



KBB

TOUR OF THE SPERRINS RALLY 2009



RALLY REPORT NO.2 - METEOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE – 11.00am



UNOFFICIAL LEADERBOARD AFTER SS1:

Walsh's Hotel
Maghera

- (1) Camillus Bradley/Danny O'Neill (Escort Mk2) 6m50.4s
- (2) Mark Massey/Andrew McVeigh (Evo) 7m00.7s
- (3) Raymond Johnston/Rodney Hicks (Evo) 7m01.2s
- (4) Declan McNaughton/Sean Hayde (Escort Mk2) 7m02.6s
- (5) Brian Muldoon/Charlie Beattie (Impreza) 7m05.4s
- (6) Derek McGarrity/James McKee (Impreza WRC) 7m08.5s
- (7) Donagh Kelly/Kevin Flanagan (Evo) 7m08.7s
- (8) Trevor Moore/Ray Fitzpatrick (Escort Mk2) 7m09.7s
- (9=) Kenny McKinstry/Noel Orr (Impreza WRC) 7m10.5s
- (9=) Neil McCance/Jonny Hart (Evo) 7m10.5s



Camillus Bradley has stunned the opposition on the opening stage of this year's KBB Tour of the Sperrins Rally. While many crews reported spins and 'moments' during that opening test, the Draperstown rally preparation expert kept his Mark 2 Escort neat and tidy, and was quietly confident as he entered first service.



Bradley leads the rally by an impressive 10 seconds from Mark Massey, who reported having a 'moment' on some grass. Nonetheless, Massey currently holds second position, and intends to put a new set of tyres on his Mitsubishi Lancer in service.



The times are still rolling in but Raymond Johnston and Rodney Hicks hold third overall with Declan McNaughton and Sean Hayde fourth. McNaughton said the stage was 'better than expected', and that was reflected in his times.



Meanwhile, fifth placed Brian Muldoon told us that he was on the wrong tyres. He said the car didn't feel like his own car, so he was surprised to learn that he was so far up the leaderboard.



So what happened to the leading trio of World Rally car drivers? Derek McGarrity lost time with a misted up windscreen in his Subaru Impreza WRC. He lost vision during the final two miles of the stage, but only reckoned he lost 10 seconds. Yet the time shows he lies a provisional sixth overall, some 18 seconds behind Bradley.



As for Kenny McKinstry, he hit trouble during the road section on the way to the start. He lost his paddle gear change and the differentials in his Subaru stopped working. So it was no surprise to find himself languishing in the bottom half of the top 10.



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Denis Biggerstaff was also in trouble with his gear lever flopping about the cabin of his Subaru. Hopefully, he will get it fixed in service. Ray Brammer had a couple of spins, his Impreza sporting some rear bumper damage. More news later...



Grainne O'Kane and Jonathan MacDonald.

