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PRE - EVENT DRAMAS FOR TOP RALLY TEAMS

Two of the top seeded teams in the 2008 NZ Silver Fern International Marathon Rally have experienced drama's just days before the event begins with a rally show in Christchurch's Cathedral Square on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th.

No 1 seed, Kaiapoi's Brian Stokes, has had a minor gearbox oil line issue in pre event testing in his brand new Ford Escort MKII. Stokes said "we quickly diagnosed it and it has now been resolved and repaired".

Not quite so well off is Nelson's Garry Adcock, who's new BMW M3 CSL was involved in a crash while testing in the Nelson Forests. The front half of the car has had to be re-jigged, but Garry reported today that "the main chassis is still straight, now all we have to do is put the engine back in, add all the suspension, replace the panels and get it re-painted."

His dedicated team have been burning the midnight oil since last weeks crash, and the car is expected to go to the paint shop tonight, before final fitting of the cosmetic parts. Garry has informed organisers "disappointingly we may not make the pre event rally show, but the car will definitely be ready to start the event proper on Thursday morning."

The October 16th - 23rd 2008 event, will start in Christchurch's Cathedral Square, and take competitors south to Queenstown, Dunedin, and Invercargill, back to Dunedin, Timaru and Christchurch before finishing at the new Marlborough Convention Centre in Blenheim.

For event details and the latest info on the rally visit:- www.silverfernally.co.nz

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