

# Rally News

**Audi Sport Rally  
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MACHYNLLETH...SERVICE..SATURDAY 11.30 am

UNOFFICIAL LEADERBOARD AFTER SPECIAL STAGE 4 - Pen-Lan

1st	Timo Salonen/Voitto Silander	Mazda	42.25 mins.secs.
2nd	Russell Brookes/Neil Wilson	Sierra	42.45
3rd	Jim McRae/Rob Arthur	Sierra	42.58
4th	Stig Blomqvist/Benny Melander	Sierra	43.28
5th	Malcolm Wilson/Ian Grindrod	Astra	43.47
6th	Phil Collins/Bryan Thomas	Sierra	44.47

On stages 2, 3 and 4 of today's Audi Sport Rally its been former World Champion TIMO SALONEN who has set all the fastest times - the Mazda Team Europe driver with Finnish nightclub bouncer VOITTO on the maps, has had no problems so far with the 323...his team mate HANNU MIKKOLA hasn't been so lucky - a broken rear transmission - possibly a drive shaft - has cost the flying Finn minutes - his total now 46mins.11secs...and hopefully time here to effect the necessary repairs....

JIM MCRAE in 3rd place still pronounces himself well pleased with the new Toyota, but still has uncertain brakes - clouds of smoke from one rear wheel indicating that perhaps the trouble stems from nothing more serious than a fractured brake pipe - it will certainly be checked out here by the Toyota GB team....RUSSELL BROOKES in 2nd place, after having led initially, Russell feels he picked too hard a compound for the last batch of stages... but still "not so bad for an old one"....pronounced the Andrews man... PER EKLUND in the Clarion Nissan still has this obscure clutch problem, Per having to crash through the gears, but as co driver KEITH O'SWINE tells us..."I don't think the clutch problem is going to get any better, he'll just have to drive around it as best he can".....

MALCOLM WILSON changed the engine management computer chip at service after the first stage - promptly spun the Vauxhall backwards into a bank on stage 2, flattening the exhaust, doesn't know now whether the new chip has made the engine flat or the closed exhaust! IAN ROBERTON, well in the hunt for the Cellnet/Autosport C'ship crown, reckons' he has a noise in his Nissan gearbox, but is just going to leave it alone, Robertson's total 45.14... TREVOR SMITH in the Sierra is on 45.29...and feels now that the Cosworth engine is too powerful for the tyres he's using...MURRAY GRIERSON was off on stage 4, no sooner had ROGER ANDERSON pushed the Kadett 400 out than fellow Cellnet challenger JAMES KENWICK went flying into the same hole in the trees!

STEVE DAVIES in the Manta would appear to have disappeared on that same stage, we hear he's off the road....in GROUP N...GEORGE DONALDSON is taking it fairly easy, well ahead of the Mazda of IAN HUGHES, and all George is worried about is gp.N in the Championship - "Let COLIN MCRAE & GWYNDAF EVANS have their own race" remarked George..."My task today is the season long C'ship".....GRAHAM MIDDLETON had a puncture on stage 4 in the gp.N Toyota Celica GT-Four...low boost pressure not helping his gp.N cause..DAVID MANN in the Corolla had a puncture on the 1st stage..PETE DOUGHTY in the Sierra - intercom problems.....

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