



SS17: LA BOLLÈNE-VÉSUBIE / MOULINET 2 (Power Stage)

Date :	25.01.2026		
Day:	4	Flash N°:	23
Special Stage:	17	Distance:	23,45 km
Weather:	4°C – Sunny, fog on top of the saddle		
Road conditions:	First 5-6 kilometers full wet. Afterwards, snow and slush. Tarmac in the last kilometers.		

SS17 (Power Stage): Solberg wins, Toyota trebles

Oliver Solberg and Elliott Edmondson won the 94th Monte Carlo Rally on Sunday, holding off teammates Elfyn Evans, winner of the final Power Stage (SS17), and Sébastien Ogier, ten-time winner of the event, who joined them to complete an historic Toyota treble in the Principality.

With a narrow one-minute lead over Evans after SS17, the son of 2003 world champion Petter Solberg attacked right to the end, picking up four points for second place in the Power Stage. He was then warmly congratulated by both Ogier and his father. Oliver is the youngest winner of the Monte-Carlo Rally since René Le Bègue in... 1937!

‘It’s incredible. I won this rally thanks to the support of my whole family, which is kind of the story of my life,’ said a very emotional Solberg Junior. He is also the winner of a memorable 2026 edition of the “Monte”, in which he only made a handful of mistakes. He leaves the Principality as the World Championship leader and will be racing on home turf next month in Sweden to defend his position.

In the WRC2 category, a French crew took the honours, consisting of Léo Rossel, 2024 French rally champion, and Guillaume Mercoiret, after a perfectly controlled rally from start to finish. Just like Oliver Solberg.



Quotes

55. MCERLEAN-TREACY

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

Retired after SS16.

20. PADDON-KENNARD

6 Studs

"It was very tough for everyone and I never thought I would be here. The last six weeks have been a mental mess as I never thought I would be coming back to this place. I feel like I don't have to fear the Monte anymore. I feel like I can just get going with my life and enjoy the opportunity."

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

5 Studs, 1 Non-Stud

"Not really happy, the conditions were demanding. I was not sure what was wrong on day one and two. I was missing some commitment. Sorry for the team, I struggled. I'll just try to get better and get the best result in Sweden."

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

"Obviously, we had only two studs and two snow so it was not easy. It sums up our whole weekend. I have been struggling to find the feeling. I still don't know how to use these tyres in these conditions. Generally, I don't feel comfortable at all. I've been a passenger more often than I've been the driver, but we are here and that's the most important now."

16. FOURMAUX-CORIA

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

"I didn't touch anything. I had a good stage, but my studs were quite out, so the car was moving a lot on the tarmac. It's a weird feeling, I don't know if it was sufficient. I think it's looking nice from the outside. I am pleased with my Sunday, I hope we will get some good points from this weekend. On top of that, we are not only fighting with the Rally1 cars but also with Rally2 and Rally3. I just hope it's going to be enough to score points in this eventful weekend. If we get some good points, I'll be pleased to arrive in Sweden."



1. OGIER-LANDAIS

6 Studs

"It's been a difficult weekend. I am happy to be on the podium again. 15 times out of 17 starts... I can be proud of that one. Oliver [Solberg] did better than anyone would expect for sure. Last year, when he won in Estonia, he was very promising. He has been doing a great job. Nice for the championship to have some fresh air coming and looking forward to fight against him."

33. EVANS-MARTIN

6 Studs

"Hats off, massive congratulations to Oliver [Solberg], he has done an amazing job for his first rally inside the big team. Congratulations to him and Elliott [Edmondson] as well, he is obviously also working very hard. They both deserve it a lot. Also, thanks to the team, they have done a great job. It's a great result for them."

99. SOLBERG-EDMONDSON

6 Studs

"I can't realise at the moment. It's another emotional day. The most difficult rally I've ever done in my life. It's my first rally on tarmac and here we are winning the whole thing. It's emotional, it's been so demanding and I was so stressed. I just want to say a big thank you to Toyota for the trust they had in me. The teamwork, as in Estonia, has been exceptional."



Classifications












SS17

POS	DRIVER	TEAM	STAGE TIME	DIFF PREV	DIFF 1st
1	E. EVANS		20:06.7	-	-
2	O. SOLBERG		20:13.2	+ 06.5	+ 06.5
3	S. OGIER		20:24.0	+ 10.7	+ 17.2
4	A. FOURMAUX		20:24.8	+ 00.8	+ 18.1
5	T. KATSUTA		20:50.0	+ 25.1	+ 43.2
6	T. NEUVILLE		20:51.5	+ 01.4	+ 44.7
7	H. PADDON		20:53.2	+ 01.7	+ 46.5
	J. MCERLEAN		-	+ -	+ -
	G. MUNSTER		-	+ -	+ -
	J. ARMSTRONG		-	+ -	+ -

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After SS17

POS	DRIVER	TEAM	TOTAL TIME	DIFF PREV	DIFF 1st
1	 O. SOLBERG		04:24:59.0	-	-
2	 E. EVANS		04:25:50.8	+ 51.8	+ 51.8
3	 S. OGIER		04:27:01.2	+ 01:10.4	+ 02:02.2
4	 A. FOURMAUX		04:30:58.3	+ 03:57.1	+ 05:59.3
5	 T. NEUVILLE		04:35:28.8	+ 04:30.5	+ 10:29.8
6	 T. KATSUTA		04:38:04.4	+ 02:35.6	+ 13:05.4
7	 H. PADDON		04:43:46.5	+ 05:42.1	+ 18:47.5