

Short Weekenders

SGC PRINTING HARRY FLATTERS RALLY

Double the Price

JOHN PRICE and Mike Bowen completed a worthy double when they conquered the Epynt ranges for the second time last weekend. This time their success - a repeat of last year - was by an equally impressive margin on the 12 stages run by Brecon MC.

Having switched gearbox immediately after he'd retired from the previous day's Mawla Rally, Peter Lloyd just managed to finish second with the alternator starting to play up. Rob James couldn't emulate his previous day's second place and retired his Manta 400 with low oil pressure whilst in second. Robin Herd debuted his Leyton House Darrian T9-Hart and finished 12th. D.H.

1. John Price/Mike Bowen (Metro 884) 56m 41s; 2. Peter Lloyd/Alan McCann (Metro 684) 58m 21s; 3. Jon Mercer/Mike Jones (Renault 5 Turbo) 59m 36s; 4. Tim Hill/Paul Spooner (GpN Sierra Cosworth) 59m 46s; 5. Kevin Pritchard/Eddie Hope-Davies (Ford Escort RS) 59m 50s; 6. Kim Blatchley/Andrew Lees (Opel Monza) 60m 39s; 7. Peter Matthews/Jeff Matthews (Darrian T9) 60m 43s; 8. Gary Pesticio/Rhian James (GpN Sierra Cosworth) 62m 03s; 9. Mark James/Tony Robbins (Escort RS) 62m 25s; 10. John Whittall-Williams/Tudor Davies (GpN Sierra Cosworth).

EVERQUIP MOONRAKER STAGES RALLY

Oldfield's victory buzz

WHEN Brian and Richard Colligan swept into a 40s lead at Normandy barracks near Leconfield in east Yorkshire last Sunday they looked set to retain their title in the North Humberside MC event.

But their luck ran out when the fuel injection system played up on their Escort and they were forced to retire. This left Ian Oldfield to win by 21s in his WASP/Michelin Tyres Opel Manta 400, beating the 60 crews that started the 12 stage event. D.H.

1. Ian Oldfield/Andrew Catchpole (Manta 400)

2. John Askew/James Robinson (Cavalier) 249s; 3. Phil Duffell/Chris Duffell (Escort 2.0) 2570s; 4. Clive Smith/Ian Hall (Escort 2.0) 2587s; 5. Les Kominak/Chris Moyes (Peugeot 205GTi) 2618s; 6. Ian Furness/Richard King (Renault 5) 2619s; 7. Chris Marshall/Ian Houghton (Escort 2.0) 2626s; 8. Ian Burton/Bill Smith (Fiat Uno) 2637s; 9. Gavin Ruler/Lorraine Nixon (Escort 1.3) 2640s; 10. John Dixon/Gavin Heselline (Metro 884) 2646s.

WEST LANCS. STAGES RALLY

Dave's successful hunt

DESPITE an early challenge from John Hunt in a Chevette, which unfortunately ended on the fifth stage when the it crashed into a tyre barrier, Dave Brooks was almost in complete command of last Saturday's event at Aintree where 70 crews turned up for 10 stages.

The DB Special driver swapped places with Hunt initially and it was all fairly close until Hunt retired on SS5, the same test which claimed the Escort of Colin Edmunds. Ian Kirkwood lost a leaderboard place when his Fiesta 1.8 suffered transmission failure on SS8. D.H.

1. Dave Brooks/Paul Dyer (DB Special) 29m 39s; 2. Mike Donovan/Richard Morris (Escort 2.1) 30m 05s; 3. Ian Stansfield/Aerona Stansfield (Escort 1.6) 30m 24s; 4. Mick Barber/Martin Pettitt (Nova 1.8) 30m 37s; 5. Martin Fox/Tony Ralph (Escort 1.3) 31m 20s; 6. Tony Collins/J. Murphy (Escort 2.0) 31m 28s; 7. John Moxham/Lin Russell (Samba 1.4) 31m 38s; 8. Steve Byrne/Peter Richers (TR7V8) 31m 48s; 9. Paul Armstrong/Denise Armstrong (Golf GTi) 31m 50s; 10. Pip Gardner/Steve Buckley (Mazda RX7) 32m 18s.