENALTY**The Romanian has collected a 1min penalty for checking in 1min early to the Salou street stage (SS13). He drops from third to fifth in WRC 2.

**SAT 17:30 - SPAIN AFTER SS13**1.Meeke 2h16m21.1s, 2.Ogier +13.0s, 3.Tänak +14.5s, 4.Hänninen +34.0s, 5.Neuville +53.2s

**SAT 17:27 - SS12: OGIER**...but Seb claims fastest time on Saturday's final stage. He ends the leg in second place, 13sec behind Meeke and 1.5sec ahead of his team-mate Tanak. "I'm happy this stage is done - it's a tricky one and I'm pleased to cross the finish line. Now I'm ready for a big push tomorrow," Ogier says. "It's close between Ott and me - I have to fight. Okay, third wouldn't be a bad result but second would be better."

**SAT 17:21 - SS13: MEEKE**Rally leader Meeke ends a perfect day with a fastest time so far. "I really enjoyed this car on these stage so lets see what happens tomorrow."

**SAT 17:19 - SS13: TANAK**Quickest so far by six-tenths. "Let's see what is possible tomorrow but I will do my best and I will fight hard." And how was this stage? "These kinds of stages are not meant for these cars - not very enjoyable."

**SAT 17:17 - SS13: OSTBERG**6.8sec off the lead pace here and Mads is furious. He takes off his helmet and throws it into the footwell. He says nothing before driving off.

**SAT 17:15 - SS13: NEUVILLE**Quickest by 3.1sec so far. "I am continuing to push to catch Juho. I won't give up. I'm going to fight for this title." He ends the day 19.2sec adrift of Hanninen.

**SAT 17:13 - SS13: HANNINEN**Four-tenths slower than Lappi and Juho ends the day in a strong fourth place. "A really good day - I'm happy. It's a shame about yesterday - otherwise we would be fighting with the guys ahead. I haven't give up on a podium."

**SAT 17:11 - SS13: LEFEBVRE**3.9sec slower than Lappi and Stephane is shaking his head. "I stalled on the stage and took a long time to restart. About eight seconds I think. Now I look forward to tomorrow."

**SAT 17:08 - SS13: LAPPI**Quickest so far. "Now the set-up is really good. I'm really looking forward to tomorrow now. This stage was very tricky - hard to judge the grip."

**SAT 17:07 - SS13: EVANS**7.3sec slower than Al Qassimi. "I stalled twice for some reason and I just couldn't get it going again," he explains. "A really difficult day, but is is what it is."

**SAT 17:04 - SS13: AL QASSIMI**He's through, and that's Saturday complete for Khalid. "We drove with our heads and enjoyed some sections. It was difficult, with so many cuts. The car is progressing in the right direction."

**SAT 16:15 - STAGE INFO: SS13**Salou, 2.24km. Saturday's traditional closing stage is a technical street test along Salou seafront. It starts at the marina and the roads are slippery as sand blows in from the beach. This one has caught out drivers in previous years.

**SAT 16:15 - NEXT STAGE: 1700HRS**Crews are heading back to rally host town Salou for the day closing Super Special. We'll resume our live text service when Al Qassimi starts the stage at 1700hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 16:10 - SS12: JUNIOR WRC UPDATE**All change. Nil Solans leads the Junior category after former leader Nicolas Ciamin broke his suspension on SS11. Terry Folb is second, 36.6sec off the lead. Julius Tannert is third, more than two minutes adrift.

**SAT 16:06 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS12**1.Suninen 2h19m57.7s, 2.Kopecky +52.0s, 3.Tempestini +3m27.2s, 4.Guerra +3m41.4s, 5.Nordgren +4m26.1s

**SAT 16:02 - M-SPORT'S TITLE?**Not yet. After Hyundai's double disaster on SS12, M-Sport will still be three points short of securing the WRC manufacturers' title if positions stay as they are.

**SAT 15:56 - SPAIN AFTER SS12**1.Meeke 2h13m46.4s, 2.Ogier +13.9s, 3.Tänak +14.0s, 4.Hänninen +29.4s, 5.Neuville +52.1s. Sordo and Mikkelsen stop

**SAT 15:53 - SS12: OGIER**A stage win for Seb, who leaps from fourth to second place 13.9sec off Meeke's lead. "The second loop has been better than the first. We have kept out of trouble and have a better feeling in the car. Hopefully tomorrow we continue in the same way."

**SAT 15:50 - SS12: MEEKE**Fifth quickest on stage and Meeke maintains his rally lead. "It's been a good day. This morning we were able to catch everyone on the hop and this afternoon was all about not doing anything stupid. There's one tricky super special to go tonight - and I didn't cover myself in glory on the Super Special in Germany! We have to keep concentrated."

**SAT 15:45 - MIKKELSEN UPDATE**Another update from Hyundai: 'Mikkelsen stopped on SS12 with a broken steering - same place as Sordo.'

**SAT 15:43 - MIKKELSEN UPDATE**WRC TV crew reports that Mikkelsen has lost a wheel.

**SAT 15:42 - SS12: MIKKELSEN**WRC+ Live tracking shows Mikkelsen's Hyundai stopped 300 metres after his team-mate Sordo's.

**SAT 15:41 - SS12: NEUVILLE**Fifth quickest "It's not over, even if I think we deserved better than this. What can we do?"

**SAT 15:38 - SS12: TANAK**The Estonian also reports a steering impact in the same ditch. "We had some issues but we have repaired them ready for the last stage." he later confirms.

**SAT 15:36 - SS12: OSTBERG**Believes he hit an object in a ditch - the same thing he believes Sordo hit. Mads reports his steering now feels "weird". "It was a massive rock in a cut," he confirms. "A loose one I think. Now it was completely in the line. My steering is completely off and have a look. Just a steering arm I think."

**SAT 15:32 - SS12: HANNINEN**The Finn completes joint fastest with his Toyota team-mate Lappi. "I have to be happy. A great morning and okay, maybe the Fords have found something extra in the afternoon. Altogether a great day. I will push tomorrow - that's clear."

**SAT 15:26 - SS12: LAPPI**Still the fastest man on stage. "We made some changes in service and the car is feeling better."

**SAT 15:25 - SORDO UPDATE**Word from Hyundai: 'Sordo stopped on SS12 with a broken steering.'

**SAT 15:24 - SS12: EVANS**"It's been a really difficult day. It's difficult to find motivation to push when you are half a second off the pace. It's very hard."

**SAT 15:22 - SS12: SORDO**WRC+ live tracking shows second placed Dani's Hyundai stopped at 7.5km.

**SAT 15:20 - SS12: LAPPI**Esapekka is the pace-setter of the four drivers to complete so far. No driver comments for the time being. We will bring you an update shortly.

**SAT 15:12 - SS12: LIVE**Savallà 2, 14.12km. A stage of varying characteristics which make it one of the event's most demanding. After a downhill start on a two-lane road, it switches to a narrow ribbon of asphalt which winds up through a series of medium bends to Savallà del Comtat. Following a junction in Segura, it descends through fast and wide corners to Conesa. It's all-change again as the surface becomes broken and the final section reverts to a narrow lane. A new test for 2017.

