



Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship - Update No 5 – after round 6 – the Ulster National Rally on 23 and 24 August 2013

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To: MSA / ANICC / Stage Rally Specialist Committee

Organising Club: Northern Ireland Motor Club
Venue: Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.
Starters: 56 (32 drivers & 22 co drivers registered for MSA NIRC started)
Finishers: 36

The 2013 Carryduff Forklift MSA ANICC Northern Ireland Stage Rally Championship continued with the Northern Ireland Motor Club's Ulster National Rally on Friday and Saturday 23 and 24 August. The event started and finished in Enniskillen, with service centralised at St Angelo Airport.

A total of 56 crews started the event and 32 drivers and 22 co-drivers were registered for the 2013 championship. The weather was cloudy and showery on Friday and Saturday. Ten stages, in two legs, totalling 88 miles were planned for the weekend. Four stages starting with the St Angelo spectator stage were to run on Friday evening with six stages including another run over the St Angelo spectator stage on Saturday.

Frank Kelly in his 2WD Mk2 Escort led the field away followed by Paddy McVeigh in his Subaru S10 WRC. Derek McGeehan was third away in his Mini WRC. Fergus O'Meara was fourth away in his Mk2 Escort. Fifth away was Keith White in his Mk1 Escort. Sixth away was the leading Group N runner Trevor Ferguson in his Subaru Impreza N12B.

The Nationals started on the spectator stage and Derek McGeehan was quickest on this by 3.5 seconds from Paddy McVeigh with Emma McKinstry in her Subaru WRC in third a further 2.4 seconds back. At the end of the first loop of four stages Frank Kelly had moved into the lead. Derek McGeehan was second 3.8 seconds behind and Paddy McVeigh was third 9.4 seconds further back. Shane McGirr in his



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Toyota Starlet had moved into fourth 15.0 seconds back and Fergus O'Meara was fifth a further 3.0 seconds behind. Chris Armstrong in his Mk2 Escort was sixth 5.5 seconds behind. The top Group N runner was Stanley Ballentine in a Mitsubishi Evo 9 in fifteenth place.

After the second loop of two stages Frank Kelly arrived back in service with a lead of 6.8 seconds from Derek McGeehan. Shane McGirr was third 47.0 seconds further back. Fergus O'Meara was fourth 24.8 seconds behind. Jonny Leonard was up to fifth 34.4 seconds further behind. Chris Armstrong was 10.3 seconds back in sixth place. Kieron Graffin in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo was the leading Group N runner in eighth place.

After the third loop of two stages Derek McGeehan was in the lead by 22.4 seconds from Frank Kelly. Shane McGirr was third 1 minute and 1 second behind. Jonny Leonard was fourth 55.1 seconds further behind. Chris Armstrong was fifth 11.3 seconds further back. Brian Armstrong was sixth 58.1 seconds back. Kieron Graffin was the leading Group N runner in eighth place.

After the fourth and final loop of two stages Derek McGeehan had a winning margin of 24 seconds from Frank Kelly. Shane McGirr was third 1 minute and 35 seconds behind. Jonny Leonard was fourth 1 minute and 2.1 seconds further behind. Chris Armstrong was fifth 10 seconds further back. Brian Armstrong was sixth 1 minute 45.1 seconds back. Fintan McGrady finished seventh and Kieron Graffin was the leading Group N finisher in eighth place. Emma McKinstry finished ninth and Stanley Ballantine was tenth.

Top 6 finishers:

1. Derek McGeehan/Darragh Mullan – Mini WRC – 1:26:02.1
2. Frank Kelly/Russel Harold – Ford Escort Mk2 – 1:26:26.1
3. Shane McGirr/Jackie Elliott – Toyota Starlet – 1:28:01.1
4. Jonny Leonard/Niall Burns – Mitsubishi Lancer Evo – 1:29:03.2
- 5– Chris Armstrong/Tommy Clinton – Ford Escort Mk2 - 1:29:13.2
6. Brian Armstrong/Paul Mulholland – Ford Escort Mk2 – 1:30:58.3

Championship Class leaders after Round 6:-

Class 1 – Michael Nutt – Wendy Blackledge/Sean Tracey

Class 2 – Kieron Graffin – Paddy Robinson

Class 3 – Jordan Hone – Paul Hone

Class 4 – Raymond Doyle – 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:- Kieron Graffin

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 Lakeland Stages Rally on 7 September 2013.

Ends

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Derek McGeehan/Darragh Mullan on their way to victory on the 2013 Ulster National Rally.

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