

Finally First for Stefan and Pat

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Stefan Davis and **Pat Cooper** contested the fifth round of the Peugeot 205 Scholarship this weekend an extremely fast tarmac rally over the military testing ranges in the Brecon Beacons. The crew had a traumatic day but came through to take their **FIRST EVER RALLY WIN!!!**

The first two stages **Stefan** had been too hesitant and found themselves 5.3 seconds down after the first two stages to their **AB Stars** team mate. *"It was just a confidence thing, we cant afford to test before events so we have the car set-up then just have to try and drive it flat out from Stage 1, its hard work sometimes "* said **Stefan**. The crew decided too push on through the next stage before service and was absolutely flying until a minor over exuberance on **Stefan's** part saw them spinning off the road at 95 mph *" It was the fastest accident I have ever had, I just came over a bit Colin McRae and went into a corner absolutely flat in 5th about 20 mph quicker than I should of and just thought, this is gonna be a big one! "*. Davis managed to spin the car using the handbrake and somehow span through the air over an 8 foot bank and landed on a muddy access road below. Without hesitation Davis started the car, hit reverse and then drove on. Unfortunately Davis had suffered a puncture and was forced to stop and change it, the crew had lost about three minutes in the process.

The crew dropped all the way down to **7th place** in the Scholarship. Never to give up the crew give it their most through the remaining stages setting **6 fastest stage times** and actually catching the rally leader through one of the stages! *" We knew we had to catch Chris in every stage to win so we just went for it! "* said Davis.

Unbelievably when things were starting to get down heartened in the car the car was pushing through the stage when they saw their main competitor Chris Reid at the side of the road. Chris had crashed on the stage and was forced to stop. Chris then arrived at the finish control with the car undrivable and was actually towed to the finish ramp. This was enough for **Stefan** to take and unbelievable come back to take **1st place** and his first ever victory.

A big thanks to AB Motorsport for a great car and keeping us going through the day!

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