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Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship **KVR Motorsport Kingdom Stages post-event report**

Our thanks again to Fiona Moir for extracting information from STRC registered competitors, and we encourage all registered competitors to contact her and share their event news fiona.moir7@gmail.com which can be shared with the motorsport community,

Keep up to date with all Championship information, points table, reports, event information, on Sportity **STRC24**, facebook and www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk

Many thanks to GMSC and their team for putting on yet another excellent well attended event and to the STRC crews for their continued support to this wonderful championship.

Unusually for Crail in November, going on experience, the day dawned cloudy and mild, but dry. Unfortunately, that did nothing to improve the very slippery driving conditions on the first couple of stages. Here is how the STRC registered competitors got on:

Car 8 - Owen Paterson/Aris Ross - 2nd overall

Absolutely buzzing to come away with our first podium. My first in Senior rallying and Aris' first EVER in her first ever rally! Awesome to be mixing it with some hugely talented crews. Was not all plain sailing though, with a drama as we went sideways into a dung pile but a quick kick of the clutch and a slam on the throttle and we escaped fairly unscathed.

Car 6 - Ben MacDowall/Alan Scott - 4th overall

A fairly uneventful day despite knowing that we had to be on the pace from the start. The car did cut power on one of the fastest parts of one of the stages, having to shut it down and re-start. Got first in Class too, so a good result.

Car 22 - Ricky Wheeler/Ross Callendar - 8th overall

Pleased to get a top ten finish, despite the long straights at Crail causing the historic Escort to struggle to compete with the more modern cars on the faster bits of the stages.

Car 24 - Peter O'Neill/Eilidh Williamson - 9th overall

Very pleased with our top ten finish. The car felt good, and we had a great event.

Car 12 - Jamie Miller/Ian McCulloch - 14th overall

What a mega day! Stages 1 and 2 were horrendously slippy - no grip at all and never having driven this car competitively! Backwards into fields and pirouettes galore! Stage 3 conditions improved, and we gained some confidence. Caught our 30 second car on Stage 4 so getting faster. We had found the groove by Stage 6 and began sliding about and showboating - had a blast!

Car 55 - Alison Horne/Karen Horne - 16th overall

Getting to grips with the wee Mini and loving it! So happy with our result from a start number of 55.

Car 43 - Ian McEwan/Ewan Lees - 17th overall

The wet, slippy conditions did not make the beginning of our transition from RWD to FWD easy. Hadn't had a chance to drive the car before the event so we started slow and sensible. Had a few mechanical issues, a puncture, stuck in 4th gear and lost power for a full stage, but a credible finish and chuffed with that.

Car 18 - Bobby MacDonald/Charlotte McDowall - 19th overall

Had a good run, but not without a couple of excursions off the track due to the extremely slippy conditions. Car performed well with very few issues.

Car 53 - James Wilson/Rebecca Wilson - 20th overall

Only minor issues through the day and a decent run. A good finish, really pleased as this puts Rebecca leading the Co-Driver's Championship with one round to go. No pressure!

Car 39 - Fletcher Falconer/Ian Murray - 21st overall

Car did not miss a beat and needed nothing but fuel and tyres through the day. Stages were super-slippery and grip levels were changing constantly. A good strong haul of points going into the last round.

Car 52 - Gavin Lloyd/Martin Maccabe - 22nd overall

A change of partnership for this one, usually servicing next door to Gavin but this time sitting beside him. First stage was about finding the grip, or more importantly where it was not! A couple of half spins and we had a plan. A dry line emerged through the day and car/crew performed well. Couldn't make up the time we lost in Stage 1 but had a great time swapping times with rivals in the remaining stages.

Car 33 - Meghan O'Kane/Karen Kennedy - 24th overall

A good event - mainly because I managed to beat my Dad! I keep reminding him too!

Car 20 - Cammy Williamson/Fiona Moir - 25th overall

A slippery start to the day on SS1, but without incident, the gearbox requiring to be "nursed" after its Mull damage. Reckon we lost 2-3 seconds per mile with "gentle" gear changes. As the day went on the grip improved and the pace picked up with some good battles out there. While chasing down another Subaru, who was struggling to avoid the stage furniture, their bumper came off and smashed into the front windscreen of our car. So, with reduced visibility (and approval from the scrutineers) we continued - complete with safety glasses - Bono eat your heart out! Needed new tyres for the last run as there was a wire hanging out of one of the fronts. A good day and some useful points added.

Car 46 - Ruan Lowry/Ian McRae

A great event, tricky, mixed conditions, and challenging competition. Kept busy with tyre choice due to lack of grip causing a couple of knocks and bashes to the car and a narrow escape with a gate and a bale! We ploughed on though and delighted to be getting a 100% finish rate for this season.

Car 44 - John Robertson/Violet Kydd - 39th overall

No dramas for us. Loved the stages. Pleased to get a decent finish.

Car 35 - John O'Kane/Nikki Addison - 40th overall

Had a really fun day having both cars out for the first time. Meghan managed to beat me (although I didn't tell her my engine was a bit knackered! Oops!)

Car 62 - Colin Christie/Gail Whyte - 42nd overall

A very slippery, no grippy day! Some valuable championship points collected before we head to Kinloss. I never thought I would be this invested in a championship so excited to see what happens now!

Car 59 - Connor Black/Cameron Morrison - 44th overall

A good day - and a good finish despite the well reported slippery conditions.

