

Paterson's two-year wait

DDA Trading Kames Stages
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 Where: Kames, Muirkirk Championships: 5 of Clubs
 Stages: 14 Starters: 38

Ian Paterson scored his first rally win since the Solway Coast two years ago when he and Paul Hogg won the DDA Trading Kames Stages in their Subaru Impreza.

Quickest on most of the stages, Paterson spent the day fending off Gordon Alexander (Mitsubishi Lancer), who was never more than one or two seconds behind on each stage. But when Paterson broke a brake disc Alexander was unable to capitalise, spinning on mud.

Dave Andrews and Billy McLelland squabbled over third place all day. Both had their troubles: McLelland burst a brake pipe and then a suspension bush and Andrews lost his gearbox sump plug and all his oil, but kept his cool and drove sensibly to keep his lead.

The Sierra Cosworth of George Bryson was right on the case until stage five, when it dropped out with a broken driveshaft.

James Gibb therefore finished fifth, just ahead of the top two-wheel drive car, Hamish Kinloch's Toyota Corolla. Although dry early on, Kinloch started to lose out to the 4WD cars when the rain came on and conditions became not just wet, but greasy.

Only 12 seconds behind the sideways Kinloch at the finish was Iain Haining in the Nova. An overshoot on the seventh test almost cost him the class lead, but he regained the road without damage.

Craig McMiken finished in eighth, but the best dice of the day was fought between Kevin Dunn and Alick Kerr.

Dunn just managed to hold off the teenager by four seconds at the finish.

Results

1 Ian Paterson/Paul Hogg (Subaru Impreza) 37m30s; 2 Gordon Alexander/Ian Clark (Mitsubishi Lancer E1) 37m50s; 3 Dave Anderson/Murdo McCauley (Subaru Impreza) 38m32s; 4 Billy McLelland/Helen Brown (Mitsubishi Lancer E3) 38m47s; 5 James Gibb/Roger Morgan (Subaru Impreza) 39m01s; 6 Hamish Kinloch/Jim Howie (Toyota Corolla) 40m21s; 7 Iain Haining/Mark Proudlock (Vauxhall Nova) 40m32s; 8 Craig McMiken/Mark Runciman (Mitsubishi Lancer E6) 41m36s; 9 Kevin Dunn/Alison Woodlock (Peugeot 106) 42m23s; 10 Alick Kerr/Ian Angell (Peugeot 205) 42m27s. **Class winners:** Tommy Brown/Peter Kerr (Ford Escort Mk1); Haining/Proudlock; Kinloch/Howie.