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Bourne finishes on the podium at Rally Trinidad

Despite some last-minute hurdles, Paul 'The Surfer' Bourne turned in a credible performance over the weekend to finish third overall at Rally Trinidad.

Forced to use the services of a replacement co-driver, the Banks Beer ambassador said he was still happy to get some seat-time in the two-day, 156-kilometer rally in the twin-island republic.

"Despite all the problems I had with the pace notes and being rusty, I am still pleased to have finished the rally with the car in one piece. It is also encouraging to know that the seat-time will stand me in good stead for the upcoming tarmac rallies in Barbados," said Bourne, who had Sean Abed beside him in the Banks Beer/Chefette Speed Team/Castrol Ford Focus WRC07.

Contested over 24 stages, the event was won by the Barbadian pair of Neil Armstrong and Barry Ward in the Monster/Sol/Chefette/Digicel/Virgin Atlantic/Gunk/Hankook Tyres/Redline Fuels/Simpson Finance/Simpson Motors Suzuki SX4 WRC, while Stuart Johnson, the highest placed Trinidadian, finished an outstanding second in his Group N Subaru Impreza.

"I'm really happy for Neil. It's a great result for him and his crew," said Bourne.

"Also, hats off to everyone who participated in the rally, whether as a competitor, official, media, supporter or marshal. This is what makes life special, pouring your heart and soul into what you love. It was a great experience!"

In congratulating Bourne on his podium finish, Charles Walcott, category manager for Banks Holdings Limited, said he was excited about prospects for the upcoming season.

Bourne has already confirmed a full domestic schedule, in addition to some overseas assignments.

"Over the years, Paul has established himself as one of the Caribbean's best talents and we are pleased to have him represent the '*Beer of Barbados*' at the front of the pack, especially with the car's new livery," he said.

"The Banks Beer family wishes him the very best of luck and we are confident that he will climb several more podiums this year."

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