Car 23 - Martyn Douglas/Andy Brown

Unfortunately failed to finish due to our "Crail Curse" causing gearbox failure on SS2. Repairs underway and will hopefully see everyone at Kinloss.

Car 40 - Colin Hay/Steven Hay

Unfortunately chose the wrong tyres for SS1 which resulted in an off. SS2 the car stopped in stage but got to the end 50 seconds quicker than the previous stage. SS4 the car came to a halt due to an electrical fire. Repairs underway for next season!

Car 41 - Alistair Brearley Jnr/Kenny Anderson

Carried a bit too much speed through a fast left/right kink and got onto the wet grass. We were then just passengers until we hit a lorry tyre which broke a drive shaft and a steering arm. A very abrupt end to our day but looking forward to 2025 now.

Look forward to hearing all about your adventures at the final round in the Championship, and remember remember to display the Championship decals. No decals, no points. Trix will be at scrutineering on Friday afternoon for anyone requiring decals message her on 07967 178411

Fiona Moir

on behalf of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship

Carnegie Fuels Gold Card STRC £250 Tyre Voucher 2024

A reminder that all competitors registered for the Burnside Piling Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship who start each event will be entered into a draw for a Carnegie Fuels £250 Tyre Voucher, with the final draw taking place at the Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages this Saturday.

The **Round 1** winner of the £250 Carnegie STRC Tyre Voucher was Lisa Demirkoc co-driver of Car 32 and our thanks to Knockhill's own Duncan Vincent, for expertly drawing the winning number.

Round 2 winner of the £250 Carnegie STRC Tyre Voucher was Steven Irwin driver of Car 8, and drawn at the Kinloss Spring Stages by one of the STRC team, and our own Clerk of Course, Colin Harkness.

Round 3 winner of the Jim Clark Reivers £250 Carnegie STRC Tyre Voucher was Alice Paterson co-driver of Car 92 and thanks to our own Davie Hatrick for drawing the winning number

Round 4 winner of the £250 Carnegie STRC Tyre Voucher at the Crail Summer Stages was co-driver of Car 22 Martin Maccabe, the number being expertly drawn by Bill Creevy from Glenrothes Motorsport Club.

Round 5 winner of the Argyll Rally Carnegie Tyre Voucher was Fletcher Falconer, driver of Car 134. This draw took place at Machrihanish, under the expertise of Adrian Fitness, a Mull resident, who has supported the Mach1 Stages for 10 years, assisting with set-up, marshalling and officiating. Our grateful thanks to Adrian

Round 6 Carnegie Fuels Tyre Voucher winner at the Mach1 Stages was Stephen Donnelly driver of Car 42. The draw was expertly carried out at the event by Andrew Lamont of Andrew Lamont Motorsport, one of the Championships sub-sponsors

Round 7 winner of the Tyre Voucher for the Condor Memorial Garden Stages was Bobby MacDonald driver of car 20. The draw was ably carried out by STRC co-ordinator Gerry McCafferty at the recent Dunfermline Car Club committee meeting.

Round 8 Mull Rally winner of the Tyre Voucher is Owen Paterson co-driver of Car 81, and our thanks to Gordon Winning for drawing the winning number.

Round 9 winner of the Carnegie Fuels Voucher drawn at the Kingdom Stages was Colin Blake driver of Car 50, congratulations Colin.

With 9 rounds now completed the leader board is as follows;

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| 1 st OA driver Ben MacDowall | Class 4 98 points | 1 st OA Co-driver Rebecca Wilson | Class 1 | 83 points |
| 2 nd OA driver Ricky Wheeler | Class 3 97 points | 2 nd OA Co-driver Fiona Moir | Class 2,3,5 | 81 points |
| 3 rd OA driver James Wilson | Class 1 79 points | 3 rd OA Co-driver Martin Maccabe | Class 1,5 | 76 points |

Class Leaders after round 7 is as follows

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| Class 1 driver Gavin Lloyd | 60 points | Class 1 Co-driver Gordon Clark | 51 points |
| Class 2= driver Peter O'Neil | 47 points | Class 2 Co-driver Eilidh Williamson | 67 points |
| Class 2= driver David McIntyre | 47 points | | |
| Class 3 driver Simon Jennings | 68 points | Class 3 Co-driver Ian Murray | 73 points |
| Class 4 driver Steven Smith | 62 points | Class 4 Co-driver Daniel Johnstone | 49 points |
| Class 5 driver Barry Groundwater | 74 points | Class 5 Co-driver Ashleigh Will | 57 points |

Round 10 Autosave Components Kinloss Winter Stages 16th November

The final round of the Championship is being organised by Condor Motorsport Club and takes place at this very popular venue near Elgin; event information can be found at <https://www.condormsc.co.uk/>

With 'dropped scores' coming into play, and the competitors best 6 rounds counting toward the overall total, the leader board will not be decided till after this event, which will make for an exciting finish to the Championship season.

2024 STRC Awards ceremony 18th January 2025 Grange Manor, Falkirk

The Championship Organising team look forward to welcoming award winners, marshals, officials and those who have supported the Championship and events throughout the 2024 season at the Awards Ceremony being held on the 18th January 2025 at the Grange Manor, Falkirk.

The STRC would like to thank Burnside Piling, Carnegie Fuels and all our co-sponsors for their valued and continued support into 2024. Should you have any queries in any way please feel free to drop an email to strc@dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and one of the team will come back you. Keep up to date with all the latest news and championship updates and event links, visit www.dunfermlinecarclub.co.uk and Sportity **STRC24**.