**SAT 15:11 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS11**1.Suninen 2h12m05.8s, 2.Kopecky +55.7s, 3.Tempestini +3m11.6s, 4.Guerra +3m30.6s, 5.Nordgren +4m19.0s

**SAT 15:10 - SPAIN AFTER SS11**1.Meeke 2h06m15.2s, 2.Sordo +14.1s, 3.Tänak +14.6s, 4.Ogier +15.1s, 5.Hänninen +29.6s

**SAT 15:03 - SS11: MIKKELSEN**Ten seconds off Ogier's winning time. "That's a lot of seconds but gradually I think it is getting better and better - I just need more time in the car. All cars are different and this is completely the opposite to the snappy handling of the Citroen."

**SAT 14:58 - SS11: OGIER**Quickest so far, six-tenths up on Neuville. "Finally, an okay time. We have changed the car set-up many times and now it seems okay. The plan now? We have to keep pushing."

**SAT 14:55 - SS11: MEEKE**Second quickest. "A nice rhythm. A little bit more clean than the previous stage. When the car is working I am in good form - no problem."

**SAT 14:49 - SS11: OSTBERG**"It was okay, faster and faster. I found the limit a bit in here. It's getting to the point where I need to work on the details now."

**SAT 14:47 - SS11: NEUVILLE**Quickest so far. "It was okay, the car is behaving itself better. It felt comfortable so I was able to go at a good speed. Okay, we lost a lot of time for technical reasons but we keep going - everything is possible."

**SAT 14:43 - SS11: SORDO**Quickest so far. "The time is not so bad. I tried to do my best and the car was okay. It's very easy to make a mistake here."

**SAT 14:40 - SS11: HANNINEN**Quickest so far. "Okay, that's good." The Finn hopeful of passing Mikkelsen for fifth.

**SAT 14:37 - SS11: LEFEBVRE**"Good at the start but after some kilometres my brake pads lost their grip."

**SAT 14:34 - SS11: LAPPI**"Quite okay. A few mistakes. A few times too slow over the crests. I thought I could improve after the first run. It seems I couldn't. I need to work on my pace notes for next year."

**SAT 14:31 - SS11: EVANS**"The balance is okay, but I can't lean on the tyres. It is what it is."

**SAT 14:29 - SS11: AL QASSIMI**"There is pollution all over the road in the cuts now. 80 per cent of every corner."

**SAT 14:19 - STAGE REMINDER**El Pont d'Armentera 2, 21.29km. A new stage, although it is in fact the Querol test driven 12 months ago, but in the opposite direction. It climbs for most of the way, initially on smooth and fast asphalt, but changes after a tight left junction in Esblada near the midpoint. The road becomes very narrow and twisty, with bend following bend until the finish in Pontils.

**SAT 14:18 - SS11: LIVE**Al Qassimi started on schedule at 1415hrs

**SAT 14:17 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS10**1.Suninen 2h00m38.1s, 2.Kopecky +57.1s, 3.Tempestini +2m50.3s, 4.Guerra +3m08.4s, 5.Nordgren +3m56.8s

**SAT 14:02 - SPAIN AFTER SS10**1.Meeke 1h55m14.7s, 2.Sordo +13.5s, 3.Tanak +14.1s, 4.Ogier +16.0s, 5.Mikkelsen +27.7s

**SAT 13:58 - SS10: MIKKELSEN**Ninth fastest and struggling to get the i20 around the corners. "Now the temperature is increasing I feel I have more understeer, it's not nice. I tried to drive on the limit. I know how to drive on Tarmac, I don't want to change too much."

**SAT 13:54 - SS10: OGIER**Seventh quickest, 3.4sec slower than Neuville and Seb loses third place to Tanak. "I tried to push but I'm not so happy. I struggled with understeer. It's hard to push harder. That's how it is."

**SAT 13:51 - SS10: MEEKE**Quickest at the midpoint but he ends fourth quickest - just 1.2sec off Neuville's stage leading time. "Really happy. A good run. Quite a lot of pollution. It's a long time since

I've been in this position, just trying to manage it." And the time loss in the second half? "Overly cautious in the dirty corners."

**SAT 13:46 - SS10: TANAK**How did he get on with the replacement gearbox? "Quite difficult. It was not meant to drive on Tarmac. A challenge for me, I have to try and live with it."

**SAT 13:44 - SS10: OSTBERG**"I'm still discovering this car, it's fantastic and I enjoy it. Okay, a bit of a disappointment to lose time, but eight seconds to the faster driver is incredible."

**SAT 13:42 - SS10: NEUVILLE**Thierry is quickest by one-tenth. His car has been repaired in service but there is a lot of oil spattered along the co-driver's side. Problem? "No, the car feels okay," he says. "I still struggled a bit with understeer and we can make a few changes but it's difficult to make a difference in these conditions. We have to be clever."

**SAT 13:38 - SS10: SORDO**Joint quickest so far with Lappi. "I tried to do my best, a little bit of understeer. I tried to do a perfect stage and enjoyed a lot."

**SAT 13:35 - SS10: HANNINEN**This morning's pace-setter is 2.3sec slower than Lappi. "Nothing special. No problems, just trying not to overheat the tyres, perhaps I could have pushed them more. I'm happy though."

**SAT 13:32 - SS10: LEFEBVRE**4.7sec off Lappi's pace here, and falling behind the Finn in the standings. "I tried to push in a couple of places. It was not so bad."

**SAT 13:28 - SS10: LAPPI**Quickest so far by 14.1sec. "Near the end we had to avoid a rock on the road, but no drama. Otherwise a lot of gravel on the road."

**SAT 13:26 - SS10: EVANS**The Welshman completes 1m14s quicker than Al Qassimi. "A better feeling for sure. The guys made some changes in service, which have helped, but it's more or less the same story."

**SAT 13:24 - SS10: AL QASSIMI**"A lot more loose gravel on the surface compared to this morning. I had to back off in some places."

**SAT 13:20 - SS10: FLAT OUT!**Awesome onboards on WRC+. Lappi's engine is bouncing off the limiter on the stage's long straight. The Yaris sitting at 192kph.

**SAT 13:11 - WEATHER UPDATE**A mixture of blue sky and cloud over SS10. Dry conditions. No rain. 22°C.

**SAT 13:08 - TANAK UPDATE**The Estonian's Fiesta gets a new gearbox in service. Unfortunately, it's in gravel spec and he'll be driving on asphalt. "That means we won't have the right diff set-up for this afternoon so it will be a bit more difficult, but hopefully we can keep up the pace," he said.

**SAT 13:05 - SS10: START INTERVALS**Up from two to three minutes for the 2017 World Rally Car crews.

**SAT 13:02 - WELCOME BACK**SS10 is live on WRC+

**SAT 11:20 - NEXT STAGE: 1308HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for the El Montmell repeat - the first test in the afternoon loop. We'll take a live text break until then.

