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PRESS RELEASE

BOURNE FINISHED SECOND IN THE RAIN

Banks Beer ambassador Paul 'The Surfer' Bourne turned in a stellar performance earlier this month to finish second overall in the Motoring Club of Barbados Inc.'s McChlery Designs 'Just Bring It' speed event from Isolation to Dark Hole in St. Andrew.

Following a late start and torrential downpours, correctly assessing the weather conditions, along with choosing dry, wet or intermediate tyre compounds, turned out to be crucial as only the first official run was completed in the dry.

Behind the wheel of a revamped Banks Beer/Chefette/LIME/Castrol Ford Focus WRC07, Bourne was mere hundredths behind chief rival Roger 'The Sherriff' Skeete, who went quickest over the four kilometre course with a time of two minutes 28.79 seconds in the Sol/Michelin/Simpson Motors/Da Costa Mannings Auto Centre/WTI Subaru Impreza WRC S12.

Neil Armstrong, driving the Monster/Sol/Chefette/Digicel/Virgin Atlantic/Gunk/Hankook Tyres/Redline Fuels/Simpson Finance/Simpson Motors Suzuki SX4 WRC, finished third in a time of two minutes 29.68 seconds.

"It started out damp for the first run and Neil and I went on wets, with Skeete opting for dry tyres. At that point, the course was mostly dry so Skeete's gamble paid off in the end," said Bourne, who was contesting only his second event since mid-April after the Focus underwent surgery following hydraulic issues with its paddle-shift gearbox.

After the rains came, it was practically impossible to match - or better - the times set on the first official run.

"We all drove the last two runs in very wet conditions and never had a hope of seeing the first run times," added Bourne.

"But it's now on to the next event which coincidentally is on the same day as my lovely daughter's birthday. So my fingers are crossed for some good luck!"

Charles Walcott, category manager for Banks Holdings Limited, congratulated Bourne on his recent achievement.

"Paul has endured an up-and-down year but he seems to be firing on all cylinders now," he said.

“He always represents the ‘Beer of Barbados’ with distinction and we look forward to seeing him at the sharp end of the field as he continues to fly the Banks Beer flag.”

‘The Surfer’ will next compete in the Rally of the Sun and Stars on September 14th.

Stages one and four will be from Diamond Corner to Gays, while Lamberts to Pickering will be the venue for stages two and five. Sailor’s Gully to Welchtown has been pencilled in as stages three and six before crews go to the dinner halt.

The venues will be repeated for the remaining stages after dinner with stages seven and 10 from Diamond Corner to Gays; Lamberts to Pickering for stages eight and 11, and Sailor’s Gully to Welchtown for stages nine and 12.



CAPTION for attached photograph:

Having shown a solid turn of pace in recent months, Paul ‘The Surfer’ Bourne will be seeking an outright victory in the upcoming Rally of the Sun and Stars.

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