



SS5 : BRIANONNET / ENTREVAUX 1

Date:	20.01.2023		
Day:	2	Flash N°:	8
Special Stage:	5	Distance :	14,55 km
Weather:	5°C – Clear weather		
Road conditions:	Completely dry		

SS5: five in a row for Ogier, Neuville 2nd

Five wins in five stages: Sébastien Ogier (Toyota Gazoo Racing) continues to dominate the 91st Rally Monte-Carlo, head and shoulders. He remains the king in office of the WRC (8 world titles), even if he has taken a step back. He is aiming for a record 9th win in the Principality and he has a new runner-up in the general standings after SS5: Thierry Neuville, the Belgian leader of the Hyundai Motorsport team.

Neuville took advantage of his 3rd place in SS5 (Briançonnet-Entrevaux, 14.55km) and of a puncture for Elfyn Evans (Toyota) to jump in 2nd place, 32.7 seconds behind an untouchable, implacable Ogier . Only the reigning World Champion, Kalle Rovanperä (Toyota), managed to worry Ogier in this stage, by increasing his pace and not without risk: a big hit at the right rear of his Yaris resulted in a torn-out bumper, and maybe deprived him of a first stage win in this 2023 edition of the "Monte". Thanks to Evans's puncture and Ott Tänak's lack of pace, Rovanperä is now 3rd overall, 34.5 seconds behind Ogier but only two seconds behind Neuville.

As for Pierre-Louis Loubet, in the other works Puma, he crossed a meadow, hitting a sign post and damaging his car, because of a probable power steering issue, losing a minute and a half in total. He is further down in the standings, also because the leaders of the WRC2 category are firing up on all cylinders. To be continued.



Quotes

69. ROVANPERÄ-HALTTUNEN

« [After hitting the rear] It was the first real braking section of the stage. I had less grip than I expected and I just ran a bit wide. It was quite a tricky loop and I think the tyre choice was not perfect. »

8. TÄNAK-JÄRVEOJA

« No issues, I am just struggling quite a bit. It's tricky. »

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

« It was not very fun to be honest. The tyres are really on the edge and they overheated after 2km of the stage. I am just trying to follow the road and manage the braking points but it's not so much fun. »

33. EVANS-MARTIN

[Rear right puncture, 42.1sec dropped] « I have no idea. It was at the top of a very fast place. Just a warning on the dash - that's all I got. »

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

« Luckily we found a slow puncture after the last stage so we fitted a new tyre on time. The feeling was very good with the car and everything was working well. »

17. OGIER-LANDAIS

« Of course I am pushing flat-out to be honest but the feeling is good. Apart from that the car is working well. »

6. SORDO-CARRERA

« Very bad. I am just really slow in general and we are losing the same [amount of] time all the time. I don't why, maybe there's still not a lot of confidence or something. »

4. LAPPI-FERM

« It's been the same challenges as yesterday. I am a bit too slow everywhere to be honest. We made a big step with the car's suspension and I think we moved in a better direction on this stage, but still I want to make it even better. »

7. LOUBET-GILSOUL

[No power steering, 1min 30sec dropped] « Under braking, the car wouldn't turn at all. I don't know. »

9. SERDERIDIS-MICLOTTE

« This stage is more difficult with more pollution than the other ones. Okay, it was not so bad and we enjoyed the morning much more than yesterday. »



Classifications SS5

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS		M	8:30.7		8:30.7
2	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTUNEN		M	8:32.0	+1.3	+1.3
3	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE		M	8:35.2	+3.2	+4.5
4	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON			8:37.1	+1.9	+6.4
5	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM		M	8:38.4	+1.3	+7.7
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA		M	8:39.5	+1.1	+8.8
7	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA		M	8:39.7	+0.2	+9.0
8	#24	N. GRYZIN	K. ALEKSANDROV		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	8:52.4	+12.7	+21.7
9	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY		WRC2 (D/C)	8:56.6	+4.2	+25.9
10	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND		WRC2 (D/C)	8:56.7	+0.1	+26.0
11	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA		WRC2 (DC/CC)	8:58.7	+2.0	+28.0
12	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA		WRC2 (T/D/C)	9:00.5	+1.8	+29.8
13	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ		WRC2 (DC/CC)	9:01.6	+1.1	+30.9
14	#25	G. MUNSTER	L. LOUKA		WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	9:05.2	+3.6	+34.5
15	#28	C. INGRAM	C. DREW		WRC2 (DC/CC)	9:06.8	+1.6	+36.1

After SS5

1	#17	S. OGIER	V. LANDAIS	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	56:43.8		
2	#11	T. NEUVILLE	M. WYDAEGHE	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	57:16.5	+32.7	+32.7
3	#69	K. ROVANPERÄ	J. HALTUNEN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	57:18.3	+1.8	+34.5
4	#8	O. TÁNAK	M. JÄRVEOJA	Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	57:24.0	+5.7	+40.2
5	#33	E. EVANS	S. MARTIN	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	57:38.5	+14.5	+54.7
6	#6	D. SORDO	C. CARRERA	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	57:47.9	+9.4	+1:04.1
7	#4	E. LAPPI	J. FERM	i20 N Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	58:07.1	+19.2	+1:23.3
8	#18	T. KATSUTA	A. JOHNSTON	GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID		RC1	58:07.6	+0.5	+1:23.8
9	#7	P. LOUBET	N. GILSOUL	Puma Rally1 HYBRID	M	RC1	59:15.3	+1:07.7	+2:31.5
10	#24	N. GRYZIN	K. ALEKSANDROV	Fabia RS	WRC2 (T/DC/CC)	RC2	59:24.4	+9.1	+2:40.6
11	#21	Y. ROSSEL	A. DUNAND	C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	59:47.1	+22.7	+3:03.3
12	#22	S. LEFEBVRE	A. MALFOY	C3	WRC2 (D/C)	RC2	59:57.0	+9.9	+3:13.2
13	#34	P. LÓPEZ	B. ROZADA	i20 N	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	1:00:15.4	+18.4	+3:31.6
14	#20	A. FOURMAUX	A. CORIA	Fiesta MkII	WRC2 (T/D/C)	RC2	1:00:25.2	+9.8	+3:41.4
15	#27	E. CAIS	P. TESÍNSKÝ	Fabia RS	WRC2 (DC/CC)	RC2	1:00:31.1	+5.9	+3:47.3