**SAT 11:10 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are en route to Salou for the midpoint 30-minute service. You can watch teams re-prepare the cars via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE

**SAT 11:07 - SS9: SOLANS**2017 Junior WRC champion. How does that sound? "Very good. We have achieved both WRC 3 and Junior titles and we are very happy for that. We have worked so hard this year so I'm very happy. Now we are ready for the step up to an R5 car."

**SAT 11:07 - SS9: JUNIOR UPDATE**Nicolas Ciamin continues to lead the Junior WRC category, but the big news concerns the man in second place, Nil Solans, who after SS7 had enough points to seal the 2017 title.

**SAT 10:49 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS9**1.Suninen 1h47m39.1s, 2.Kopecky +1m03.2s, 3.Tempestini +2m24.3s, 4.Guerra +2m41.5s, 5.Nordgren +3m48.6s

**SAT 10:49 - SS9: GUERRA**Feeling better today after a bout of 'flu. "My recovery started yesterday afternoon - it's like a miracle," he says.

**SAT 10:46 - SPAIN AFTER SS9**1.Meeke 1h42m48.2s, 2.Tanak +13.5s, 3.Ogier +13.8s, 4.Sordo +14.6s, 5.Mikkelsen +20.8s

**SAT 10:44 - SS9: WRC 2 KOPECKY**"I'll push as good as I can. We try to show our performance on Tarmac.

**SAT 10:43 - SS9: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**"A nice morning. Our car is a bit too stiff, we expected different grip. In this one I had a spin and lost a little time."

**SAT 10:42 - SS9: WRC 2 SUNINEN**"The morning loop has been good for us, but now I must be careful about Kopecky behind."

**SAT 10:41 - SS9: MIKKELSEN**Seventh quickest on stage and now sitting in fifth position. "It's been a big learning curve this morning. I hoped for more pace but I need to know the car more on Tarmac to go fast. I'm in the process of learning."

**SAT 10:39 - SS9: OGIER**He rounds off the morning loop 40sec clear of his chief title rival Neuville. "Yes, but we are not where we wanted to be. I wanted to be faster and we need to improve in the afternoon. The balance of car in the first stage was not fantastic. On the second pass we will be faster."

**SAT 10:33 - SS9: MEEKE**"We targeted a push on the first stage and it's been a really good morning. This stage was new, and there was quite a lot of pollution pulled out so we took it carefully."

**SAT 10:30 - SS9: TANAK**"I made many set-up changes before the previous stage. This one was not perfect - some transmission issue maybe."

**SAT 10:29 - SS9: OSTBERG**"I'm enjoying the car. Okay, I need some more time on Tarmac but it feels good."

**SAT 10:28 - SS9: NEUVILLE**He completes 12.4sec slower than Hanninen and with rear-end damage. What happened? "We lost hydraulic pressure at end of the stage before. Then the car would not start and I had to drive quickly to the start of SS9. I spun on the road section and hit the rear." A 30 second penalty will drop him from fifth to eighth place.

**SAT 10:23 - NEUVILLE UPDATE**Neuville's car has a hydraulic problem. Ostberg - the following driver - has been given a three-minute gap. Neuville is 12sec slower than Hanninen at the 11.3km split.

**SAT 10:21 - SS9: HANNINEN**Quickest so far. "I'm feeling very comfortable. It's a pleasure to drive. Very enjoyable and these stage times are coming quite easy."

**SAT 10:18 - SS9: LAPPI**"I made changes to the differential. It's going better and better."

**SAT 10:17 - SS9: NEUVILLE**Started the stage three minutes late. That's a 30-sec penalty.

**SAT 10:16 - SS9: EVANS**"The balance of the car doesn't feel terrible. We're just struggling for overall grip. We knew it would be difficult. It's difficult to made progress during the season."

**SAT 10:06 - STAGE INFO: SS9**Savallà 1, 14.12km. A stage of varying characteristics which make it one of the event's most demanding. After a downhill start on a two-lane road, it switches to a narrow ribbon of asphalt which winds up through a series of medium bends to Savallà del Comtat. Following a junction in Segura, it descends through fast and wide corners to Conesa. It's all-change again as the surface becomes broken and the final section reverts to a narrow lane. A new test for 2017.

**SAT 10:06 - SS9: LIVE**We cross straight to Savallà - the final stage of the morning loop. Al Qassimi started at 1002hrs.

**SAT 10:04 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS8**1.Suninen 1h39m48.9s, 2.Kopecky +1m06.3s, 3.Tempestini +2m07.7s, 4.Guerra +2m31.1s, 5.Nordgren +3m39.5s

**SAT 10:02 - SPAIN AFTER SS8**1.Meeke 1h35m17.2s, 2.Sordo +15.4s, 3.Ogier +15.5s, 4.Tanak +16.3s, 5.Neuville +16.4s

**SAT 10:01 - SS8: WRC 2 NORDGREN**The Finn reports a spin in a junction.

**SAT 09:59 - SS8: WRC 2 GUERRA**"I'm trying to fight Tempestini for the podium. It's a good fight."

**SAT 09:58 - SS8: WRC 2 KOPECKY**Still annoyed to have lost time on Friday. "We cannot get any time back from yesterday. It's a shame. Unfair when we were caught in the dust and we cannot get the time back. That's life. Now we will try our best."

**SAT 09:56 - SS8: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**19.6sec slower than Suninen. "I cannot be happy with that. I expected the roads would be clean and the car was set up stiff. Instead the stage was dirty so we need to make it softer and higher."

**SAT 09:54 - SS8: WRC 2 SUNINEN**The WRC 2 leader completes. "An okay stage, very nice to drive. Kopecky is keeping the pressure on."

**SAT 09:50 - SS8: MIKKELSEN**1 sec slower than Hanninen here and Andreas drops from third to sixth position, "I tried the best I could, but this type of stage is all about fine turning and knowing the car. I'm learning. I need more time in the car."

**SAT 09:49 - SS8: OGIER**Seventh quickest and he loses position to Sordo. "Just not quite on the pace. The car is not so bad. I don't know, I probably need to push more."

**SAT 09:46 - SS8: MEEKE**Second quickest, 1.3sec off Hanninen's leading pace. "A good stage, more of a racing stage. The car feels phenomenal - I'm going to try and enjoy it. Now we have to concentrate on managing the lead."

**SAT 09:44 - SS8: TANAK**"We made many changes in between and the feeling was much better. Still some bits to improve but the balance is much better now."

**SAT 09:43 - SS8: OSTBERG**"Better. The first one was really difficult. I don't have much experience of this car on Tarmac. It's incredible but I need to build my experience."

**SAT 09:40 - SS8: SORDO**Unable to explain why he is 5.3sec slower than stage leader Hanninen. "I did the same from the beginning but the time is not so good."

**SAT 09:38 - SS8: NEUVILLE**"It feels better but still not what I want. The car feels okay but my pace notes were too slow and I was not committed enough. We need to improve."

