



Rally Team News



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Cheviot Stages Rally 2008



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Czech out who's on Top

Before the event the Skoda Team of Andy Fenwick and Lee Tindall forecasted "Only a Win Will Do" and on Sunday they produced just that, A Win on the final round of National Tarmac Championship for 2008 was a great way to end the season.

A Damp Sunday Morning greeted the crews and it was a gamble on tyre choice, cut slicks is what the team decided on but some others out on wet tyres, who would make the correct choice, the short 3.7 mile first stage was slippy and the team passed no1 seed Steve Simpson (Hyundai WRC) off the road less than 1 mile in, a bit of caution and testing grip level until the tyres came up to temperature they stopped the clocks 3rd quickest, Next stage 16.8 miles and they hit the top fastest by 5 seconds from the Subaru S11 of Dave Turnbull, but it was not with out drama, they caught and passed David Kynaston (Audi A3) and pushed on hard, only to get caught out on a very slippy corner and took to the grass at 100+ MPH but luck was with us today as the car returned to the tarmac unscathed. A quick service and out to repeat the stages again. Turnbull took 3 seconds back in the short one and 18 in the long one and pushed the Skoda Team to 2nd.

A Tyre change at service and onto a wet tyre as the drizzle started, Fenwick took 10s back on stage 5 and 27s in stage 6 they were back on top, and more drama on the next stage but not for us as Turnbull went out with clutch troubles, so a heathy lead of 1min 36 seconds at 3rd service, Again on stage 9 they were quickest by 19 secs and again by 2secs on stage 10 the lead increased to 1min 49 secs but a noise had appeared from the rear of the car, a worried crew set off on stage 11, and it was not getting any better they dropped 13 secs to the quickest, so they moved onto the penultimate stage and off the start line the rear diff failed making it to the finish was going to be a struggle and they dropped a further 9 seconds, back at service there was nothing the team could do, a lead of 1 min 27 secs and 1x 8 mile stage left, unable to go above 70 mph due to the vibration the team made a slow getaway from the start, quickly caught and passed by the Audi their was 30 seconds gone and caught at the finish by a Mitsubishi had they done enough, YES only dropping 35 seconds to the 2nd place Escort of Simon Mauger, and came home winners by 52 seconds, A great ending to the season and a Win on the Cheviot Stages was as hard as it gets.

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