



### SS17 : LUCERAM / LANTOSQUE 2

<b>Date:</b>	<b>22.01.2023</b>		
<b>Day:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Flash N°:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Distance :</b>	<b>18,82 km</b>
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>3°C – Clear weather</b>		
<b>Road conditions:</b>	<b>Dry conditions</b>		

#### **SS17: Ogier cruising towards a 9th win!**

There is only one stage left to contest in the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo, in prestigious Col de Turini, and Kalle Rovanperä has eventually dropped the case for good. In the final duel between Toyota Gazoo Racing drivers, Sébastien Ogier definitely regained control by setting the best time in SS17 (Lucéram-Lantosque, 18.82km) at the end of the morning, while the young Finn was mainly busy “managing tires” to prepare a good enough package for the Power Stage... and its bonus points.

With 15 km left to the last stage finish of this 2023 edition, the 8-time World Champion could take a step back: 23.5 seconds ahead of the reigning World Champion, and 45.1 seconds ahead of Thierry Neuville (Hyundai Motorsport), still solid in 3rd and definitely out of reach for Elfyn Evans (4th) in the third leading Yaris. In WRC2, the game also seems to be set since Russia’s Nikolay Gryazin (Skoda Fabia), who races under the banner of his national Automobile Club, still holds a 10-second lead over Yohan Rossel (Citroën C3). With bonus points to claim in the Power Stage, as well, in the perspective of the championship.



## Quotes

### 7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

Retired before the start of SS17.

### 9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« It was great. I did some mistakes in the first hairpins but I was starting to understand. It's nearly the end of the rally but we are still improving. »

### 4. LAPPI-FERM

« I feel a bit better now. We need to manage the tyres but I think we did a good stage. It seems it's just not my weekend. »

### 6. SORDO-CARRERA

« I tried but it's difficult with the [hybrid] problems. I really enjoyed this stage even without the extra power, it's so nice. »

### 18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

« I just wanted to feel how the car is working and it's obviously better than this morning. I will try to do maximum push in the next one - I don't know how much I can do but I'll try. »

### 8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« It's all up to us now. »

### 33. EVANS-MARTIN

« It's been really close among the frontrunners so we have to see what's possible. It's really hard on the tyres in here even though we were careful. »

### 11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

« We are just managing the tyres and trying to get through to keep some good tyres for the Power Stage. We'll see if we can get some extra points. »

### 69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« We are also saving the tyres quite a lot and we should have quite a good package for the Power Stage. »

### 17. OGIER-LANDAIS

« Of course, for me, only the win matters. The Power Stage is not important but I will still try to catch some points for the team because every point is counting at the end of the year. »



## Classifications SS17

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	12:17.0		12:17.0
2	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			12:20.1	+3.1	+3.1
3	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		M	12:23.3	+3.2	+6.3
4	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	12:24.0	+0.7	+7.0
5	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	12:24.5	+0.5	+7.5
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	12:25.0	+0.5	+8.0
7	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		M	12:25.2	+0.2	+8.2
8	#23	O. SOLBERG	E. EDMONDSON			12:42.5	+17.3	+25.5
9	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	12:43.5	+1.0	+26.5
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	12:43.9	+0.4	+26.9
11	#22	S. LEFERVRE	A. MALFOY		WRC2 (D/C)	12:49.1	+5.2	+32.1
12	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		M	12:51.1	+2.0	+34.1
13	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		WRC2 (DC/CC)	12:52.7	+1.6	+35.7
14	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	12:54.7	+2.0	+37.7
15	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		WRC2 (DC/CC)	12:56.4	+1.7	+39.4

## After SS17

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:01:56.8		
2	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:02:20.3	+23.5	+23.5
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:02:41.9	+21.6	+45.1
4	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:03:13.2	+31.3	+1:16.4
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA	Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:04:35.8	+1:22.6	+2:39.0
6	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	3:04:35.9	+0.1	+2:39.1
7	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:05:35.4	+59.5	+3:38.6
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:05:42.1	+6.7	+3:45.3
9	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV	Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	3:11:31.3	+5:49.2	+9:34.5
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND	C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	3:11:41.4	+10.1	+9:44.6
11	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA	i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:12:32.9	+51.5	+10:36.1
12	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ	Fabia RS	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:12:54.5	+21.6	+10:57.7
13	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA	Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	3:13:23.4	+28.9	+11:26.6
14	#23	O. SOLBERG	E. EDMONDSON	Fabia RS		RC2	3:13:53.3	+29.9	+11:56.5
15	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW	Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:14:27.8	+34.5	+12:31.0