**SAT 09:35 - SS8: HANNINEN**Fastest so far. "A better rhythm than the first one. I really enjoyed it."

**SAT 09:34 - SS8: LEFEBVRE**"It was okay. Better than the last one I think. The car was okay but I lose eight seconds and a position to Lappi, so it's not good enough."

**SAT 09:31 - SS8: LAPPI**His car's rear window now sealed with a sheet of plastic. "Okay, no mistakes, no drama. Everything is fine."

**SAT 09:30 - SS8: EVANS**"It felt a bit better than the first one. We have to concentrate on doing the best job we can and learn as much as possible."

**SAT 09:29 - SS8: AL QASSIMI**"A new stage, so a few changes to the pace notes. All dry."

**SAT 09:03 - STAGE INFO: SS8**El Pont d'Armentera, 21.29km. A new stage, although it is in fact the Querol test driven 12 months ago, but in the opposite direction. It climbs for most of the way, initially on smooth and fast asphalt, but changes after a tight left junction in Esblada near the midpoint. The road becomes very narrow and twisty, with bend following bend until the finish in Pontils.

**SAT 09:02 - WEATHER UPDATED**Dry (for now) at SS8.

**SAT 09:02 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS7**1.Suninen 1h28m23.6s, 2.Kopecky +1m09.2s, 3.Tempestini +1m48.1s, 4.Guerra +2m13.2s, 5.Nordgren +3m12.3s

**SAT 08:54 - NEXT STAGE: 0915HRS**That's Al Qassimi's start time for SS8 - adjusted because the rally is running with an eight-minute delay.

**SAT 08:49 - UPDATE: SPAIN AFTER SS7**:1.Meeke 1h24m21.3s, 2.Ogier +9.1s, 3.Mikkelsen +9.6s, 4.Sordo +11.4s, 5.Tanak +13.6s

**SAT 08:46 - SS7: ALL CHANGE!**Meeke takes the rally lead, 9.1sec in front of Ogier in second. Overnight leader Mikkelsen slips to third, ahead of Sordo in fourth. The top four are separated by just 11.4sec.

**SAT 08:44 - SS7: MIKKELSEN**Seventh quickest, 12.6sec slower than stage leader Meeke. "I struggled to get a good feeling. Some rain in the middle. A lot of understeer - that was a limiter for me."

**SAT 08:43 - SS7: OGIER**10.7sec slower than Meeke. "Obviously too slow. Not a super feeling, a bit of rain at the beginning, a bit of understeer. Not perfect, but okay, we will try harder on the next one."

**SAT 08:41 - SS7: MEEKE**A remarkable time for Kris - quickest so far and a massive 3.6sec quicker than Sordo! "It felt good we had no asphalt test and I thought the car was perhaps a bit too soft. I had the the wipers on full as one point, but then in the forest we were protected a bit."

**SAT 08:38 - SS7: TANAK**Fourth quickest. "I'm not so happy with the car. It's not behaving like it should do, it's not turning. We need to try and improve."

**SAT 08:37 - SS7: OSTBERG**20.6sec off the pace. "I went off immediately, after just a few hundred metres. I lost a lot of time and my confidence too."

**SAT 08:35 - SS7: SORDO**Quickest so far. "At the beginning of the stage it's raining like hell, but only for 3km. My drive was okay, a little understeer, like I expected, but okay. Seeing Hanninen's time, we need to improve."

**SAT 08:33 - SS7: NEUVILLE**2.1sec slower than Hanninen and Neuville is furious. "I'm understeering like hell. In every corner. It's undriveable."

**SAT 08:31 - WEATHER UPDATE**Light rain falling at the end of SS7.

**SAT 08:30 - SS7: HANNINEN**Quickest so far. "Okay. Not completely happy but an okay start. I have a compromise set-up."

**SAT 08:29 - SS7: LEFEBVRE**1.4sec off Lappi's pace. "I know we have a [good] car on Tarmac. I tried to push but I'm unhappy with my driving."

**SAT 08:27 - SS7: LAPPI**Quickest so far in 12m35.6s and his car is missing its rear-left window. Which is a surprise to Lappi. "Really? It must have been loose. Otherwise no moments, a bit on the safe side, so easy to improve."

**SAT 08:25 - SS7: EVANS**"The feeling from a driving point of view was not so bad, but we struggled in the second half - the car was understeering whenever I leaned on it. Difficult."

**SAT 08:24 - SS7: AL QASSIMI**"A little bit cautious because it was a damp at the start and the car was sliding."

**SAT 08:12 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin on tyre numbers and compounds (hard / soft) its drivers have for the morning loop. All have opted for 5H except Neuville & Mikkelsen who have 4H+1S

**SAT 08:10 - START INTERVALS**Two-minute intervals today.

**SAT 08:09 - SS7: LIVE**Al Qassimi started at 0808hrs.

**SAT 08:09 - LATVALA?**No restart today for Jari-Matti following his retirement yesterday. Here's what Toyota said: "A strong impact under his car resulted a lubrication system failure. The team investigated the damage and made a decision not to restart due to the severity of the damage."

**SAT 08:05 - SS7: DELAY**The stage will not run until spectators are standing in the designated safe positions.

**SAT 08:02 - RUNNING ORDER**Drivers will start in reverse rally classification order today. Here's how they line up: 1. Al Qassimi, 2. Evans, 3. Lappi, 4. Lefebvre, 5. Hänninen, 6. Neuville, 7. Sordo, 8. Østberg, 9. Tänak, 10. Meeke, 11. Ogier, 12. Mikkelsen

**SAT 08:00 - WEATHER**A dry but overcast start in Salou, and cooler than yesterday too. The current temperature of 15°C is forecast to reach 22°C later. Light winds and the chance of some rain later.

**SAT 07:54 - STAGE INFO: SS7**El Montmell, 24.40km. El Montmell has a good surface but it's narrow throughout, and there are some very high-speed cuts to focus drivers' minds. The opening is extremely quick, with a chicane before Can Ferrer de la Cogullada to reduce speeds. After the village, the route becomes twistier before finishing with a dizzying bend-filled descent known as Les Ventoses. Extended at the finish by 260 metres from 12 months ago.

**SAT 07:54 - FIRST STAGE: 0800HRS**That's when the opening stage, the 24.40km El Montmell, gets underway. Crews are heading there now having left service from 0700hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**SAT 07:52 - WATCH SS10 LIVE**WRC+ users can watch the second pass through El Montmell [SS10] live via our streaming service. The coverage starts at 1300hrs. Head to [plus.wrc.com](https://plus.wrc.com) to find out more.

**SAT 07:50 - SATURDAY'S ITINERARY**Seven stages north east of Salou make up today's leg, a repeat loop of three stages followed by a short 2.24km test at Salou. The full-Tarmac day will cover 121.86km of stages, the longest day of the weekend, with a lunchtime service at PortAventura splitting the two loops.

**SAT 07:49 - COMING UP TODAY**Asphalt! After an extended service last night to transform the cars, the rally restarts today as a sealed surface event.

