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JOHN OVEREND

Event: 2017 John Overend Memorial Stages.
Date: 14th May 2017.
Organisers: North Humberstone Motor Club.
Venue: Melbourn, Nr York.
Surface: Tarmac/Concrete. Stages: 8
Stage Miles: 65. Starters: 50. Finishers: 32.



1ST: ARRON NEWBY/ANDREW LEECH (MAGES: KEVIN MAGEY)

Newby Hits Six in Melbourne!

Arnon Newby continued his winning ways, recording his sixth successive victory as he and co-driver Andrew Leech totally dominated proceedings, setting fastest time on every stage in their Subaru Impreza. Phil James reports...

The runaway leaders headed a posse of Subaru's finest with the following six places filled by a variety of Imprezas. Leading the way were Dave Welch and Steve McNulty who reckoned their luck was in after their engine survived a loss of power on SS6 when the cam belt jumped six teeth. It could have put paid to their rally but with enough in hand, they withstood the best efforts of Martin Farrar and Andy Ward to cling on to second place.

For their part, it was Farrar and Ward's first time on this event since 2010 when they suffered a massive accident, rolling their then Impreza into a ball of scrap. No such incident this year thankfully but they did have some hair-raising moments with the brakes locking up at 100mph on SS1. That left them in 11th place but a series of top five stage times lifted them up the order, culminating with a podium finish.

Mike Pickles and Bev Warren had a trouble-free run to finish fourth ahead of Melbourne newcomer Ben Cressey and Mark Swallow. Daniel Mennel and Alan Ward started well, holding third place after two stages, but as the tracks dried they found their gravel tyres not best suited to the changed conditions and slipped to sixth by the finish. It was an opposite scenario for Gary Wayne and Neal Bloor who found their slicks totally unsuited to the early wet stages. The later tests were far more to their liking as they set top five times on all four to finish the rally in seventh place.

John Saunders and Tony Hart brought their MG Metro 6R4 home eighth after the Escort of Jason and George Lepley ground to a halt on SS8. Matthew Hirst and Alex Taylor got more from their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9 once



2ND: DAVE WELCH/STEVE MCNULTY

they switched tyres after SS4 to finish ninth ahead of Philip Rowland and Philip Woodcock's BMW 323.

Ewan Tindall and Paul Hudson took a third successive win in the Junior Rally in their Citroen C1.



3RD: MARTIN FARRAR/ANDY WARD

RESULTS:

1. Arnon Newby/Andrew Leech (Subaru Impreza) 54m03s
2. Dave Welch/Steve McNulty (Subaru Impreza) 57m03s
3. Martin Farrar/Andy Ward (Subaru Impreza) 57m29s
4. Mike Pickles/Bev Warren (Subaru Impreza) 57m50s
5. Ben Cressey/Mark Swallow (Subaru Impreza) 57m57s
6. Daniel Mennel/Alan Ward (Subaru Impreza) 58m08s
7. Gary Wayne/Neal Bloor (Subaru Impreza) 58m18s
8. John Saunders/Tony Hart (MG Metro 6R4) 58m21s
9. Matthew Hirst/Alex Taylor (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo9) 58m27s
10. Philip Rowland/Philip Woodcock (BMW 323) 1h00m08s

CLASS AWARD WINNERS:

- 1st: Stephen Codel/John Cade (Nissan Micra)
- 2: James Criswell/Dan Beardon (Ford Escort Mk2)
- 3: Andy Gennart/Kevie Conkorth (Ford Escort Mk2)
- 4: Rowland/Woodcock
- 5: Pickles/Warren
- 7: Stewart Scott/Dan Casey (Ford Escort Mk1)