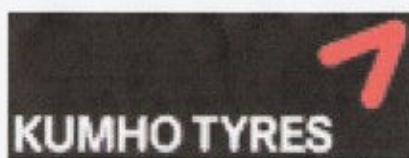


Rally Team News

Andy Fenwick / Lee Tindall Skoda Octavia WRC Cheviot National Rally 2007



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Gateshead's Andy Fenwick and Ryton's Lee Tindall jump to WRC power this year has been an eventful time, 2 Wins in the Subaru WRC and then an unexpected change of plan made way for a Skoda Octavia WRC, an Evo 2 spec car for the remainder of 2007.

The car was Skoda Motorsports most successful Octavia with Armin Schwartz being one of the many to drive it, so why the change of plan I hear you ask? The car is 4 years more advanced than the Subaru, and the sequential gearbox will make a big difference in stage times,

The car was bought and little time was available to get it ready for the Cheviot Stages, but some late nights in the paint shop and back in the workshop it was all a bit of a rush, a Skoda Motorsport engineer flew in from the Czech Republic on the Thursday before the rally, a quick run 5 miles up the road is all Andy got before the rally.

So the morning of the rally and a new car, nerves kicking in but nothing new there, 1st stage and fastest by 11 seconds and 5 secs on the next stage made surprising reading, we did not expect this so soon, quick change of suspension setting and back out, fastest by 21 seconds and than fastest on the next 4 stages made a 48 second lead by stage 7, but at the start of stage 8 Andy's unfamiliarity with the car bit back, he forgot to switch the Diff's on and approaching the first braking point the car locked its front wheels and hit the man made chicane hay bales and threw us off the road, game over.

Andy was devastated, never before had we threw a lead away, and especially as it was just a flick of a switch that caused it, but we have to look at the positives, the car is quick!!! leading a National Tarmac Round on our very first run in the car and in a car that is very rarely seen in the UK,

So what's next, the car will be repaired for the Rockingham stages on Dec 8th & 9th for an end of year test with the car in readiness for 2008, which I have that feeling this car will be here to stay.

Skoda ! never thought I'd see the day.....

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