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UNOFFICIAL LEADERBOARD AFTER SPECIAL STAGE 12

1st	David Gillanders/Ken Rees	MG Metro	1.23.49 hrs.mins.secs.
2nd	Pat Doran/Steve Harvey	MG Metro	1.23.53
3rd	Ken Wood/Peter Brown	MG Metro	1.24.09
4th	Timo Salonen/Seppo Harjanne	Mazda	1.24.37 group A
5th	Bill Barton/Don George	MG Metro	1.24.42
6th	Roger Clark/John Robinson	MG Metro	1.27.29
7th	Richard Holmes/Phillip George	MG Metro	1.28.01
8th	Trevor Smith/Roger Jones	Sierra	1.28.10 group A
9th	Russell Brookes/Neil Wilson	Astra	1.28.10 group A
10th	Mark Lovell/Jerry Williams	Sierra	1.28.46 group A
11th	Malcolm Wilson/Mike Broad	Astra	1.29.40 group A
12th	Ian Beveridge/Pat Beveridge	MG Metro	1.30.09

"I never drove as hard in my life"...was just one comment from DAVID GILLANDERS at the finish of today's Audi Sport Rally back here at the Moat House. Indeed as MALCOLM WILSON bounded over to congratulate Gillanders, telling the Aberdonian "Well, big shot, what did I tell you all along, didn't I tell you you could do it" - and did it he most certainly has...with KEN REES on the maps, they have scored their 3rd victory of the series, and taken the 1987 Marlboro/Autoport National Championship title. Their SHELL lubricated and PIRELLI tyred MG Metro never missed a beat all day, and that fantastic last 2 spectator special stage performances by the little BRITISH CAR RENTALS Metro will be remembered for quite some time. Five seconds behind PAT DORAN going in... 4 second ahead coming out - just fantastic.....pity there had to be a loser...but Pat Doran gave it his all, making a critical wrong tyre choice on stage 11, and losing a further few valuable seconds on the last test, having to take avoiding action around Frank Meagher's temporarily stationary Ford Escort.

Group A on the National Championship goes to TREVOR SMITH & ROGER JONES in the Ford Sierra Cosworth, and again that went right down the line to the last yard of the stage, Trevor having tied with RUSSELL BROOKES & NEIL WILSON in the Vauxhall Astra GTE, the decision for the rally going to a tie break, Trevor was fastest on the 1st stage today where Russell had the overshoot, so Trevor wins group A for the championship.

In the group N category...ALAN EDWARDS and co driver LYN JENKINS had a resounding win today in their first Ford Sierra Cosworth outing, but of course the group N title has already been sown up by Simon Stubbings in the Mazda.

In the 1600 group A category GRAHAM MIDDLETON & PAUL WATKINS had a very clear class win today with their SHELL/SECURICOR TOYOTA COROLLA, the pair finishing 3rd group A overall in the championship, a great result for a 1600 cc Toyota although Graham having led group A for so long was a little disappointed.

In the 1300 group A category COLIN MORAE & DEREK RINGER in the Vauxhall Nova had to give best today to HARRY HOCKLY & NICKY CRIST in a similar Nova on their home ground, but 19 year old Colin has the championship class sown up .

That's about it for now...many many thanks to JOHN TREVENHICK and all from the Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club...a superb event...a fitting climax to a great o'ship year... thanks also to all who have helped us...just a few names...(out of many!)...DAVID & BARBARA BARNES & Michael and Graham for distributing the rally news bulletins... JOHN HORTON, MARTIN LITTLE, KEITH OSWIN, JOY OWEN, STEVE WOOLMINGTON, JILL & JANET (TOYOTA)...there are lots more...but not a lot of space left...thanks to all the drivers and co drivers...and to AUSTIN ROVER & MARLBORO for making the Rally News service possible this year... hopefully..we'll see you all next year...

BRIAN & LIZ PATTERSON

