



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

Pedder heads towards Heat One victory

Scott Pedder and co-driver Jon Mortimer are taking a 21.4 second lead into the final three stages of Heat One at the Quit Forest Rally today.

Pedder jumped out of the blocks this morning winning the opening stage from Simon and Sue Evans and has continued to extend his lead throughout the day.

"It feels very good, I'm really happy with the car and how we're going," Pedder said at a service break in Nannup.

The plantation roads around Nannup have played havoc on the field throughout the day with several cars suffering mechanical dramas and needing extended service periods to get them back on the road.

Justin Dowel and Matt Lee, who won their first Australian Rally Championship (ARC) stage in Busselton last night, were forced to repair a broken rear drive shaft after the opening two stages but in a great result for the team came out firing fourth fastest in the next stage out.

They have a lot of time to make up however, receiving a 2 minute 20 second penalty for checking out of service 28 minutes late.

"The guys worked flat out and got the job done really quickly now it's up to us to make up for lost time," Dowel said.

Eli Evans and Glen Weston are currently sitting in the service park as their crew works feverishly trying to fix a broken pulley which at this stage will see them rejoin at the end of Heat One.

Defending Quit Forest Rally Champions Glen and Matt Raymond started out the morning on the back foot, forced to change a drive shaft leaving them with a 30 second penalty for a late check in time.

Leigh Hynes and Stuart Percival are leading the West Australian Rally Championship followed 2.6 seconds back by Chris Anderson and Ben Searcy with Tom and Nerralie Wilde in third.

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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