



Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 4 – after round 5 – the Mourne Rally on 8 June 2013

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To: MSA / ANICC / Stage Rally Specialist Committee

Organising Club: Newry & District Motor Club
Venue: Newry, Northern Ireland.
Starters: 64 (37 drivers & 32 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)
Finishers: 41

The 2013 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship continued with the Newry and District Motor Club's Mourne Rally on Saturday 8th June. The event started in Newry, with service in Loughgilly, and finished at the Sheepbridge Inn outside Newry. A total of 64 crews started the event and 37 drivers and 32 co-drivers were registered for the 2013 championship. The weather was sunny and dry during the event. Nine stages, in three loops of three, totalling approx. 75 miles were planned for the day. Service was after each loop of three stages. Daren Gass in his Subaru S10 WRC led the field away followed by current NI champion Derek McGarrity in his newly acquired Ford Focus WRC. Derek McGeehan was third away in his Mini WRC. Kevin Barrett was fourth away in his Subaru WRC. Camillus Bradley who was the leading 2WD runner started fifth in his Mk2 Escort. Sixth away was Frank Kelly in his Mk2 Escort. Damian Toner was the leading Group N runner and started eleventh in a Mitsubishi Evo. Darren Gass was quickest on each of the first three stages and at the end of the first loop had a lead of 27.4 seconds from Derek McGarrity. Paddy McVeigh in a Subaru S10 WRC was third 25.9 seconds further back. Kevin Barrett was fourth 14.8 seconds behind. Derek McGeehan was fifth 11.6 seconds further behind. David Armstrong was the leading 2WD runner 9.7 seconds back in sixth place. Frank Kelly was seventh 4.2 seconds back. Rory Byrne in his new Mitsubishi Evo X was the leading Group N runner in thirteenth place. Camillus Bradley went off on the first stage and out of the rally.



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Darren Gass was quickest on two of the three stages in the second loop and arrived back in service with a lead of 51.3 seconds from Derek McGarrity who had a fastest stage time on stage five. Paddy McVeigh was third 38.5 seconds further back. Kevin Barrett was fourth 18.6 seconds behind. Derek McGeehan was fifth 28.7 seconds further behind. David Armstrong was the leading 2WD runner 6.6 seconds back in sixth place. Frank Kelly was seventh 1.9 seconds back. Rory Byrne was the leading Group N runner in fifteenth place.

Darren Gass was fastest on two of the three stages of the third and final loop and at the finish won by 1 minute and 8.9 seconds from Derek McGarrity who had the fastest time on stage eight. Paddy McVeigh was third 1 minute and 1.1 seconds further back. Kevin Barrett was fourth 29 seconds behind. Frank Kelly was fifth and the leading 2WD finisher 29.5 seconds further behind. David Armstrong was 3.5 seconds back in sixth place. Derek McGeehan was seventh 3.7 seconds further behind. Jonny Leonard was eighth, Keith White ninth and Norman Armstrong tenth. Damian Toner was the leading Group N finisher in twenty first place.

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Top 6 finishers:

1. Darren Gass/Enda Sherry – Subaru Impreza WRC S10 – 1:13:30.8
2. Derek McGarrity/James McKee – Ford Focus WRC – 1:14:39.7
3. Paddy McVeigh/Paul Hamill – Subaru Impreza WRC S10 – 1:15:40.8
4. Kevin Barrett/Sean Mullally – Subaru Impreza WRC – 1:16:09.8
5. Frank Kelly/Stephen Quin – Ford Escort Mk2 – 1:16:39.3
6. David Armstrong/Paul Mulholland – Ford Escort Mk2 – 1:16:42.8

Championship Class leaders after Round 5:-

Class 1 – Michael Nutt – Wendy Blackledge/Sean Tracey

Class 2 – Martin Laverty – Vincent Fergus

Class 3 – Colin Price – Paul Hone

Class 4 – Robert Erwin – Marc Nugent

Class 5 – J T Warnock – Andy Hayes

Class 6 – Andrew McCormick – Chris McSherry

Class 7 – Keith White – Paul Mulholland

Class 8 – Derek McGarrity – Sean Mullally

Class 9 – Derek McGeehan – Niall Burns

Class 10 – Stanley Orr – Brian Cairns

Class 11 – Drew Wylie – Fintan McGrady/Sean Devlin

Overall Leaders: – Derek McGarrity – James McKee

MSA NI Group N Champion Driver Leader:- Martin Laverty

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

MSA NI Junior Championship Leader:- Jonny Leonard

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

Montgomery Motorsport Historic Championship Leader:- Stanley Orr



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The next round of the **MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship** will be the Ulster National Rally on 23/24th August 2013.

Ends

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Championship Coordinator



Darren Gass/Enda Sherry on their way to victory on the 2013 Mourne Rally.

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