



Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 3 – after round 4 – Tour of the Sperrins Rally on 11 May 2013

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To: MSA / ANICC / Stage Rally Specialist Committee

Organising Club: Magherafelt & District Motor Club
Venue: Maghera, Northern Ireland.
Starters: 91 (53 drivers & 50 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)
Finishers: 70

The 2013 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship continued with the Magherafelt and District Motor Club's Tour of the Sperrins Rally on Saturday 11th May. The event started and finished in Maghera.

A total of 91 crews started the event and 53 drivers and 50 co-drivers were registered for the 2013 championship. The weather was unpredictable with sunny intervals and occasional heavy showers during the event. Six stages, in two loops of three, totalling approx. 45 miles were planned for the day. Service was after the first loop of three stages.

Current NI champion Derek McGarrity led a high quality field away in his Subaru WRC S14 followed by Donagh Kelly in a Subaru WRC S11. Peadar Hurson was third away in his Escort WRC followed by last year's winner, and leading 2WD runner, Camillus Bradley in his Mk2 Escort. Derek McGeehan was fifth away in his right hand drive Mini WRC. Sixth away was racing driver Steven Kane in McGeehan's left hand drive Mini WRC. James Lavery was the leading Group N runner and started eleventh in his Subaru Impreza.



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Camillus Bradley was quickest on the first stage but Derek McGarrity stepped up the pace and was fastest on stages two and three. After the first loop of three stages McGarrity had a lead of 7.6 seconds from Donagh Kelly. Camillus Bradley was the leading 2WD runner in third 7.5 seconds back. Derek McGeehan was fourth 3.1 seconds further behind and Peadar Hurson was fifth 10.8 seconds further behind. Desi Henry in a Citroen DS3 R3 was sixth 1.0 second behind. Kieron Graffin in a Mitsubishi Evo 9 was the leading Group N runner in fourteenth place.

Donagh Kelly was fastest on all three stages of the second loop and at the finish won by 8.8 seconds from Derek McGarrity. Camillus Bradley was third and the winner of the 2WD category 43 seconds back. Derek McGeehan finished fourth 14.7 seconds further behind. Desi Henry was fifth some 1 minute and 32.8 seconds behind while Declan McNaughton brought his Mk2 Escort home sixth a further 36 seconds back. Colm McFall was the leading Group N finisher in seventeenth overall.

Top 6 finishers:

1. Donagh Kelly/Kevin Flanagan – Subaru Impreza WRC S11 – 40:39.1
2. Derek McGarrity/James McKee - Subaru Impreza WRC S14– 40:47.9
3. Camillus Bradley/Charlie Beatty – Ford Escort Mk2 – 41:30.9
4. Derek McGeehan/Michael Orr – Mini WRC – 41:45.6
5. Desi Henry/Damian Duffin – Citroen DS3 R3 – 43:18.4
6. Declan McNaughton/Sean Hayde – Ford Escort Mk2 – 43:54.4

Championship Class leaders after Round 4:-

Class 1 – Stephen Dickson – Wendy Blackledge

Class 2 – Kieron Graffin – Paddy Robinson

Class 3 – Colin Price – Paul Hone

Class 4 – Robert Erwin – Peter Thompson

Class 5 – J T Warnock – Andy Hayes

Class 6 – David Crossen – Chris McSherry

Class 7 – Keith White – Paul Mulholland

Class 8 – Derek McGarrity – Neil Doherty

Class 9 – Derek McGeehan – Declan Tumilty

Class 10 – Stanley Orr – Brian Cairns/John Magilton/Jim McSherry

Class 11 – Drew Wylie – Fintan McGrady/Sean Devlin

Overall Leaders: – Derek McGarrity – Neil Doherty

MSA NI Group N Champion Driver Leader:- Kieron Graffin

McGrady Insurance MSA NI 2WD Championship Leaders:- Keith White – Paul Mulholland

MSA NI Junior Championship joint Leader:- Colin Price

M E Crowe MSA NI Ladies Championship Leaders:- Driver – Emma McKinstry
Co-driver – Louise McClurkin

Montgomery Motorsport Historic Championship Leader:- Stanley Orr

The next round of the **MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** will be the Mourne Rally on 8th June 2013.

Ends

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Donagh Kelly/Kevin Flanagan on their way to victory on the 2013 Tour of the Sperrins Rally.

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