**SAT 07:49 - WE'RE LIVE**From Rally HQ at Port Aventura in Salou. Overlooking the WRC Service Park.

**SAT 07:49 - MORNING ALL**And welcome back to our live text coverage of RallyRACC Catalunya - Rally de España. Available on wrc.com and the WRC App.

**FRI 18:10 - AND FINALLY**Want to know to turn a WRC car from gravel to asphalt trim? You can watch teams re-prepare their cars in service tonight via our live stream cameras. You'll find a link in the LIVE CENTRE. Bye for now.

**FRI 18:08 - UNTIL THEN**Keep an eye on wrc.com for all the latest news and day reports in WRC, WRC 2 and Junior WRC. And don't forget WRC+ where you will find extra content like live stage reviews, highlights programmes and our exclusive onboard comparison system.

**FRI 18:06 - JOIN US ON SATURDAY**When the rally resumes after an overnight metamorphosis from gravel to asphalt spec. Coming up on Saturday: seven race track-like stages and 121 competitive kilometres - including El Montmell (SS11) streamed LIVE on WRC . We'll be here from 0800hrs, when the action kicks off with the first pass through El Montmell.

**FRI 18:00 - LEADERS THROUGH**And that's where we'll end our live text coverage from Spain today

**FRI 17:59 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS6**1.Suninen 1h15m16.6s, 2.Tempestini +1m17.2s, 3.Kopeccky +1m18.8s, 4.Guerra +1m44.4s, 5.Nordgren +2m31.9s

**FRI 17:44 - SS6: WRC 2 TEMPESTINI**"A good day for us. No problems. These long stages are very nice. A long day though, hard to manage the car around the big stones."

**FRI 17:43 - SS6: WRC 2 SUNINEN**23sec slower than Kopeccky here, but the Finn will still end the day with a handsome lead in WRC 2. What happened? "We lost the power steering in the last stage. I think I need to go to the gym because it's hard to drive like this."

**FRI 17:40 - SS6: WRC 2 KOPECKY**"It was much better this time because we got a five minute gap to Serderidis ahead and I didn't need to stop on the stage because of the dust."

**FRI 17:28 - SPAIN AFTER SS6**1.Mikkelsen 1h11m56.3s, 2.Ogier +1.4s, 3.Meeke +3.0s, 4.Tänak +6.3s, 5.Østberg +7.1s

**FRI 17:25 - MIKKELSEN LEADS**Day one with a new team and new car can't have gone any better. He ends Friday's leg with a rally lead of 1.4sec from former VW team-mate Sebastien Ogier.

**FRI 17:23 - SS6: OSTBERG**14.2sec off the pace and he drops from second to fifth. He's shaking his head. What happened? "The car is full of dust, I struggled to see, and the heater is stuck on. It's like 100 degrees in here. When it's like this I cannot say focused. Stupid things are destroying our rally for the moment."

**FRI 17:19 - SS6: LEFEBVRE**"Better. You have to do these stages many times before you understand them."

**FRI 17:17 - SS6: MEEKE**Second quickest so far here and it's fourth overnight for Kris, "A much better run this time on the hard tyres. Okay, I'm a bit frustrated about the mistake in the hairpin earlier but I'm in a good position overnight, so I'm happy."

**FRI 17:14 - SS6: MIKKELSEN**Fifth-fastest so far and Mikkelsen ends his opening day with Hyundai 1.4sec ahead of Ogier. Not an easy stage though. "I thought I had a puncture, or perhaps a broken damper, I think something happened with the suspension. Still, we managed and we are here. I'm happy with my day, getting used to the car and fighting back at the top."

**FRI 17:11 - SS6: LAPPIS**Sixth quickest here and Lappi is still struggling at the wheel of his Yaris. "At least we have brakes now but the suspension is not good enough - it's too nervous," he says.

**FRI 17:07 - SS6: HANNINEN**"Not so good in the morning. A bit too careful in the rough sections, I could have pushed more."

**FRI 17:05 - SS6: EVANS**48.4sec off the pace here and Evans, on DMACK's new gravel tyre, is unable to find any positives. "I can't take anything from this. It was so, so difficult - even before the first split."

**FRI 17:01 - SS6: SORDO**7.6sec slower than Ogier in the stage. "I tried my best but it's very, very difficult. Not a lot of traction."

**FRI 16:55 - SS6: TANAK**3.5sec slower than Ogier. "This afternoon has been difficult. I felt some impact in this stage and lost the brakes in the Tarmac section. A tricky second loop today."

**FRI 16:53 - SS6: NEUVILLE**Three seconds slower than Ogier. "It was not easy on the Tarmac and I have two spares as well," he says. "Also I was changing my diff settings during the stage and I got a bit confused with the diff map."

**FRI 16:51 - SS6: OGIER**Seb completes and is straight out again to inspect his tyres. They look good. As do his splits - which show him making up time in the Tarmac section. "Let's see how the times look at the end, but whatever happens I can be happy with my day. I expected to lose more today from my position first on the road. My competitors today were Ott and Thierry and I'm happy with what I have done."

**FRI 16:47 - SS6: SPLITS WATCH**Ogier again quickest of the leading drivers to the 27.5km split.

**FRI 16:41 - LATVALA OUT**Confirmation from Toyota that Jari-Matti has retired from the day for technical reasons. No details given, but his car appeared to be trailing oil after the previous stage.

**FRI 16:37 - SS6: LATVALA**Jari-Matti has not started the stage. His Toyota is parked just outside the arrival control. More news when we get it...

**FRI 16:35 - SS6: LIVE**Ogier began on schedule at 1622hrs, but...

**FRI 16:30 - SPAIN AFTER SS5**1.Mikkelsen 47m29.6s, 2.Østberg +0.7s, 3.Ogier +9.2s, 4.Meeke +10.0s, 5.Tänak +10.6s

**FRI 16:27 - SS5: OSTBERG**1.8sec slower than Mikkelsen on stage and Mads slips to second place, seven-tenths adrift. Did his team manage to seal the the dust hole? "It is better now for sure, there is still some dust coming in but I can see clearly now. We are just trying to go as quick as possible. It's a close fight and I did a few mistakes in there. It's easy to go over the limit."

**FRI 16:23 - SS5: LEFEBVRE**Fourth quickest. And pleasantly surprised. "Really? That's better. The grip was good but it's easy to destroy your tyres."

**FRI 16:21 - SS5: MEEKE**Now Kris sets the fastest time. He was tenth quickest on the previous stage. What happened there? "I spun right at the end of the stage. I caught a lip on the asphalt and had to stop and reverse to get going again. I lost five or six seconds. Otherwise I I feel good. It feels a bit like Mexico here - the roads are not dissimilar."

**FRI 16:18 - SS5: MIKKELSEN**Toppled from the lead by Ostberg on the previous stage, he's quickest so far here and sounding very optimistic. "Improving and improving stage by stage. I know I will like this car - it can only get better from here."

