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TOP 10 UNCHANGED ON SILVER FERN RALLY
LEADERBOARD AFTER DAY SIX

On a day where dust, and fast roads prevailed in the North Otago area, the top ten overall rally positions remained unchanged from that of yesterday, despite 160 kms of car and driver testing gravel special stages.

Christchurch Mazda RX7 driver Andrew Grundy's lead has however been reduced by Brian Stokes Escort MKII, to 1 minute 58 seconds. Continuing his good drive in the Peugeot 205 GTi is Aucklander Craig Marshall in third, 3 minutes 36 behind Stokes.

Englishman Grant Shand in his Escort RS1800 is slowly dropping back in fourth with Hamilton's Charlie Evans in his Mazda RX7 making up around 3 minutes on him today to now be just 58 seconds behind in fifth.

The competing cars and their teams left a sunny Dunedin at 7.45am and headed for the Oamaru before a lunchtime service break in the Kurow township. The afternoon saw crews tackle stages at Waimate and Backline Rd before crews ended the day in Timaru.

Tomorrow's (Wednesday Oct 22) seventh day of the eight day event, will see competitors travel north thru Methven and Oxford before finishing the day at the Palms Mall Shopping Centre in Christchurch at around 4.30pm.

The days competition stages will take place on roads in the Kakahu Forest (8.50am), Four Peaks (9.25am) then travelling north to Lake Lyndon (11.20am) and Whitecliffs (12.15pm), before a service / lunch break in the Glentunnel township at around 12.30pm. In the afternoon the teams will tackle a short stage at Malvern Hills (1.20pm) before the Lees Valley (2.10pm) and Okuku Pass (3.25pm) ending the day in Christchurch.



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The final day of the event travels north before ending up at the new Marlborough Convention Centre in Blenheim on Thursday October 23rd at 3.30pm.

The 2008 NZ Silver Fern International Marathon Rally, currently being held over 8 day's in New Zealand's South Island, is the longest duration motor-sport event being held in NZ, and takes its roots from the Silver Fern and Heatway Rallies of the late 1960's & early 1970's.

NZ Silver Fern Rally															
Provisional Overall Results as at end Day 6															
Pos.	No.	Driver Co-Driver	District	Vehicle	Cls.	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Penalty	Total Time	Tbl	Tbn
1	28	Andrew Grundy Mark Smith	Christchurch NZ	Mazda RX7	I	52:13 (3)	55:45 (1)	2:36:19 (2)	1:46:54 (9)	1:30:02 (1)	1:47:45 (3)	-	9:28:58	****	****
2	1	Brian Stokes Grant Marra	Waikuku NZ	Ford Escort MkII	I	51:31 (1)	1:09:00 (42)	2:34:44 (1)	1:40:23 (1)	1:30:12 (3)	1:45:06 (1)	1:00	9:30:56	+1:58	+1:58
3	43	Craig Marshall Andrew Smith	Auckland NZ	Peugeot 206 GTi 180	H	52:18 (4)	56:50 (3)	2:38:10 (4)	1:45:05 (6)	1:33:48 (9)	1:48:21 (4)	0:20	9:34:32	+5:34	+3:36
4	6	Grant Shand Chris Parsons	Woodbridge UK	Ford Escort RS1800	B	54:20 (10)	57:48 (6)	2:40:14 (8)	1:45:17 (7)	1:31:07 (4)	1:53:03 (23)	-	9:41:49	+12:51	+7:17
5	9	Charlie Evans Paul Matthews	Hamilton NZ	Mazda RX7	I	54:03 (9)	58:12 (9)	2:43:57 (10)	1:44:37 (4)	1:31:41 (5)	1:50:11 (12)	-	9:42:41	+13:43	+0:52
6	25	Keith Callinan Mary Anne Callinan	MacKay AUSTRALIA	Ford Escort	B	55:47 (21=)	1:00:11 (15)	2:44:01 (11)	1:46:50 (8)	1:34:04 (11)	1:48:56 (8)	-	9:49:49	+20:51	+7:08
7	11	Brent Rawstron Ian McKee	Christchurch NZ	Ford Escort RS1800	B	57:05 (28)	1:02:17 (27=)	2:40:09 (6)	1:50:20 (18=)	1:32:41 (6)	1:48:30 (5)	5:20	9:51:02	+22:04	+1:13
8	14	David Hills David Callaghan	NSW AUSTRALIA	Ford Escort RS1600	B	55:47 (21=)	59:13 (12)	2:44:28 (12)	1:48:23 (12=)	1:34:53 (12)	1:49:31 (9)	-	9:52:15	+23:17	+1:13
9	27	Willie Rutherford Chris Cunningham	Akaroa NZ	Porsche 911	C	55:43 (19=)	1:00:34 (16)	2:43:50 (9)	1:49:56 (16)	1:36:52 (22)	1:50:04 (10)	-	9:56:59	+28:01	+4:44
10	22	Euan Fuge Mike Gibbs	Feilding NZ	Mazda RX3	C	55:15 (15)	1:00:51 (18)	2:47:23 (16)	1:48:23 (12=)	1:35:08 (14)	1:50:05 (11)	-	9:57:05	+28:07	+0:06

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