



SS18 : LA BOLLÈNE-VÉSUBIE / COL DE TURINI 3

Date:	22.01.2023		
Day:	4	Flash N°:	27
Special Stage:	18 (POWERSTAGE)	Distance :	15,12 km
Weather:	5°C – Clear weather		
Road conditions:	Dry conditions		

SS18: a 9th record win for Ogier, 5 bonus points for Rovannerä

The ultimate favorite of the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo, Sébastien Ogier, took his 9th record win on Sunday at Col de Turini. In front of the reigning world champion, Finnish youngster Kalle Rovannerä who ended this 2023 edition in style by winning the Power Stage and taking five bonus points to launch his defending campaign in the World Rally Championship (WRC). He thus become the new record holder for wins in Monte-Carlo, welcomed by his parents at the finish of this last stage.

The final podium of this rally, with Ogier and Rovannerä (Toyota Gazoo Racing) followed by Thierry Neuville (Hyundai Motorsport), perfectly reflects the way this completely dry event took place, on asphalt roads where the only notable traps, in some stages, were rocks detached from the road banks by the passage of numerous competitors.

The first three avoided all the pitfalls and the others did what they could, confronted to punctures, power steering failures, hybrid system issues, bad tire choices. They all experienced ups and downs, in all classes of the standings, in the purest tradition of Rally Monte-Carlo.

In WRC2, Russia's Nikolay Gryazin (Skoda Fabia), who races under the banner of his national Automobile Club, resisted Yohan Rossel (Citroën C3) until the end. In this high-level class, the podium was completed by Spaniard Pepe Lopez (Hyundai i20N).



Quotes

7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

Retired before the start of SS17.

9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« I must say this was probably the easiest one - a pure dry asphalt rally, but I liked it very much. »

4. LAPPI-FERM

« At least we did all the mileage and we understood a lot about this car, which is very important for Croatia. I am quite disappointed with my performance but the only way is to improve and try to be better on the next one. »

6. SORDO-CARRERA

« We had a lot of problems with the hybrid but I am sure the guys did everything they could to give me the best car. I am disappointed to have these small problems but I am sure they will find something and it will not happen again. »

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

[Arrives to stop line with damaged rear-left suspension but holds onto sixth overall]

« I have no idea. After a tight corner something broke straight away, like the car was washing out into the mountain. We were very lucky it was not in a fast section. After that we hit the rear and we were able to continue but we couldn't open the throttle because there was something wrong with the car. »

8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« It's the first stage I have tried to drive fast! We were very stupid on the previous one and we had to push on this one. I wouldn't say it was a great stage, we had a lot of understeer so I struggled with that, but we are here. It's a long season but it's a positive start - at least we have scored some points already not like the previous three years. »

33. EVANS-MARTIN

« I didn't have the best feeling. The tyres were moving quite early on, but other than that it was quite okay. It's been a pretty good weekend in terms of pace. Obviously the disappointment on Friday put us out of contention for the podium, but that's rallying and that's how it goes. »

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

« I gave it everything in there but we had so much tyre wear compared to the other all weekend and we are missing speed. Even if we are taking risks at some points, we can't match the others. We had to be sensible this weekend - we kept the car on the road and brought it back. Now we're looking forward to Sweden. »



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69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« It was a good one. I think we can be quite happy with second place. There was much more cleaning than I expected on Thursday and Friday, and it seems when we were in the same conditions as everyone we had the same pace as everyone else. »

17. OGIER-LANDAIS

« It's huge. I love this rally, it's the one which gave me the dream right at the beginning and I am so happy for Vincent [Landais, his co-driver], for me it's nice, but for him it's a dream to take his first win. We still need to enjoy these moments and that's why we are still here [in the WRC], to catch some victories like this. To win a famous one like Monte has no price. »



Classifications SS18 (Power Stage)

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:12:02.0		
2	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:12:20.8	+18.8	+18.8
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:12:46.6	+25.8	+44.6
4	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:13:14.4	+27.8	+1:12.4
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEJÄ	Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:14:36.9	+1:22.5	+2:34.9
6	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	3:15:34.6	+57.7	+3:32.6
7	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:15:49.5	+14.9	+3:47.5
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	3:15:53.3	+3.8	+3:51.3
9	#24	N. GRYAZIN	K. ALEKSANDROV	Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	3:22:05.4	+6:12.1	+10:03.4
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND	C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	3:22:09.9	+4.5	+10:07.9
11	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA	i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:23:16.1	+1:06.2	+11:14.1
12	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ	Fabia RS	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:23:35.8	+19.7	+11:33.8
13	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA	Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	3:24:01.8	+26.0	+11:59.8
14	#23	O. SOLBERG	E. EDMONDSON	Fabia RS		RC2	3:24:20.6	+18.8	+12:18.6
15	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW	Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	3:25:12.1	+51.5	+13:10.1

After SS18

1	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ			M				10:00.5
2	#8	O. TÁNAK			M				+0.5
3	#33	E. EVANS			M				+0.6
4	#11	T. NEUVILLE			M				+4.2
5	#17	S. OGIER			M				+4.7
6	#4	E. LAPPI			M				+10.7
7	#6	D. SORDO			M				+13.6
8	#23	O. SOLBERG							+26.8
9	#21	Y. ROSSEL				WRC2 (D/C)			+28.0
10	#24	N. GRYAZIN				WRC2 (T/DC/CC)			+33.6
11	#22	S. LEFEBVRE				WRC2 (D/C)			+37.4
12	#20	A. FOURMAUX				WRC2 (T/D/C)			+37.8
13	#27	E. CAIS				WRC2 (DC/CC)			+40.8
14	#34	P. LÓPEZ				WRC2 (DC/CC)			+42.7
15	#28	C. INGRAM				WRC2 (DC/CC)			+43.8