**FRI 16:14 - SS5: LAPPI**Three seconds off the pace here. "Too many mistakes," he groans. "The grip is okay but the brakes are not. I think it will be impossible for me to manage them in Terra Alta."

**FRI 16:12 - SS5: HANNINEN**Fourth quickest of the seven cars through and Juho has decided against any more set-up tweaks. "Now is the time to focus on the driving. No more changes. We just carry on like this."

**FRI 16:09 - SS5: EVANS**"A little better, but the tyres are still moving around at the end. Probably a bit too hot than we'd hoped for. It is what it is. We just have to get through the day."

**FRI 16:08 - SPAIN AFTER SS4**:1.Østberg 43m30.8s, 2.Mikkelsen +0.3s, 3.Ogier +6.4s, 4.Tänak +9.1s, 5.Sordo +10.8s

**FRI 16:04 - SS5: SORDO**Quickest so far: 3m59.0s. "That's good. A better feeling that this morning, more grip, better balance in the car. I'm happy."

**FRI 16:03 - SS5: LATVALA**1.4sec off fastest time. "The first three corners didn't go that well. That's where I lost the time. It took a while to get the rhythm back."

**FRI 16:01 - SS4: OSTBERG LEADS**Fourth quickest on the previous stage - and that's enough to move him into the lead. We'll next hear from Mads at the end of SS5.

**FRI 15:59 - SS5: TANAK**Five-tenths off Neuville's stage-leading pace. "It's difficult to find a good feeling with the car this afternoon. It's just not working when it's good grip."

**FRI 15:57 - SS5: NEUVILLE**Quicker than Ogier by 1.8sec. "I tried to push hard but with a second spare wheel its not so easy and the rear moves around a lot. But now I have two new tyres for the long stage and hopefully I can catch up some more time."

**FRI 15:54 - SS5: OGIER**First to complete in 4m01.6s. "All okay for us - we have to go." Seb leaves in a hurry to swap his tyres before the 38km Terra Alta.

**FRI 15:52 - OVER TO SS5**We cross now to the repeat of the short Bot stage which went live at 1547hrs.

**FRI 15:50 - SS4: LAPPI**Third quickest. More competitive than this morning but not enough to put a smile on his face. "I'm a bit happier, but maybe this was too much for the tyres already. I have to have a look."

**FRI 15:46 - SS4: HANNINEN**"Everything is quite okay. We made a few changes in service. We might try a few more things before Terra Alta."

**FRI 15:43 - SS4: EVANS**Slowest through so far. "For sure there is a grippy line, and the feeling wasn't too bad, but the time is terrible. I expected to be closer."

**FRI 15:40 - SS4: SORDO**Second quickest, three-tenths slower than Latvala. "More grip and traction this time," he says, before leaving for the next stage.

**FRI 15:38 - SS4: LATVALA**A much better time - quickest by 2.6sec "This is the way we want to go! We made changes during service and we realized we did something wrong in the morning. The grip wasn't all that great."

**FRI 15:34 - SS4: TANAK**Second quickest so far, nine-tenths off Neuville's pace. "Very difficult at the moment. Quite a good line, but either side it is very deep [gravel]."

**FRI 15:31 - SS4: NEUVILLE**Quicker in the second half of the stage again to complete one second quicker than Ogier. "I had to learn the car on the hard tyres but I tried to push hard and to manage."

**FRI 15:29 - SS4: OGIER**1.9sec quicker than Neuville at the 6.9km point. "I tried hard but it's difficult with these lines. I'm surprised to be up on the split."

**FRI 15:25 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin on tyre numbers and compounds (hard / soft) for the repeat loop. And in these hot conditions its no surprise hards are the way to go: Citroën/M-Sport: 5H. Hyundai/Toyota: 6H

**FRI 15:21 - WEATHER UPDATE**Hot, dry and sunny. A few light clouds on the horizon, but we are not expecting rain. The temperature has risen to a sticky 27°C.

**FRI 15:20 - WELCOME BACK**The afternoon loop is underway. Ogier began SS4 on schedule.

**FRI 13:10 - NEXT STAGE: 1519HRS**That's Ogier's start time for the repeat of Caseres. We'll rejoin our text service shortly before. Bye for now.

**FRI 13:08 - SERVICE CAMS**You can watch teams re-prepare their cars in service via our live stream cameras. Find a link in the LIVE CENTRE.

**FRI 13:07 - SERVICE IN: ØSTBERG**Mads returns to service in second place, six-tenths off the lead - and covered in dust. "First of all I must say it's been a very good morning for the results and the speed. I'm happy with that, and it's great to be back fighting at the top. Of course, I would prefer to do it without the dust. I've never had so much in the car before. We will try and solve it now and have a better afternoon. I have told the team to put high priority on finding the hole."

**FRI 12:59 - SERVICE IN: SORDO**"An interesting morning but for me it was good. Slippery stages and it was difficult to make the right compromise tyre choice - the softs were too soft and the hards were too hard."

**FRI 12:57 - SERVICE IN: MIKKELSEN**On his first rally with Hyundai, Andreas returns to service as rally leader and a stage win in the i20 under his belt. "I'm happy with my approach today, it's been a good morning. Obviously it's a new car for me and I need to get used to it. A bit too careful on stages one and two, but I changed the differential setting for the third and that gave me a better feeling. I managed to push on the third so I'm very, very happy with how it's going so far. When I get the car exactly how I want I think we will be very, very quick."

**FRI 12:50 - SERVICE IN: OGIER**"The feeling in the car is really good, I'm really happy. I was not expecting to be so close to the lead after the first loop. My target was to fight with Thierry and Ott, so I'm pleased to be ahead of them both. I always expected the guys further down the order to be faster, it's a different rally for them, so for there to be only two ahead of me is okay."

**FRI 12:45 - SERVICE IN: NEUVILLE**The Belgian rueing his morning choice of soft compound tyres. "It is a pity about the tyres. It was clear in our team, the information was the soft compound would last at least 50km, but the temperature was higher than expected and they went off after 10km. We couldn't take advantage."

**FRI 12:43 - UP NEXT: SERVICE**Crews are returning to Port Aventura for the midpoint 30 minute service. Ogier will be first in at 1311hrs.

**FRI 12:42 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS3**1.Suninen 37m43.6s, 2.Tempestini +55.8s, 3.Guerra +1m16.8s, 4.Kopecky +1m31.7s, 5.Pieniazek +1m39.9s

**FRI 12:36 - SS3: WRC 2 BONATO**He completes with the loss of more than eight minutes. "We have a problem with the gearbox."

**FRI 12:35 - SS3: WRC 2 NORDGREN**"This was a difficult one! First Arai was crashed, his car - and a tree - in the middle of the road. The crew are okay and we managed to pass. Then we lost some brakes - my mistake - otherwise okay."

