



## **Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 5 – after round 5- Mourne Rally on 9 June 2012**

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**Subject:** MSA ANICC NIRC Update No 5

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**From:** Championship Coordinator

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

**Organising Club:** Newry & District Motor Club Ltd  
**Venue:** Newry, Co Down. Northern Ireland.  
**Starters:** 26 (16 drivers & 14 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)  
**Finishers:** 20

The **2012 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** continued on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June with the Modern Tyre Service Mourne Rally.

The Newry & District Motor Club organised event attracted an entry of 26 crews and 16 drivers and 14 co-drivers were registered for the 2012 championship. The weather was cloudy but dry during the event. Thirteen stages in Camlough and Slieve Gullion totalling 46 miles were planned for the day. Three loops of three stages and two loops of two stages.

Current Northern Ireland Rally Championship 2 wheel drive leader Drew Stewart in his Mk2 Escort led the field away followed by Derek McGeehan in his Mini WRC. Trevor Ferguson in his Group N Subaru was at three, David Armstrong in his Mk2 Escort at four, Kieron Graffin in an Evo 8 at five and Alistair Cochrane at six in his Mk2 Escort.

After the first loop of three stages Drew Stewart had a lead of eight seconds from Derek McGeehan with Andrew Mullan, in a group N Evo 9, a further one second back. David Armstrong was fourth three seconds further behind with Alistair Cochrane in fifth another two seconds back and Kieron Graffin in sixth three seconds further behind.



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At the end of the second loop of three stages Andrew Mullan was leading by two seconds from Drew Stewart with David Armstrong in third nine seconds behind. Derek McGeehan was fourth a further one second back with Alistair Cochrane in fifth another four seconds back. Fintan McGrady had moved up to sixth a further fifteen seconds behind.

At the end of the third loop of three stages Andrew Mullan and Drew Stewart were tied for the lead. Derek McGeehan was third eleven seconds behind with David Armstrong in fourth two seconds further behind. Alistair Cochrane was in fifth another five seconds back. Fintan McGrady remained sixth a further twenty three seconds behind.

At the end of the fourth loop of two stages Drew Stewart had built up a lead of seven seconds over Andrew Mullan. David Armstrong was third eleven seconds behind with Derek McGeehan in fourth six seconds further behind. Alistair Cochrane was in fifth another five seconds back. Fintan McGrady remained sixth a further twenty seven seconds behind.

At the end of the fifth and final loop of two stages Drew Stewart had extended his lead and won by twelve seconds from Andrew Mullan who was the top Group N finisher. David Armstrong was third seven seconds behind with Alistair Cochrane in fourth twenty three seconds further behind. Derek McGeehan was in fifth another six seconds back. Fintan McGrady finished sixth a further twenty one seconds behind.

Calvin Beattie won the Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy Ireland section.

Top 6 finishers:

1. Drew Stewart/David White - Ford Escort Mk2 – 49:18
2. Andrew Mullan/Elaine Doherty – Mitsubishi Evo 9 – 49:30
3. David Armstrong/Paul Mulholland - Ford Escort Mk2 – 49:37
4. Alistair Cochrane /Ronnie Craig – Ford Escort Mk2 - 50:00
5. Derek McGeehan/Damien Connolly – Mini WRC – 50:06
6. Fintan McGrady/Derek Hanna - Ford Escort Mk2 - 50:27

#### **Championship Class leaders after Round 5 :-**

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  
Class 9a – Ray Brammer – Lesley McGaffin  
Class 9b – Derek McGarrity – 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 Averil Morton

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



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**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 Down Rally on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Ends**

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Photo of Drew Stewart/David White by William Neill Pics.



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