



## **Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 6 – after round 6- Hankook Down Rally on 7 July 2012**

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**From:** Championship Coordinator

**To:** MSA / ANICC / Stage Rally Specialist Committee

**Organising Club:** Rathfriland Motor Club  
**Venue:** Castlewellan, Co Down. Northern Ireland.  
**Starters:** 53 (26 drivers & 18 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)  
**Finishers:** 37

The **2012 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** continued on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July with the Hankook Down Rally.

A total of 53 crews started the event and 26 drivers and 18 co-drivers were registered for the 2012 championship. The weather was good and dry during the event. Eight stages in the Castlewellan area totalling 67 miles were planned for the day. Four loops of two stages with service in Castlewellan after each loop.

Current Northern Ireland Rally Championship leader Derek McGarrity in his Subaru S12B led the field away followed by Derek McGeehan in his Mini WRC. Donagh Kelly in his Subaru S11 was at three and Kenny McKinstry was at four in a similar car. Current 2WD leader Drew Stewart in his Mk2 Escort was at five and George Robinson in a Mitsubishi Evo was at six. Current Group N leader Trevor Ferguson in his Group N Subaru was at eight.

After the first loop of two stages Derek McGarrity had a slender lead of 0.2 seconds from Donagh Kelly with Kenny MyKinstry in third 11.4 seconds further back. Geoff McMahon in a group N Evo 9 wa fourth a further 19.7 seconds behind. Derek McGeehan was fifth another 11 seconds back and Vivian Hamill was the leading 2WD runner in sixth 6.5 seconds further behind.



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At the end of the second loop Donagh Kelly had taken the lead from McGarrity by 0.7 seconds. McKinstry was still in third 15.0 seconds behind. McMahon was fourth 1 minute and 7.7 seconds further back and Derek McGeehan was fifth a further 8.3 seconds back. Hamill was still sixth a further 14.0 seconds behind.

At the end of the third loop Kelly was still in the lead 5.5 seconds ahead of McGarrity. McKinstry was still in third. Derek McGeehan was fourth with Hamill fifth and Drew Stewart in sixth.

At the start of the final stage Kelly was still in the lead by 6.4 seconds but McGarrity had a great time on the stage and beat him by 7.4 seconds to win the event by 1 second. McKinstry was third 1 minute 7.6 seconds behind with McGeehan fourth 3 minutes 32 seconds further behind. Vivian Hamill finished fifth and top 2WD runner with Ray Brammer in sixth. The top Group N finisher was Gerard McFall in fifteenth place.

Ian Graham won the Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy Ireland section.

Top 6 finishers:

1. Derek McGarrity/James McKee – Subaru WRC S12B – 58:43.3
2. Donagh Kelly/Kevin Flanagan – Subaru WRC S11 – 58:44.3
3. Kenny McKinstry/Sean Mullaly – Subaru WRC S11 – 59:51.9
4. Derek McGeehan/Damien Connolly – Mini WRC – 1:03:22.9
5. Vivian Hamill/Graeme Henderson – Ford Escort Mk 2 – 1:03:31.6
6. Ray Brammer/Damian Fleming – Subaru WRC S8 – 1:04:18.8

#### **Championship Class leaders after Round 6:-**

Class 1 – Michael Nutt - Sean Topping

Class 2 – Trevor Ferguson - David McElroy

Class 3 – Glen Irwin – Rodney Wilson

Class 4 – Simon Hemphill – Ciaran McMenamin

Class 5 – Robert Erwin – Jimmy Graham

Class 6 – Andrew Bustard – David Young

Class 7 – Drew Stewart – David White

Class 8 – David Armstrong – Steven Dowds and Paul Mulholland

Class 9a – Ray Brammer – Lesley McGaffin

Class 9b – Derek McGeehan – James McKee

Class 10 – No competitors registered

Class 11 – Andy Johnson - Jim McSherry

**Overall Leaders:** Derek McGarrity – James McKee

**Sunoco MSA NI Group N Championship Leaders:** Trevor Ferguson/David McElroy

**MSA NI 2wd Championship Leaders:** Drew Stewart/David White

**MSA NI Junior Championship Leader:** Kyle Orr

**M E Crowe MSA NI Ladies Championship Leader:** Co-driver Lesley McGaffin

**Montgomery Motorsport Historic Championship Leaders:** Andy Johnston/Jim McSherry

**Ford Fiesta Sport Trophy Leaders:** Ian Graham/Averil Morton and Brian Crawford

The next round of the **MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** will be the Ulster National Rally on 17/18 August 2012.



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## Ends

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Derek McGarrity/James McKee on their way to winning the 2012 Hankook Down Rally.  
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