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SPECIAL STAGE 19 FLASH

DATE: 12 June 2016

FLASH NUMBER: 19

DAY: 03

SPECIAL STAGE: SS19 - Sassari - Argentiera 2

DISTANCE: 6.07 km

WEATHER: clear

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (Mini Countryman WRC): "This last stage is completely destroyed terrible conditions lot of stones in the first bit and a lot of dust in the final part. So difficult to drive, we have had a lot of problems but we are happy to the finish".

Car #30 A. Rajhi / M.Orr (Ford Fiesta RS Wrc): "That is OK, we are here at the finish and we got some more experience in this difficult rally, that is the most important thing".

Car #10 K. Abbring /S. Marshall (hyundai i20 WRC): "Negative the technical problems that happened and the team did a really great job to get us through, a bit unfortunate this time. Positives are my first stage win and we got a nice setup for the future. This morning it has been difficult to get up to the rhythm back at rally speed but it has been a good weekend and we really enjoyed this last stage".

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger(Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "It's all about starting position again, I went slowly here to get a better starting position as third in Poland. Not fun for the TV but these are the rules. Thierry really deserves this, I know how hard he is working".

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomaken (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "This is my favourite rally of the year but from the beginning we struggled with the penalty decision. This is a nice rally but I will leave the championship now, I do not like the atmosphere and I am not happy with this situation. For the summer I will not race anymore. If things change I will come back but don't know when".

Car#16 H.Solberg / H. I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "I am quite happy, I am flat out. It has been difficult with the rear suspension in the ruts here but I did my best. Let's see where we can land".

Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "Very very good. We are so happy. This is a huge boost in confidence. Good speed on gravel on the first and second loop. Thanks to the team, mechanics engineers and to Malcolm".





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Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It is nice to make it through, I am really pleased. The most tricky rally that I have ever done. We had a really tough weekend here, now we have to sit down and work out what we can manage in Poland”.

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “Important points here. We worked really really hard and now we are second in the drivers' championship”.

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “In the hairpin it was impossible to turn, I had to go backwards. Such big ruts. I have never seen such bad conditions in a stage. But I extended the lead in the championship, this has been a very positive weekend for us and that is what matters the most”.

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "One of the hardest final stages I have ever done. I wanted to go fast but not to damage the car. I lost some time when I could not turn in at the hairpin".

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “Great things come to those who go and earn it. This result goes to Philippe Bugalski. He helped me a lot with my career and it would have been his birthday today. Hopefully this win will set me up for the rest of the season. A great confidence boost. This weekend the feeling with the car was great, we will see for the rest of the season. It is all about confidence”. [thierry's dad watching, very happy and thanking everyone]

Nicholas Gilsoul : "Never doubted the driver, I was sure this moment would have come"

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): “Winner of WR2? Thanks. A tough weekend, especially in the last stage. We had to reverse in the hairpin. It was so horrible.”

Car #43 J.Kopecky / P.Dresler (Skoda Fabia R5): “Another podium? Thanks a lot to all the team, it has been a nice weekend except for a puncture. Today it was like a Dakar. Maybe Skoda will do a Dakar for me, who knows? But I am too young still to drive this sort of stages”.

Car #47 K.Kruuda/M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): “It is a fantastic result, in the beginning we thought that top 5 would be great. Top 3 is fantastic. I have to thank all the guys. Thanks to the DMACK guys for giving me the chance to drive. I think I proved that I have still some speed in me. Hopefully I will be back in Poland and Finland and will push much, much harder. We have a lot of potential for doing good things over there”.

