

Mayo Stages 2024 Report :

Sam Moffett and co-driver James O'Reilly in a Hyundai i20 R5, led the Mayo Stages Rally from start to finish.

The Monaghan man opened his 2024 title bid in Mayo on Sunday.

The stages and weather threw up plenty of action all over the stages here is how the locals did.....

John Warren with Ruthann O'Connor co driving their Toyota Corolla Twin cam with great pace all day on tricky stages they where the fastest local crew. Earning them The Margaret Mcgreal Fastest local Award for a second time and also The Eddie O'Hora Award, with Ruthann once again been top female finisher.



Picture: John Warren with Ruthann O'Connor, Photo credit Alan McGuire

Next up was Barry Cuffe and Michael Loughney in the MK2 Escort, taking 2nd place with some great times all day.

Keith Jacob/Michael Carr in the Subaru, despite suffering a flat wheel, it did not hold them back too much as it was at the end of the stage, the pair won Class 15 in the Impreza taking while 3rd in the fastest club members award.

James McGreal with Paddy O'Hora in the Mitsubishi Evo 6 had a costly overshoot but kept the pace up to climb back up the overall leader board and finish in a respectable 2nd in class 15.

John Duffy with John Egan were going hard in the Honda, the crossmolina man had great local support in service. John wasn't quite quick enough to win the fastest local this year. However there is claims that he won the unofficial fastest Granddad in the rally award on the day.

Colm Connor/Derek Molloy in a Honda Civic finished 97th overall.

Steven Cafferty with Bobby Duncan on the notes, got used to being out on Stages for the first time and showed good pace all day. The pair ended up in the top 10 in class -a great result in the conditions.

Dwayne Lally/Shea Kelly in a Nissan Micra where happy to get a finish also on their first day out on a stage gaining valuable experience.

However some Locals were not as fortunate.....

Lorcan Moore Co-Driving for Casey J Coleman in a Peugeot 208 R4 ended up in Rally 2 after a electrical issue. They got it repaired and returned to the event and were going well but got caught out on tricky section and retired with a busted a radiator.

Jamie Lally/Nathan Maguire in a Citroen C2 exited the Stages on stage 6.

It was Heart break for one local crew of John McLoughlin with Niall Gaughan Co-driving in a Class 10 Vaxhual Nova.Both on their first Taste of Tarmac rallying the local crew used their knowledge of the Ballina terrain to great effect and were just on the coat tails of 3rd in class all day,until fueling issues hit the Vaxhaul Nova on stage 6. They were out of the event but the performance didn't go unnoticed -a crew to look out for in the future.



John McLoughlin with Niall Gaughan