



2010 Quit Forest Rally – 16-18 April, 2010 – Busselton & Nannup, Western Australia

Evans in the lead as the 2010 Quit Forest Rally heads to Nannup

The 2010 Quit Forest Rally, round two of the 2010 Australian Rally Championship (ARC), has got off to a flying start tonight with 58 crews contesting the Busselton Toyota Super Special Stage.

Simon and Sue Evans are in the lead following the two tarmac runs and will head into the plantation forests around Nannup with 0.3 second lead over their nearest rivals.

"We're feeling relaxed and just enjoying ourselves out there. There is still a long way to go so we're just taking it a stage at a time," Simon Evans said.

The Evans' were first on stage and quickest out of the blocks in the opening 2.16 kilometre stage followed by Ryan and Rebecca Smart only 0.4 seconds behind with Justin Dowel and Matt Lee in third.

Dowel and Lee, who achieved their first ARC podium in Tasmania, took the honours in the second run followed closely by the Evans' and Smarts. The result jumped Dowel and Lee into second outright 0.6 seconds ahead of the Smarts.

Former Asia-Pacific Rally Championship driver and current ARC point's leader Scott Pedder finished amongst the leaders sitting in fourth outright at the end of the two stages.

Eli Evans and Glen Weston, driving a front-wheel drive Honda Civic Type R, rounded out the top five.

Darren Windus, behind the wheel of a Neal Bates Motorsport S2000 Corolla, was the highest placed West Australian driver in sixth followed by Roman Watkins who finished twelfth and Leigh Hynes, fifteenth.

Defending Quit Forest Rally Champions Glen and Matt Raymond were unable to find early pace and will start tomorrow's stages 4.5 seconds behind the leaders.

The competition will now head to Nannup where teams will contest a further eight stages tomorrow in a bid to take Heat One honours.

The 2010 Quit Forest Rally includes rounds of the Australian Rally Championship, West Australian Rally Championship, WA Clubman Championship as well as the Shannon's Busselton Sprint and for the first time, Quit Forest Rally Moto.

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