**FRI 12:30 - SS3: WRC 2 ARMSTRONG**Another WRC 2 driver to stop in stage.

**FRI 12:30 - SS3: WRC 2 BONATO**Stopped in stage. He had been fourth in WRC 2.

**FRI 12:23 - SS3: WRC 2 ARAI**Stopped. WRC TV crew reports he has rolled. Crew okay. He had been third in WRC 2.

**FRI 12:19 - SS3: WRC 2 SUNINEN**The extent of Kopecky's delay becomes clearer when category leader Suninen completes 1m14s quicker. "It was pretty okay. I try to improve," says Suninen.

**FRI 12:16 - SS3: WRC 2 KOPECKY**He completes right behind WRC Trophy driver Jourdan Serderidis. "I'm not happy because we ask for a few minutes more [between us and Serderidis] because of the dust. We caught him and we lost a lot of time. It should not be like this."

**FRI 12:06 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS2**1.Suninen 11m40.3s, 2.Kopecky +17.2s, 3.Arai +22.8s, 4.Bonato +27.0s, 5.Tempestini +30.3s

**FRI 12:03 - SPAIN AFTER SS3**1.Mikkelsen 36m20.9s, 2.Østberg +0.6s, 3.Ogier +4.6s, 4.Tanak +7.4s, 5.Meeke +7.6s

**FRI 12:01 - SS3: AL QASSIMI**"I was careful in here - I wasn't sure when I would lose the tyres completely."

**FRI 11:59 - SS3: OSTBERG**Second quickest here keeps Mads second overall. He's covered in dust and his co-driver Torstein is coughing. "It's ridiculous," Mads says of the dust inside his Ford. "I don't see in the stage and my co-driver is struggling with this voice. It's not going as well as I wanted. It's difficult to keep the rhythm - and to breathe."

**FRI 11:53 - SS3: LEFEBVRE**29.6sec off the pace. "This one is very, very difficult. It's only my second time here. Difficult to push."

**FRI 11:52 - SS3: MEEKE**9.6sec slower than stage leader Mikkelsen, and Kris puts that down to heavy tyre wear. "I was haemorrhaging time in the Tarmac section."

**FRI 11:48 - SS3: MIKKELSEN**Quickest so far in the i20 Coupe - 2.8sec up on Ogier. His hard compound tyres look good. "A clean stage. I made some differential changes before the stage and it's better now. I start to feel more and more at home."

**FRI 11:45 - SS3: LAPPI**He loses 45sec to the leaders. What happened? "No brakes. When we hit the Tarmac section they went - and that was it."

**FRI 11:42 - SS3: HANNINEN**Fourth quickest so far. "A nice stage but difficult to keep a rhythm and keep it in the line. The rear started to slide everywhere. Not so easy."

**FRI 11:40 - SS3: EVANS**Slowest so far, 27 off the pace and he completes with a broken front-left wheel and a soft tyre. "I nicked something on the inside of a corner near the end. Must have been a stone or something. It didn't cost us a lot of time. Before that I was lacking traction."

**FRI 11:36 - SS3: SORDO**Second quickest so far. "It was okay but in the middle I thought the car started to feel a bit strange. It seems okay now."

**FRI 11:33 - SS3: LATVALA**9.8sec off the pace. "I felt I could push in here but when you look at Ogier's pace maybe mine wasn't the best tyre choice."

**FRI 11:31 - SS3: TANAK**8.9sec slower than Ogier. His tyres look okay - despite some concerns in the stage. "A tricky one. At the beginning it was okay, but on the Tarmac section we had a tyre alarm. I thought we had a puncture. It was disturbing and I lost my rhythm."

**FRI 11:28 - SS3: NEUVILLE**14.6sec slower than Ogier and Neuville's tyres are finished. "Not the greatest choice," he explains. "I lost them about 10km into the stage. I tried to do everything but there was nothing we could do. A few wide moments but we survived and we can continue to push."

**FRI 11:25 - SS3: OGIER**He's through in 24m57.8s and jumps straight out to look at his tyres - two of which are badly worn. "I really struggled through the end of the stage," he says. "Let's see how the time compares, maybe on the soft tyres the guys behind will struggle as well."

**FRI 11:20 - SS3: SPLITS WATCH**Ogier looking good on the splits, he's quickest of the opening five cars to the 18.5km point. Neuville is 10.1sec slower at 33km - after the Tarmac section.

**FRI 11:18 - SS2: WRC 2 SUNINEN**The WRC 2 leader 4.7sec quicker than Kopecky here. The Finn sounding typically focused. "Nothing special. Difficult to do good work."

**FRI 11:16 - SPAIN WRC2 AFTER SS1**1.Suninen 7m29.0s, 2.Kopecky +12.5s, 3.Arai +15.3s, 4.Bonato +18.2s, 5.Tempestini +19.0s

**FRI 11:10 - SS1: WRC 2 UPDATE**The opening stage claims another two WRC 2 entries. As well as Greensmith, WRC+ tracking system shows Andolfi and Katsuta are also stopped.

**FRI 11:07 - SS2: GORBAN**Reports a lot of dust inside his Mini.

**FRI 11:06 - STAGE INFO: SS3**Terra Alta 1, 38.95km. Terra Alta is the longest stage of the rally. A 3km section at the start, which was new last year, leads into Vilalba del Arcs, before it heads away through a well-known zig-zag which offers great views of the village and its bell tower in the background. It is mostly gravel but drivers face five surface changes, including an incredibly twisty and undulating 6km asphalt section in the middle and a tight asphalt hairpin near the finish on tyres worn by the gravel.

**FRI 11:06 - SS3: LIVE**Ogier, Neuville and Tanak in stage. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 11:02 - SPAIN AFTER SS2**1.Tanak 11m21.6s, 2.Østberg +2.2s, 3.Meeke +2.3s, 4.Neuville +2.7s, 5.Mikkelsen +4.3s

**FRI 11:01 - SS2: OSTBERG**Fourth quickest but he looks furious. "I'm angry because we just start the rally and the car is FULL of dust. There must be a big hole because there is so much dust inside the car. I could have been faster - it's typical that something like this happens."

**FRI 10:58 - SS2: LEFEBVRE**Seventh quickest so far. "A lot better on this stage than the first. Good confidence in my pace notes."

**FRI 10:55 - SS1: WRC 2 GREENSMITH**WRC live tracking shows him stopped in the opening 4km. Broken steering.

**FRI 10:54 - SS2: MEEKE**Quickest so far. "I'm enjoying my driving this morning. The tyre choice is okay I think but not as much cleaning as I expected."

**FRI 10:52 - SS2: MIKKELSEN**"It's okay but the road isn't cleaning a lot. I was expecting it to clean more. Overall I'm happy with how things are going so far. I'm trying to push, but not too much while I learn the car. I try to be on it a bit..."

**FRI 10:49 - SS2: LAPPI**Three seconds quicker than his Toyota team-mate Hanninen. "A much better stage. I'm here to learn."

**FRI 10:46 - SS2: HANNINEN**"A bit frustrating. So slippery and difficult to get the traction from the corners on these hard tyres. I try to push but then I lose the line. Okay, we try to do our best but it's difficult for me at the moment."

