

## Podium Results on World Rally Debut!

Major Motorsport enjoyed major success at the final round of the FIA World Rally Championship; The Wales Rally GB.

Whilst team manager, Simon Mauger, had previously driven in the World Rally Championship for Ford, this was the first time the team would take on the challenge and extra organisation to run a two car team in a World Rally event.

Ben McKay and Jason McKay hired the Major Motorsport R1 Fiesta to tackle the Welsh forests in. The father and son team had not been out rallying in almost a year, since their prize drive from winning the RenaultSport Twingo UK trophy in 2013. Consistency was key to the pairs' success, the crew didn't put a foot wrong throughout the event, the reward for the 22 year old driver being a solid finish in 51<sup>st</sup> overall and the RC5 class win!!

Gus Greensmith made his World Rally Debut with Carl Williamson co-driving. This was the 17 year olds 3<sup>rd</sup> event on gravel, and his first event in the new M-Sport built R2 Fiesta, which had been shipped in from Poland just in time for this event. Despite inexperience in the car, a few pacenote errors, and a puncture which cost Gus almost 2 minutes to limp out of the stage, the crew kept the pressure on and by the end of the 3 day event had set several fastest stage times within the class, and finished 42<sup>nd</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class RC4!



"I've had the time of my life and it felt so good to be back doing what I love! Rally GB has always been the one rally I've always wanted to compete in, it's the one rally I would always go and watch when I was young! This weekend wasn't about results for us, it was about finishing what we started last year and I can't believe we did it! The rally itself was very demanding on both the crew and the little Fiesta R1, the car was an absolute warrior all weekend and really did us proud, despite taking a hammering! It's been a pleasure to be involved with Major Motorsport who worked tirelessly all weekend to make sure the car ran faultlessly, and also thanks to all my sponsors who without, the rally wouldn't have been possible!" – *Ben McKay, Car 103*

"It was the most up and down week I've ever had. Friday started with both me and Carl struggling with my pacenotes, and our times were consistently 5- 15 seconds off the leading pace. However, as the weekend went on, we improved and became more comfortable with the car and began setting a solid pace towards the end of the weekend. We had so much to learn in a short amount of time. I'm glad the team were pleased with the podium" – *Gus Greensmith, Car 109*

"It was a massive challenge for us to step up into the World Rally Championship, but we are very proud that we have come through it with flying colours. We are very pleased that both cars finished with such good results. We are very proud of the whole team's efforts. Ben and Jason were a pleasure to work with, we were impressed with their measured drive and we are very pleased that they secured our very first World Championship class win! We were very impressed with Gus and Carl's performance, Gus is obviously a huge talent in the making and showed he has the pace to compete with the best. Considering he is still only 17, I'm sure he will go far in the sport" – *Simon Mauger*

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