

AUSTIN ROVER RALLY NEWS



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Passage Control...near Llangadfan..Dyfnant...
9.15 am Saturday

UNOFFICIAL LEADERBOARD AFTER SPECIAL STAGE 1

1st	Steve Whiteford/Dave Adams	MG Metro	13.02 mins.secs.
2nd	Ken Wood/Peter Brown	MG Metro	13.09
3rd	Pat Doran/Steve Harvey	MG Metro	13.19
4th	David Gillanders/Ken Rees	MG Metro	13.21
5th	Bill Barton/Don George	MG Metro	13.25
6th	Timo Salonen/Seppo Harjanne	Mazda	13.32

Some other times.....David Williams 13.35...Grant Shand 13.38...Roger Clark 13.50...
Russell Brookes 13.55...Malcolm Wilson 13.59...Mark Lovell 14.09...Trevor Smith 13.49...
Jan Churchill 14.26...Frank Neagher 14.08...Alistair Sutherland 14.32...Graham
Middleton 14.09...Steve Harris 14.02...Iwan Roberts 13.51...

The first special stage of the 1987 Audi National Rally was frosty, slight mist, sun breaking through - a beautiful autumn morning - and the roads were very very quick.....but STEVE WHITEFORD & DAVE ADAMS the quickest of all...Steve totally unruffled...and told us that he wasn't trying particularly hard!

No. 1 seed TIMO SALONEN in the Group A Mazda had a plug lead come loose in the stage which cost him a few seconds, but otherwise everything was under control, and the former World Champion was by far the fastest of the two Group A cars...MARK LOVELL in the Daily Mail liveried Ford Sierra Cosworth was a little off the pace, if you remember on this stage last year he was fantastically quick...Mark reckoned the car was OK...but with a new co driver he was taking it just a little easy, while The Mail's JERRY WILLIAMS was putting on a brave face...."Hallo sweetie"...to Lizzie... "This is definitely a 4 aspirin morning and I'll be happy when this is over"..... KEN WOOD in the Golden Wonder MG was hampered slightly by a strong vibration throughout the car...National Championship leader Gillanders having a touch of the same complaint, but the Aberdonian garage owner reckoned it was nothing more than perhaps a stone in a rear caliper...PAT DORAN in the MG has a "bawking" 2nd gear, having to rely on the brakes a little more than he would wish...ROGER CLARK seemed to be thoroughly enjoying his early morning drive...RUSSELL BROOKES "overshot a b.....y junction"...."It was a reverse gear job, lost maybe 15 secs."....MALCOLM WILSON in the 2nd of the works Vauxhall Astra GTEs had a fanbelt come off mid stage... it didn't slow the Cambrian a lot, but the red light was distracting....it is also Malcolm's first outing with MIKE BROAD in the hot seat, and over a blind stage, that meant just taking it a little cautious....

TREVOR SMITH in the Sierra Cosworth, in with a chance of the championship today of course, had his brake bias move during the stage, front wheels locking up, ...IWAN ROBERTS in the Manta was looking very smooth here at the passage control...with a pair of sexy shades on...GRANT SHAND had a misfire in his MG...JAN CHURCHILL, back on the 2.7 litre engine as the new unit just didn't go, complaining of oil fumes in the car, reckons a breather was fitted wrongly...also had a spin, brakes not right, and the Welsh Rally School man is getting old!! DAVID WILLIAMS in the MG had a puncture on the 1st stage, but seemed to lose no time...outgoing National Champion ALISTAIR SUTHERLAND happy with the engine in his Mazda...Group A C'ship leader GRAHAM MIDDLETON has his "screamer" tarmac engine fitted to the Shell/Securitor Toyota, but has a slight flat spot...IAN BEVERIDGE had a puncture for approx. 8 miles in his MG...some group N times... Allan Edwards 14.38...Gwendal Evans 15.15...

DEIAN & LIZ PATTERSON

GEORGE DONALDSON/PRED GALLAGHER ..puncture..16.07...