**FRI 10:43 - SS2: EVANS**Fourth quickest so far. "Really mixed [conditions] in here. We've got a few little issues to sort out. Some things with the launch to fix."

**FRI 10:41 - SPAIN AFTER SS1**1.Tanak 7m16.7s, 2.Østberg +1.8s, 3.Neuville +2.1s, 4.Meeke +2.7s, 5.Ogier +3.0s

**FRI 10:40 - SS2: SORDO**Second quickest so far. "I pushed like hell. I don't want to be at the back. If I want to get the best from these tyres I have to push. I was nervous at the beginning, now I start to relax."

**FRI 10:37 - SS2: LATVALA**4.5sec slower than Neuville and Jari-Matti is shaking his head. "I struggles with the gear changes. I did some mistakes and I'm not happy with my driving. My mistake - I was shifting too early."

**FRI 10:35 - SS1: OSTBERG**A strong start for Mads - second quickest. "It was quite a good stage but we have so much dust in the car I can barely see through the windscreen."

**FRI 10:33 - SS2: TANAK**Quickest so far. "No so many issues. You can see the cleaning coming out but it's still extremely slippery. It's okay, I have a good feeling with the car."

**FRI 10:32 - SS1: LEFEBVRE**"I have no confidence with the grip. I need to build my confidence."

**FRI 10:31 - SS2: NEUVILLE**2.5sec quicker than Ogier. Any sign of problems for his rival? "I saw some lines where Seb went very wide but no drama I think. I did a good stage, the gap is quite okay. Now we have to pick the right tyres for the next stage."

**FRI 10:29 - SS1: MEEKE**Third quickest. "Not clean at all. Loose everywhere. I'm just bedding myself in."

**FRI 10:28 - STAGE INFO: SS2**Bot 1, 6.50km. Friday's shortest test starts in the village of Bot and climbs all the way until a final asphalt section that heads downhill into the finish outside Gandesa. The initial gravel is firm and wide, but there are a couple of off-camber corners that might trap drivers. The first part is slow and twisty, but the second part is quicker with a series of fast bends near the finish. Identical to the stage used in 2016.

**FRI 10:28 - SS2: LIVE**And underway. Ogier has completed, but did not hang around to talk. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 10:27 - SS1: MIKKELSEN**Fourth quickest on his first stage in the Hyundai. "Quite safe driving, just trying to get used to the car, no surprises. It will take a bit of time to get used to it but we can drive very fast in this car."

**FRI 10:25 - SS1: LAPPI**Slowest through, three-tenths off the pace of his Toyota team-mate Hanninen. "I need to build my experience on these roads. I was expecting much more. Generally it was very messy."

**FRI 10:21 - SS1: HANNINEN**Slowest so far, 7.3sec off Tanak's pace. "For sure there is a line [in the road] but its really, really narrow and not wide enough to use. Really tricky conditions."

**FRI 10:18 - SS1: EVANS**Fifth-quickest so far. "It's still very slippery out there, no clean line yet, a lot of very different lines [in the road]. Scope to go harder I think."

**FRI 10:14 - SS1: SORDO**5.3sec off the pace. "The hard tyre is too hard. We don't have traction and grip," he explains.

**FRI 10:12 - SS1: LATVALA**3.2sec off Tanak's leading pace. "It's okay. We are on full hard tyres - that's the difference to the guys ahead on this stage. I was sure we would lose time here - no worries. It will be better for me on Terra Alta."

**FRI 10:08 - SS1: TANAK**Quickest so far by 2.1sec. "There is no real line in the road so far. For the moment the car is handling nice - a good feeling for now."

**FRI 10:07 - SS1: NEUVILLE**Slower than Ogier at the midpoint but 0.9sec quicker at the end. "I don't know, okay, I was in a different mood at the beginning, then I got into a good rhythm and it was better." Neuville the only driver to have gambled on an all-soft tyre choice.

**FRI 10:02 - SS1: OGIER**First to complete in 7m19.7s. "Okay, I'm happy with my drive. Not a bad stage for us. Clean."

**FRI 10:01 - SS1: SPLITS WATCH**Neuville 1.3sec slower than Ogier to the 6.9km split.

**FRI 09:53 - SS1: LIVE**Ogier is underway!

**FRI 09:53 - START INTERVALS**Three minutes for Priority 1 cars, two minutes for everybody else.

**FRI 09:52 - RUNNING ORDER**Drivers will start in championship order today. Here's how they line up: 1. Ogier, 2. Neuville, 3. Tanak, 4. Latvala, 5. Sordo, 6. Evans, 7. Hanninen, 8. Lappi, 9. Mikkelsen, 10. Meeke, 11. Lefebvre, 12. Ostberg, 13. Al Qassimi.

**FRI 09:48 - TYRE CHOICES**Confirmation from Michelin on tyre numbers and compounds (hard / soft) its drivers have for the morning loop. And it's a varied picture. Lappi: 6H.

Latvala/Hanninen/Østberg: 5H. AlQassimi/Meeke/Lefebvre: 4S+2H. Tanak/Ogier: 3S+2H.  
Sordo/Mikkelsen: 4H+1S. Neuville: 6S.

**FRI 09:44 - WRC LIVE**Our radio service is LIVE with Becc Williams in the studio and Emyr Penlan and Colin Clark reporting from the stage ends. You'll find a link the LIVE CENTRE on the homepage.

**FRI 09:43 - WEATHER**A dry, bright and beautiful start in Salou. Currently clear blue skies and a temperature of 20°C. More of the same forecast later today when the temperature should hit 27°C. No chance of rain.

**FRI 09:41 - STAGE INFO: SS1**Caseres 1, 12.50km. The early part of Caseres, which starts in the village of the same name, is fast and narrow. After a junction in Arenys de Lledó, an undulating, but wider, road heads through a wind farm and on to a tricky hairpin before the finish, where drivers must brake on gravel before turning left on dirty asphalt. Identical to the stage used in 2016.

**FRI 09:40 - FIRST STAGE: 0953HRS**That's when the opening stage, the 12.50km Caseres (SS1), gets underway. Crews are heading there now having left service from 0815hrs. Stage notes coming up.

**FRI 09:37 - FRIDAY'S ITINERARY**Today's opening leg will be mainly contested on mountainous gravel roads west of Salou. It features two identical loops of three stages covering 57.95km. Each loop ends with the 38.95km long Terra Alta stage, which includes sections on Tarmac.

**FRI 09:28 - COMING UP TODAY**The WRC roars back to life. Seven weeks after the last round in Germany, the best rally drivers in the world are back on stage again. And on today's opening day in Spain, most of those stages are gravel.

**FRI 09:22 - WE'RE LIVE**And direct from Rally HQ at Port Aventura in Salou. We're overlooking it's newest addition - the 110mph Red Force rollercoaster - and, far more importantly, the WRC Service Park.

**FRI 09:19 - MORNING ALL**And welcome to our live text coverage of RallyRACC Catalunya - Rally de España. Available all rally long on wrc.com and the WRC App.

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