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## **Loudon's Wales Rally GB day one update**

What happened?

Co-driving former World Rally Championship factory driver Matthew Wilson, Stuart has completed the opening day of Wales Rally GB in 10<sup>th</sup> position in WRC2. The highlight was fifth quickest through the second run at the hugely popular Sweet Lamb test this afternoon.

What else happened?

Happily, not much with the Tunnock's-backed Ford Fiesta R5 running faultlessly throughout a tough opening day. The really good news for Stuart's M-Sport team-mates is that Ford Fiesta WRCs lead the event, with Elfyn Evans out front ahead of Sébastien Ogier and Ott Tänak's Tunnock's-liveried car.

What was the weather like?

Beautiful blue skies and temperatures in the mid-teens.

Tell us something about Friday...

The opening day is the furthest south in Wales (or, in fact Britain, or even the world) the event goes, with three stages run twice and split by a tyre-fitting zone (where new Michelins are fitted to the Fiesta) in Newtown.

What did Stuart say?

"Great day. It's fantastic to be back in a car driven at this kind of speed and with this kind of commitment. It was early last year that Matthew and I competed together last (when they finished second on the Pirelli International Rally) and it's fair to say we took a stage or two to knock the rust off, but from then on things have been getting better and better.

"It's been incredibly slippery in places and, while the sun's shining, it hasn't made much of a difference to the road – it's been so wet at times. One of the problems today has been the inconsistency of grip; you go from one corner with good grip into the next one where it's like ice and you have no warning of what's coming. It's been a challenge today, but one Matt and I have both really enjoyed.

"I'm over the moon for the M-Sport team as well. To be part of a team which is running one-two-three on Britain's round of the World Rally Championship is something else, but to be doing it in a car in Tunnock's colours and with the Caramel Wafer and Teacake liveries on Ott's car... it's perfect!"

Tell us a Tunnock's tale:

Tunnock's produces more than 1.5 tonnes of caramel an hour to meet worldwide demand for the delicious Caramel Wafer.

Today was...

SS2 Myherin 1 20.28km (12.60 miles)  
SS3 Sweet Lamb 1 4.24km (2.63 miles)  
SS4 Hafren 1 35.14km (21.83 miles)  
Remote tyre fitting zone, Newtown,  
SS5 Myherin 2 20.28km (12.60 miles)  
SS6 Sweet Lamb 2 4.24km (2.63 miles)  
SS7 Hafren 2 35.14km (21.83 miles)

**Tomorrow is... Saturday October 28**

SS8 Aberhirnant 1 13.91km (8.64 miles) 0755  
SS9 Dyfnant 1 17.91km (11.12 miles) 0847  
SS10 Gartheiniog 1 12.61km (7.83miles) 0959  
SS11 Dyfi 1 25.86km (16.06 miles) 1028  
SS12 Gartheiniog 2 12.61km (7.83miles) 1208  
SS13 Dyfi 2 25.86km (16.06 miles) 1237  
SS14 Cholmondeley Castle 1.80km (1.11 miles) 1548  
Service Deeside 1637  
SS15 Aberhirnant 2 13.91km (8.64 miles) 1855  
SS16 Dyfnant 2 17.91km (11.12 miles) 1947  
Parc Fermé 2213

**And finally... Sunday October 29**

SS17 Alwen 1 10.41km (6.46 miles) 0834  
SS18 Brenig 1 6.43km (3.99 miles) 0908  
SS19 Gwydir 7.49km (4.65 miles) 1006  
SS20 Alwen 2 10.41km (6.46 miles) 1109  
SS21 Brenig 2 6.43km (3.99 miles) 1218  
Parc Fermé 1335

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**Stuart Loudon** is a semi-professional co-driver who has started 95 rallies, 19 of which are rounds of the World Rally Championship and one of which was with an Ashes-winning English cricketer. He makes biscuits in the family business when he's not working towards his dream of becoming a factory co-driver in the WRC.