

Motor Sport

After making an encouraging start to last weekend's Fram Welsh International Rally, the Beverley crew of John Dixon and Gavin Heseltine retired their Lada shortly before the halfway mark.

The crew slid off the track in special stage 15 in Coed-Y-Brenin Forest and tipped the car on to its side. There was very little damage to the car but there were no spectators to help the crew get the car back on its wheels, and they ran out of time.

"We had not had any problems so I was hoping for a good finish as so many of the other crews had already gone out of the rally," said John.

He added that he had enjoyed the rally, the third round of the Shell Oils Open Rally Championship as far as it had gone, although he found the forestry tracks rougher than last year.

The crew were setting some respectable times in the stages and overcame heavy rain, sleet and even snow on some of the higher forest roads before their retirement.

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Last Saturday saw the Beverley and District Motor Club crew of Roy Jarvis and Lloyd Walker continue their assault on the ANCC Road Rally Championship in their Opel Kadet.

The crew took part in the north-east's toughest event, the Colman Tyres Rally, in their Kall Kwik Print

finished a creditable 24th overall.

The rally was also a round of the Motoring News national championship and the crew were up against the best road rally crews in Britain.

The rally started from Otley and took the cars on a 180-mile route over the twisty moor roads of the Yorkshire Dales and the little 1300cc car overcame its power disadvantage to come 24th and third in class, to maintain their second overall in the championship, and first in the 1300cc class.