



### SS8 : BRIANÇONNET / ENTREVAUX 2

<b>Date:</b>	20.01.2023		
<b>Day:</b>	2	<b>Flash N°:</b>	12
<b>Special Stage:</b>	8	<b>Distance :</b>	14,55 km
<b>Weather:</b>	3°C – clear sky		
<b>Road conditions:</b>	Bone dry		

#### **SS8: Toyota remains in front, Ogier in control**

Day 2 of the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo was dominated from start to finish by Toyota Gazoo Racing, on Friday in the Southern Alps, and ended with a stage win for the reigning World Champion, young Finnish star Kalle Rovanperä, in SS8 (Briançonnet-Entrevaux, 14.55km). His first stage win of the year, after the first one also for Elfyn Evans in SS6 at the start of the afternoon. Since the start on Thursday evening, the Japanese team has left nothing to its rivals, Hyundai Motorsport and M-Sport Ford.

The youngest World Champion in the history of WRC set off for Monaco 36 seconds behind his French team-mate, and ten more stages to go on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Saturday morning, when all drivers leave Monaco for the six stages of Day 3, Ogier will also be 37.9 seconds ahead of Thierry Neuville (Hyundai), 3rd, 54.2 seconds ahead of Ott Tänak (M-Sport Ford), 4th, and 1:02.3 minute ahead of Elfyn Evans (Toyota), who suffered a very costly puncture in the morning. This makes it three Toyota drivers in the Top 5, with over 175 timed kilometers to race. Place your bets!



## Quotes

### 69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« It was not a big push, I just tried to make a clean stage. The car was feeling better than this morning also. Let's see how they are coming. »

### 8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« Quite a Tarmac rally which we don't normally see in Monte. From our side, the car is quite comfortable to drive but it's not, let's say, racey enough. »

### 11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

«It was another good stage but obviously we can't match the times, I don't know why. I am trying hard and now we have similar tyre choices. I know that we should be up but we are not. »

### 33. EVANS-MARTIN

« The tyre choice was maybe not the smartest and I didn't feel so comfortable. It's been an okay day but obviously there's a lot of disappointment. »

### 18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

« It's been quite a good day and we need to bring this feeling into tomorrow. There is still a long way to go so I need to keep improving and finish the rally. »

### 17. OGIER-LANDAIS

[Leads the rally by 36sec at the end of the day] « I am very satisfied. Obviously, the risk of punctures was higher in this one so I took it a bit easy. I'm just happy to bring the car home tonight. »

### 6. SORDO-CARRERA

« The feeling is not bad but the times are not good. We are losing the same amount of time all the time. The car was too soft in here and we were bottoming out all over the road. I don't have the precision that I really need so I will try to do something different for tomorrow. »

### 4. LAPPI-FERM

« It's been very challenging to really figure out what I should do differently to make better times. This stage seems to be better for me in general, but on all the other stages we are losing even more. I need to think again during the night about what we can do with the engineers. Tomorrow is a new day. »

### 7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

[Completed more than half the day's stages with no power steering] « If you want to train to do something very hard, you should drive a car with no power steering. It's quite good! »



## 9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« It was a long day, but all okay. We had a lot of fun and that's why we are here. »

### Classifications

#### SS8

1	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		M	8:24.0		8:24.0
2	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	8:25.3	+1.3	+1.3
3	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	8:27.1	+1.8	+3.1
4	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			8:28.9	+1.8	+4.9
5	#8	O. TÄNAK	M. JÄRVEJA		M	8:29.7	+0.8	+5.7
6	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	8:30.5	+0.8	+6.5
7	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		M	8:33.6	+3.1	+9.6
8	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	8:34.3	+0.7	+10.3
9	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	8:51.6	+17.3	+27.6
10	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		WRC2 (DC/CC)	8:51.7	+0.1	+27.7
11	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		WRC2 (D/C)	8:51.9	+0.2	+27.9
12	#24	ANA N. GRYZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	8:52.7	+0.8	+28.7
13	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	8:54.1	+1.4	+30.1
14	#26	M. BULACIA	A. CORONADO		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	8:57.8	+3.7	+33.8
15	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		WRC2 (T/D/C)	8:58.7	+0.9	+34.7

#### After SS8

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:26:39.4		
2	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:27:15.4	+36.0	+36.0
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:27:17.3	+1.9	+37.9
4	#8	O. TÄNAK	M. JÄRVEJA		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:27:33.6	+16.3	+54.2
5	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:27:41.7	+8.1	+102.3
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:28:09.6	+27.9	+130.2
7	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	1:28:12.5	+2.9	+133.1
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	1:28:37.1	+24.6	+157.7
9	#24	ANA N. GRYZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	1:30:52.2	+2:15.1	+412.8
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	1:31:21.9	+29.7	+442.5
11	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	1:31:38.9	+17.0	+459.5
12	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	1:31:54.7	+15.8	+515.3
13	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	1:32:17.7	+23.0	+538.3
14	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	1:32:31.9	+14.2	+552.5
15	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		Fabia RS	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	1:32:36.1	+4.2	+556.7