

**Rally News**

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Dinas Mawddwy...Saturday...2 pm

UNOFFICIAL LEADERBOARD AFTER SPECIAL STAGE 9 Gartheiniog

1st	Russell Brookes/Neil Wilson	Sierra	1.19.11 hrs.mins.
2nd	Stig Blomqvist/Benny Melander	Sierra	1.20.48
3rd	Malcolm Wilson/Ian Grindrod	Astra	1.21.28
4th	Phil Collins/Bryan Thomas	Sierra	1.22.52
5th	Gwyndaf Evans/Howard Davies	Sierra (Gp.N)	1.23.24
6th	Dominic Frattaroli/Robert Dyson	Darrian	1.23.38
7th	Nigel Worswick/Derek Fryer	Sierra	1.24.03
8th	Trevor Smith/Roger Jones	Sierra	1.24.30
=9th	Ian Robertson/Ron Hill	Nissan	1.24.31
	George Donaldson/Andrew Kellitt	Sierra (Gp.N)	1.24.31

Following the withdrawal of JIMMY MCRAE's new Toyota Celica GT Four when a hairline crack was discovered in the gearbox casing, the sensational news in from the stages is that firstly rally leader after Machynlleth TIMO SALONEN retired at the end of stage 6 Pantperthog when his Mazda 323 front suspension got slightly askew - the reason we know not why - and then his Mazda team mate HANNU MIKKOLA was reported to be stopped in stage 9 Gartheiniog - not a good day for 2 former World Champions!

Also retired seems to be young COLIN MCRAE - unconfirmed reports suggest that he has parked the beautiful Presspart Sierra in the trees.....not a good McRae day!

Meanwhile...out at the front..RUSSELL BROOKES is more than happy with his Sierra's performance - 2nd placed STIG BLOMQVIST is experimenting with tyres in preparation for the RAC.....and PHIL COLLINS' pink Mr. Tomkinson's Carpets Sierra Cosworth stuttered through stage 9 - well :the last couple of miles of it anyway - the GM boys lent Phil half a gallon of precious petrol to reach service - and thats all that was wrong with the Ford - out of juice...

PER EKLUND seems to have his Clarion Nissan clutch problems sorted out... which just leaves him co driver KEITH OSWIN to worry about - the Autosport ace remarking.."I haven't done anything childish yet!".....while that other well known press person in the hot seat today JERRY WILLIAMS, seems to be thoroughly enjoying the right hand seat with LOUISE AITKEN WALKER in the Peugeot.....MALCOLM WILSON is a lot happier with the way the 16 valve Astra is going now...Malcolm remarking that the stages have got pretty rough, and he's trying different tyres for the RAC...IWAN ROBERTS has retired with deranged front suspension...thats the Peugeot 309....GRAHAM MIDDLETON is going pretty quickly now in the group N category in the Toyota Celica GT-Four... while in the Securicor Toyota Challenge the battle for the small gp.N category looks to be swinging in DAVID BRIAN's favour, his main rival JOHN SAINT slightly off the pace as well as being off the road twice on the first stage....

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