



Seb Perez Secures Second at the Modena Cento Ore Rally in Italy

19 year old Chesterfield racing sensation claimed an impressive second place at the Modena Cento Ore rally last week (June 5-8), having tackled a challenging four days across idyllic Italian terrain alongside team-mate and car owner Andrew Siddall.

The prestigious rally featured eleven stages, including three circuit races and a Super Special stage that started at the eastern coastal town of Rimini, taking in iconic race tracks on the way to finish in Modena, the home town of Enzo Ferrari.

The Derbyshire race and rally driver currently competing in the Porsche Carrera Cup GB took to the passenger seat for a change and became co-driver for the first time alongside Andrew in the pairs Ford Escort MK2 LAR 800P, the historic rally car that was driven to second place in the 1975 Lombard RAC Rally in the hands of the master of rallying himself rally legend Roger Clark.

After day one stages were complete Perez took to the wheel for a spectacular night race where despite starting outside of the top ten he clawed back to finish third using his racing skills putting the British crew Fourth overhaul in the rally.

As the stages continued the duo made their way to Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola for the second circuit race where once again Seb climbed behind the wheel. Although struggling with straight line speed at the famous venue, he crossed the line sixth, a strong result for the classic Escort.

Day three saw the Perez and Siddall duo in Circuito del Mugello in Florence, that saw Seb finish in fourth and Andrew drive the remaining stages of the day in a clean and controlled fashion, leaving the duo in the lead of the rally with one day to go.

The two final stages the following morning saw them get caught up by their main rival from the start a 1981 Porsche 911 SC, and dropped back to second position. Andrew took the driving duties for the last Super Special around Autodromo di Modena before heading into Piazza Grande in the heart of the historic city and securing second place, a tremendous result for the pair

Perez said after the Italian adventure "It was an incredible week out in Italy. It was great working with Andrew and being able to drive in the race, and a big stepping stone for me entering into the co-driving world which is something I will appreciate more when I compete in rallies myself. I have to give a big thanks to both Andrew and DANSPORT for giving me this amazing opportunity in such an historic car."

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