



### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> of the the overall classification before ES3, is now in 5<sup>th</sup> 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."



## 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	El
1	S. OGIER		10:04.7	-	-	M
2	O. SOLBERG		10:11.7	+ 07.0	+ 07.0	M
3	T. NEUVILLE		10:15.3	+ 03.6	+ 10.6	M
4	E. EVANS		10:30.4	+ 15.1	+ 25.7	M
5	J. ARMSTRONG		10:42.9	+ 12.5	+ 38.2	M
6	A. FOURMAUX		10:50.5	+ 07.6	+ 45.8	M
7	T. KATSUTA		11:09.9	+ 19.4	+ 01:05.2	-
8	H. PADDON		11:27.5	+ 17.6	+ 01:22.8	M
9	G. MUNSTER		12:27.4	+ 59.9	+ 02:22.7	-
10	S. PAJARI		20:04.7	+ 07:37.3	+ 10:00.0	M/T
11	J. MCERLEAN		20:04.7	-	+ 10:00.0	M



## After SS3

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