



### SS3 : ROURE / ROUBION / BEUIL 1

<b>Date:</b>	<b>20.01.2023</b>		
<b>Day:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Flash N°:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Special Stage:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Distance :</b>	<b>18,33 km</b>
<b>Weather:</b>	<b>-1°C – Clear weather</b>		
<b>Road conditions:</b>	<b>Mainly dry but there are some slippery corners on the ascent</b>		

#### **SS3: a Toyota hat-trick to start the day**

Seb Ogier ahead of Elfyn Evans and Kalle Rovanperä: Toyota Gazoo Racing started Day 2 of the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo on a high, by setting the three best times of a completely dry SS3 over 18.33km between Roure, Roubion and Beuil. The eight-time World Champion added 3.2 seconds to the tally of the Welshman and 6.1 to his credit on the young Finn, and reigning world champion. A good way to show who the WRC boss is... when he comes to play around, between two family obligations across the Rhine.

Behind the trio of Toyota drivers, the gaps continued to widen, with Belgian Thierry Neuville (Hyundai Motorsport) in one of his favorite roles: best of the others, 4th at 7.8 seconds of Ogier, ahead of both M-Sport Ford drivers, Ott Tänak, the 2019 World Champion, 5th at eight seconds, and Pierre-Louis Loubet, very focused for his debut in the "Monte" in a hybrid WRC, only two tenths behind his team leader. Very promising.

With regards to the particularly tough WRC2 field, battle resumed on Friday morning between Russia's Nikolay Gryazin (Skoda Fabia), racing under a neutral flag, and two Frenchmen, Yohan Rossel and Stéphane Lefebvre, embarked in a couple of Citroën C3 Rally2. After SS3, Gryazin is 17.6 seconds ahead of Rossel and holds a 21.6 advantage over Lefebvre.



### **69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN**

« Pretty clear conditions, nothing special to be honest. We took a bit of a different tyre plan than the others. Let's see how it works on this loop. »

### **8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA**

« A clean run. It's all we could for the moment and we are trying to keep the good performance. So far so good. »

### **11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE**

« I was struggling a bit with the turn in and the movement of the car. I took it easy in the fast section because I didn't want to get any surprises, but other than that it was a clean run. »

### **33. EVANS-MARTIN**

« I don't remember what tyres they fitted at the service! It feels okay. »

### **18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON**

« It's okay. I was too careful in the damp sections because I thought there would be ice, but there was no ice. »

### **17. OGIER-LANDAIS**

« The truth is we don't have so many soft tyres for the rally, so you cannot take too many. At the end we do not need to carry one more. »

### **6. SORDO-CARRERA**

« It was okay. I had a bit of movement because we have super soft tyres on one side of the car. It was a nice stage - really fast at the end. »

### **4. LAPPI-FERM**

« I didn't figure out during the night why I am braking so much all the time. We need to work on that. »

### **7. LOUBET-GILSOUL**

« I feel good. The car was working very well but we had a bit of understeer unfortunately, which is not so good for the front tyres. We did a good stage. »

### **9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE**

« Better with the light! It was more at my level. There is some snow in some corners but nothing bad. From my point of view, the grip is top. »



## Classifications SS3

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	9:54.7		9:54.7
2	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		M	9:57.9	+3.2	+3.2
3	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		M	10:00.8	+2.9	+6.1
4	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	10:02.5	+1.7	+7.8
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEDJA		M	10:02.7	+0.2	+8.0
6	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL		M	10:02.9	+0.2	+8.2
7	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	10:07.5	+4.6	+12.8
8	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			10:09.1	+1.6	+14.4
9	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	10:12.8	+3.7	+18.1
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	10:30.4	+17.6	+35.7
11	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	10:31.1	+0.7	+36.4
12	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		WRC2 (DC/CC)	10:35.1	+4.0	+40.4
13	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		WRC2 (D/C)	10:36.0	+0.9	+41.3
14	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	10:36.1	+0.1	+41.4
15	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		WRC2 (DC/CC)	10:40.6	+4.5	+45.9

## After SS3

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	36:28.4		
2	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	36:37.6	+9.2	+9.2
3	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	36:51.6	+14.0	+23.2
4	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	36:51.7	+0.1	+23.3
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEDJA		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	36:51.8	+0.1	+23.4
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	37:13.3	+21.5	+44.9
7	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	37:16.9	+3.6	+48.5
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	37:27.9	+11.0	+59.5
9	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	37:39.8	+11.9	+111.4
10	#24	ANA N. GRYAZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	38:11.4	+31.6	+143.0
11	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	38:29.0	+17.6	+200.6
12	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	38:33.0	+4.0	+204.6
13	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	38:48.7	+15.7	+220.3
14	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	38:54.9	+6.2	+226.5
15	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	38:57.1	+2.2	+228.7