



SS16 : LA BOLLÈNE-VÉSUBIE / COL DE TURINI 2

Date:	22.01.2023		
Day:	4	Flash N°:	24
Special Stage:	16	Distance :	15,12 km
Weather:	0°C – Clear weather		
Road conditions:	Dry conditions		

SS16: Rovanperä resists Ogier

The second special stage of the final morning allowed Kalle Rovanperä to equalize at 1-1 in the final duel of the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo, against fellow Toyota Gazoo Racing driver Sébastien Ogier. Leaving the port of Monaco this morning, the Frenchman had sounded the alarm clock by setting the best time in SS15, extending his lead by 2.7 seconds over the young Finnish star. The reigning World Champion immediately replied in Col de Turini (SS16, 15.12km), on a completely dry road leading to the small ski resort: 1.5 second better than the Frenchman, in order to close the gap again, 17.2 seconds behind the leader.

In terms of stage wins in this rally, Ogier is still leading (8 to 5), and he is only 34 km away from an historic 9th success in the Principality. Behind the two untouchables, Elfyn Evans made a mistake in a hairpin where his Toyota Yaris pivoted too much on the way out. Another few seconds lost which consolidate the 3rd place overall of Thierry Neuville (Hyundai Motorsport), on his way one more time to saving big points for the Korean brand.

In WRC2, the battle also continues. Halfway through the last day, Russian Nikolay Gryazin (Skoda Fabia) still has a little leeway against Yohan Rossel (Citroën C3): 9 seconds, it is a little and a lot at the same time.



Quotes

7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

« We did a much better time [than on Thursday night] so let's see what we can do for the Power Stage. My engineer found this issue with the handbrake, so good job to him. »

9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« One minute better than Thursday! I was starting to lose the tyres and with the salt the grip is a little bit less, but it's still enjoyable. »

4. LAPPI-FERM

« We needed to save the tyres. It's interesting why I don't feel so good today. We made some changes but it shouldn't be that big [of a difference]. We need to analyse it. »

6. SORDO-CARRERA

[Hybrid fault] « The hybrid is not working and it's all uphill, so you can imagine what it's like with 100 horsepower less. We need to finish like this and then that's it. »

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

« It's so slippery, I don't know why. Even more than Thursday night. It was enjoyable but quite scary. »

8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« It's difficult to say at the moment but we will try for sure. It's quite hard for the tyres so [the power stage] will be challenging for sure. »

33. EVANS-MARTIN

« At the tight hairpin it was as if something had broken for a split-second. I came off the throttle and it spun completely around - it took me completely by surprise and I had to stop and reverse. I took it a bit easy then for the rest of the way up. »

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

« It was okay, a clean and smooth stage for us. I think Elfyn is already managing his tyres but we had a clean run through with no sliding at all. »

69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« It's definitely a big difference when the road is clean from the salt. I think earlier in the rally we were losing a lot more time with cleaning the road. Now it's a lot more fun. »



17. OGIER-LANDAIS

« So far, so good. Incredible tyre wear already this morning so in there we tried to drive clean and save the tyres. »

Classifications

SS16

1	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		M	10:08.9		10:08.9
2	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	10:10.4	+1.5	+1.5
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	10:11.4	+1.0	+2.5
4	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			10:14.5	+3.1	+5.6
5	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL		M	10:15.7	+1.2	+6.8
6	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		M	10:19.4	+3.7	+10.5
7	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	10:19.5	+0.1	+10.6
8	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	10:19.6	+0.1	+10.7
9	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		M	10:20.7	+1.1	+11.8
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	10:33.7	+13.0	+24.8
11	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	10:34.5	+0.8	+25.6
12	#23	O. SOLBERG	E. EDMONDSON			10:35.4	+0.9	+26.5
13	#35	A. CACHÓN	A. LÓPEZ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	10:39.7	+4.3	+30.8
14	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	10:42.8	+3.1	+33.9
15	#26	M. BULACIA	A. CORONADO		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	10:43.6	+0.8	+34.7

After SS16

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:49:39.8		
2	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:49:57.0	+17.2	+17.2
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:50:17.9	+20.9	+38.1
4	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:50:48.0	+30.1	+1:08.2
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:51:44.7	+56.7	+2:04.9
6	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	2:52:15.8	+31.1	+2:36.0
7	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:53:10.1	+54.3	+3:30.3
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	2:53:17.6	+7.5	+3:37.8
9	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	2:58:47.8	+5:30.2	+9:08.0
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	2:58:57.5	+9.7	+9:17.7
11	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. RÓZADA		i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	2:59:40.2	+42.7	+10:00.4
12	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		Fabia RS	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	2:59:59.8	+19.6	+10:20.0
13	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	3:00:17.9	+18.1	+10:38.1
14	#23	O. SOLBERG	E. EDMONDSON		Fabia RS		RC2	3:01:10.8	+52.9	+11:31.0
15	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:01:31.4	+20.6	+11:51.6