

FOURTH PLACE FOR PEREZ IN BARBADOS OPENER

In front of thousands of fans gathered at Stewarts Hill in St Philip, Barbados on Sunday, Kick Energy rally driver Steve Perez powered to a fine fourth place at the Shell V-Power 'King of the Hill', which was the Barbados Rally Club's (BRC) final shakedown before the Caribbean's biggest annual motorsport event, Sol Rally Barbados 2009, next weekend (May 29-31).

Despite two heavy morning showers, the three-kilometre stage was lined with spectators whereby the Chesterfield driver in the Ford Focus WRC 05 got his week underway by finishing fourth overall and best foreign driver behind Roger Skeete (Subaru), Paul Bourne (Subaru) and Roger Hill (Toyota Corolla) as nearly ninety cars contested the event.

Commenting after the event, Steve said: *"We finished fourth again, I've finished fourth a lot of times on this rally! But we were the top foreign crew so I'm very pleased with that as it's very hard to beat the locals around here. Our runs were good and we were getting faster every time, I'm very pleased with the car. I'm really up for the rally next week now, and we hope to improve on that fourth place!"*

Overall Positions

- 1st Roger Skeete (Subaru Impreza WRC S12), 1m 50.95s
- 2nd Paul Bourne (Subaru Impreza WRC S9), 1m 52.84s
- 3rd Roger Hill (Toyota Corolla WRC), 1m 53.97s
- 4th Steve Perez - ENG (Ford Focus WRC05), 1m 55.44s**
- 5th Jeffrey Panton - JAM (Ford Focus WRC), 1m 56.75s
- 6th Kevin Procter - ENG (Subaru Impreza WRC S7), 1m 56.93s
- 7th Barry Gale (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI), 1m 58.12s
- 8th Trevor Manning (Ford Escort WRC), 1m 58.36s
- 9th Ian Warren (Suzuki Swift), 1m 58.91s
- 10th Cliff Roett (Toyota Starlet), 1m 59.13s

