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Brick and Steel Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge

Six in a Row for Vassallo.....

It looked as if it was going to be another very close fought battle between **Alexander Vassallo/Mike Gilbey** (Citroen C1) and **Dylan O' Donnell/Tom Middlemiss** (Peugeot 107) on the **AONE Limited Junior 1000 Rally at Knockhill on 20th September 2014**. This would be the sixth round of the 2014 Brick & Steel Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge. The event was a mirror image of the event held on 30th August but this time the organisers were RSAC Motorsport . 13 Junior 1000 crews were entered and 11 finished in the results. 2 cars did not finish because of mechanical problems.

At the end of the previous event , Vassallo finished 1 second ahead of O'Donnell. Up to the end of stage 5 out of 10 on this event, O'Donnell was holding second place but was dropping 1 second to Vassallo on each stage. Then on the sixth stage O'Donnell incurred 15 seconds of penalties for hitting chicane markers. This dropped him to third and he had to then work his way back into second. But the gap to Vassallo at the front was too great and Vassallo held a steady and quick enough pace to the end to secure victory by 22 seconds. But that was after he also collected 5 seconds of penalties for hitting markers on the final stage. This would be Vassallo's 6th consecutive outright victory in the 2014 Championship.

Coming home in third place were visiting guest Irish Junior 1000 competitors **Peter Bennett and Arthur Kierans** (Citroen C1) – a repeat of the previous event on 30th August. The result was once again just reward for their long trip over from N Ireland.

This event at Knockhill was unique in that most of it ran in the early evening on the main track and the final stage was run in dusk after the sun set at 7.20pm. But it was “all in a day's work” for the young drivers who relished the experience. It was also unique in that the circuit was bathed in lovely sunshine from midday until sunset!!!

The penultimate round of the Championship will be held at Kames Motorsport Complex in Muirkirk, East Ayrshire on 19th October 2014.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:



is part of a National initiative to get youngsters in the 14 to 17 age group involved in competitive special stage rallying. The Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge started in 2012 with 10 competitors.



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Final Junior 1000 Ecosse Challenge Positions – **AONE Interiors Junior 1000 Rally 20/9/2014**

	Driver	Driver Home Town	Co-Driver	Co-Driver Home Town	Car	Total Time
1	Alexander Vassallo (16)	<i>Corbridge</i>	Mike Gilbey	<i>Wales</i>	Citroen C1	32.04
2	Dylan O'Donnell (17)	<i>Leven</i>	Tom Middlemiss	<i>Methil</i>	Peugeot 107	32.26
3	Peter Bennett (14)	<i>Co Armagh</i>	Arthur Keirans	<i>Smithborough</i>	Citroen C1	32.31
4	Michael Robertson (17)	<i>Dunfermline</i>	Phil Sandham	<i>Bolton Le Sands</i>	Toyota Aygo	33.08
5	Harry Chalmers (14)	<i>Inverurie</i>	Steven Brown	<i>Inverness</i>	Nissan Micra	33.36
6	Harris Wilson (14)	<i>Ballinluig</i>	Craig Wallace	<i>Kirriemuir</i>	Nissan Micra	33.47
7	Brandon Walsh (16)	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	Ian Shiells	<i>Aberdeen</i>	Citroen C1	34.05
8	Craig MacIvor (16)	<i>Evanton</i>	Kirsty Riddick	<i>Castle Douglas</i>	Nissan Micra	34.34
9	Andy Struthers (16)	<i>Carnwath</i>	Andrew Falconer	<i>Inverness</i>	Nissan Micra	34.41
10	Dale Kelly (16)	<i>Dunblane</i>	Martin Murray	<i>Torrance</i>	Nissan Micra	38.57
	Brodie Balfour (15)	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	Ian Forgan	<i>St Andrews</i>	Toyota Aygo	DNF Driveshaft
	Cameron Russell (15)	<i>Ayr</i>	Ian McRae	<i>Gartcosh</i>	Nissan Micra	DNF Electrical
	Finlay Retson (14)	<i>Blairgowrie</i>	Fraser Jones	<i>Edinburgh</i>	Nissan Micra	DNF Clutch