



SS3 : VAUMEILH / CLARET

Date :	22.01.2026		
Day :	1	Flash N° :	4
Special Stage :	3	Distance :	15,06 km
Weather :	2°C – Dry		
Road conditions :	Damp road, thick fog in some sections		

SS3 red-flagged!

SS3 was supposed to be the final stage of a thrilling opening night dominated by Toyota. It has been red-flagged due to a number of spectators moving into unsafe positions at the edge of the stage between the passing of cars, and as a result of reduced visibility caused by heavy fog.

The Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM) race directors therefore took the wisest decision and directed the competitors to the service park in Gap to park their cars and enjoy a good night's rest. Only 7 Rally1 drivers completed the stage when it was red-flagged. Flat times have been allocated to Hayden Paddon and Jon Armstrong. The Irish driver, 3rd of the the overall classification before ES3, is now in 5th position. At the top of the standings are three Toyota drivers: Oliver Solberg ahead of Elfyn Evans and Sébastien Ogier. The action will continue on Friday morning at 8:55 a.m. in the famous Laborel special stage...

Quotes

1. OGIER-LANDAIS

2 Super Soft, 4 Studs

"A miracle! There are evenings like these where you are extremely happy that it's over. I never experienced something such as the previous stage. Absolutely zero grip. Nothing I could do with this car. That was for sure the less enjoyable stage of my career."

33. EVANS-MARTIN

2 Super Soft, 4 Studs

"I couldn't even see the road. I could only see the marshal's jackets."



11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"These conditions were crazy. I couldn't see anything at the end. It was very very dangerous."

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"I have no idea. It was almost impossible to see something because of the fog and the smokes."

16. FOURMAUX-CORIA

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"There was quite a lot of fog in the stage, and it was difficult to see. I went into the ditch without knowing where I was, so my time can't be correct."

5. PAJARI-SALMINEN

2 Snow, 4 Studs

Stopped at 8.3 km mark during the SS2

99. SOLBERG-EDMONDSON

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"There was so much fog, seriously, I don't know what the others had, but it's a lot of mud, you know. We should be faster but with this fog, I almost went off a hundred times."

13. MUNSTER-LOUKA

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"Louis [Louka, co-driver] was pulling the handbrake at the hairpins, and we had so many cuts. It's so narrow, it was twisty at the beginning."

55. MCERLEAN-TREACY

2 Snow, 4 Studs

Stopped at 5.5 km mark during the SS2

20. PADDON-KENNARD

2 Snow, 4 Studs

"I'm not sure what the red flag was about, probably for safety reasons. I couldn't see anything. We were standing in the middle of the road, and we were not sure if we were on in or not. What a night. I love fog, but this one was too much."



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95. ARMSTRONG-BYRNE

2 Super Soft, 4 Studs

"I couldn't see anything in the middle of the stage, [the red flag was] probably the right decision. We will see what happens. It should be a nominal time for us so we should stay third. Good start for the first day of Monte-Carlo and in Rally1. It's all about taking it all in and enjoy it. I know I can drive, it's just everything else around: it's a lot of nerves and learning. I want to be fast and that's what I am focusing on, but getting the mileage as well. It felt really fast at the beginning of the stage."

Classifications

SS3

POS	DRIVER	TEAM	STAGE TIME	DIFF PREV	DIFF 1st	EI
1	🇫🇷 S. OGIER	toyota	10:04.7	-	-	M
2	🇸🇪 O. SOLBERG	toyota	10:11.7	+ 07.0	+ 07.0	M
3	🇧🇪 T. NEUVILLE	hyundai	10:15.3	+ 03.6	+ 10.6	M
4	🇬🇧 E. EVANS	toyota	10:30.4	+ 15.1	+ 25.7	M
5	🇮🇪 J. ARMSTRONG	Ford	10:42.9	+ 12.5	+ 38.2	M
6	🇫🇷 A. FOURMAUX	hyundai	10:50.5	+ 07.6	+ 45.8	M
7	🇯🇵 T. KATSUTA	toyota	11:09.9	+ 19.4	+ 01:05.2	-
8	🇳🇿 H. PADDON	hyundai	11:27.5	+ 17.6	+ 01:22.8	M
9	🇫🇷 G. MUNSTER	Ford	12:27.4	+ 59.9	+ 02:22.7	-
10	🇫🇮 S. PAJARI	toyota	20:04.7	+ 07:37.3	+ 10:00.0	M/T
11	🇮🇪 J. MCERLEAN	Ford	20:04.7	-	+ 10:00.0	M

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After SS3

POS	DRIVER	TEAM	TOTAL TIME	DIFF PREV	DIFF 1st
1	🇸🇪 O. SOLBERG	toyota	43:10.3	-	-
2	🇬🇧 E. EVANS	toyota	43:54.5	+ 44.2	+ 44.2
3	🇫🇷 S. OGIER	toyota	44:18.9	+ 24.4	+ 01:08.6
4	🇧🇪 T. NEUVILLE	hyundai	44:36.2	+ 17.3	+ 01:25.9
5	🇮🇪 J. ARMSTRONG	ford	44:44.8	+ 08.6	+ 01:34.5
6	🇫🇷 A. FOURMAUX	hyundai	44:55.1	+ 10.3	+ 01:44.8
7	🇯🇵 T. KATSUTA	toyota	45:34.3	+ 39.2	+ 02:24.0
8	🇦🇺 H. PADDON	hyundai	46:05.5	+ 31.2	+ 02:55.2
9	🇧🇪 G. MUNSTER	ford	46:59.4	+ 53.9	+ 03:49.1
10	🇫🇮 S. PAJARI	toyota	01:03:42.2	+ 16:42.8	+ 20:31.9
11	🇮🇪 J. MCERLEAN	ford	01:03:47.1	+ 04.9	+ 20:36.8

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