



SS4 : Puget-Théniers / Saint-Antonin 1

Date:	20.01.2023		
Day:	2	Flash N°:	7
Special Stage:	4	Distance :	19,79 km
Weather:	-7°C, sunny		
Road conditions:	Mostly dry with some small damp sections in the first half of the stage		

SS4: Ogier in control, despite a small issue...

Sébastien Ogier (Toyota Gazoo Racing) is still in the lead of the 91st edition of Rally Monte-Carlo, after SS4 (Puget-Théniers – Saint-Antonin 1, 19.79km) in which he experienced his first worry of the week: "I have an issue with my hybrid system, so I'm pushing hard to compensate". This issue did not prevent him from taking his 4th stage win out of four, 2.1 seconds ahead of Welsh teammate Elfyn Evans, and 4.9 seconds ahead of Thierry Neuville (Hyundai Motorsport), more comfortable in this stage than the previous one because it was "more technical", the Belgian said on the finish line.

There was a little surprise in this SS4, as Japanese Takamoto Katsuta, always improving in his Toyota Yaris, set the 4th time, six seconds behind Ogier, ahead of two World Champions: Ott Tänak (M- Sport Ford), 5th at 7.8 seconds behind the Frenchman, and Kalle Rovanperä (Toyota), 6th at 10 seconds. As if the young reigning world champion started to realize that Ogier might be difficult to catch this weekend in the Southern Alps.



Quotes

69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« Pretty okay. At the beginning I didn't have so much grip - I think there was salt on the road or something. The rest of it was quite okay. »

8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« We are trying to learn and see how the car reacts to the changes. Step by step, there is still quite a bit to do. »

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

« We still have a bit of work left, however I felt a bit more comfortable in this one. It's a bit more technical but as soon as it's fast and bumpy the car is a bit nervous. We could go faster but the risk would be too high at the moment. »

33. EVANS-MARTIN

« Séb's going well at the minute. Everything is working okay for us and we're trying not to do anything crazy, so let's see. There's a long way to go. »

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

« I feel good with the car. After the middle of the stage we started to get some mist on the windscreen so I was maybe not fully focused. »

17. OGIER-LANDAIS

« Not so good. We have an issue and we are driving flat-out to try and compensate for it. No hybrid. »

6. SORDO-CARRERA

« I am not fast enough. The car was floating a little bit and at the end of the stage we lost the grip because the tyres were too hot. »

4. LAPPI-FERM

« For sure there is some dirt coming from the cars, but it's not really damp. »

7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

« Not an easy one. We had a puncture alarm on the dashboard so I backed off, but I think it was an okay stage. »

9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« I like it from the recce and this is my best stage so far. The road is very clean, no cuts, it's perfect. I am happy. »



Classifications SS4

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	11:44.7		11:44.7
2	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		M	11:46.8	+2.1	+2.1
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	11:49.6	+2.8	+4.9
4	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			11:50.7	+1.1	+6.0
5	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		M	11:52.5	+1.8	+7.8
6	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		M	11:54.7	+2.2	+10.0
7	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	11:55.1	+0.4	+10.4
8	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL		M	11:55.8	+0.7	+11.1
9	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	12:00.8	+5.0	+16.1
10	#24	ANA N. GRYZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	12:20.6	+19.8	+35.9
11	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	12:21.4	+0.8	+36.7
12	#27	E. CAIS	P. TEŠÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	12:27.0	+5.6	+42.3
13	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		WRC2 (D/C)	12:27.4	+0.4	+42.7
14	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		WRC2 (T/D/C)	12:27.6	+0.2	+42.9
15	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		WRC2 (DC/CC)	12:28.0	+0.4	+43.3

After SS4

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	48:13.1		
2	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	48:24.4	+11.3	+11.3
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	48:41.3	+16.9	+28.2
4	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	48:44.3	+3.0	+31.2
5	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTTUNEN		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	48:46.3	+2.0	+33.2
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	49:08.4	+22.1	+55.3
7	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL		Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	49:12.7	+4.3	+59.6
8	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	49:28.7	+16.0	+1:15.6
9	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON		GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	49:30.5	+1.8	+1:17.4
10	#24	ANA N. GRYZIN	ANA K. ALEKSANDROV		Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	50:32.0	+1:01.5	+2:18.9
11	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	50:50.4	+18.4	+2:37.3
12	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	51:00.4	+10.0	+2:47.3
13	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	51:16.7	+16.3	+3:03.6
14	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		Fabia Evo	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	51:24.3	+7.6	+3:11.2
15	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	51:24.7	+0.4	+3:11.6