

CORACLE STAGES - SUNDAY 1st August 2004

Organised by:- Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs Ltd.

EVENT PREVIEW

Spectators are in for a treat on this Sunday's Coracle Stages Rally at Sweet Lamb, as some of the leading runners from this year's Kumho Tyres ANCRO National championship take the opportunity to get in some extra testing on the demanding Mid Wales forest tracks in their World Rally Cars.

Organised by Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs, the 50 strong entry is led away by Craig Middleton from Llandrindod Wells driving the Hyundai Accent WRC that he took to victory on the recent Mutiny Rally. No doubt Craig will be looking to emulate his father, Graham, who has won the Coracle Stages for the last two years.

Middleton's strongest opposition is likely to come from North Eastener Steve Petch, who will be driving a similar car, and will be out for a good result after retiring near the end of the Swansea Bay Rally on his last outing.

Former winner, Martin Healer will be hoping for a good run as he is reunited with his Escort World Rally Car after using a Group N Mitsubishi on the Red Dragon Stages. He will be followed away by Cheshire's Jon Ingram and Dovey Valley's Mark Lewis bring their Subaru WRC to the event, as the driver continues to gain more experience of his car, having returned to the sport this year after a long lay off.

Dave Jenkins from the Forest of Dean starts at five, and will be looking to better his recent second place on the Mid Wales stages in his Escort WRC, whilst former BTRDA production class winner Robert Swann follows in his locally tuned Mitsubishi Lancer, partnered by Promax proprietor Phil Morgan. Fellow Mitsubishi driver Martyn England starts at seven, trying to at least match his fourth place finish of 2004, having taken a fine second place on the Clubmans section of the Swansea Bay Rally.

The first of the two wheel drive runners, Dave Kenny starts at eight in his Ford Escort, one place ahead of class rival Tim Jones, and a good battle is expected between these two. However, both will have to look out for number ten seed Geraint Mills from Newtown, who will be hoping for a class win on home ground in his Opel Manta.

Spectator Information

The rally gets under way at 10.00am, with excellent spectating available at the Sweet Lamb "Bowl" with water splashes & jumps. Access is off the A44 Aberystwyth to Llangurig road. OS map 135 / 136 – grid reference 840 828.

The full entry list is available on this site.