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News Release

Bourne sets sights on third Rally Barbados title

Paul 'The Surfer' Bourne will be fifth on the road this weekend at Sol Rally Barbados after the Banks Beer ambassador produced a consistent drive to finish fifth overall at the Sociabank King of the Hill this past Sunday.

Competing in what is now the traditional precursor to the Caribbean's largest annual motorsport International, Bourne recorded a fastest time of two minutes, 00.03 seconds in the Banks Beer/Chefette Speed Team/Castrol Ford Focus WRC07.

The single-venue event from Hangman's Hill to Lion Caste was won by Paul Bird of Great Britain in a time of 1 minute, 57.68 seconds.

Roger 'The Sheriff' Skeete was the highest placed local driver, finishing just over a tenth of a second adrift of Bird, while Jeffery Panton of Jamaica rounded out the podium in a time of 1:59.42.

"Through pure grit and determination, Paul has established himself as one of the Caribbean's best talents, and we are indeed pleased to have him represent the Banks Beer brand, and by extension the people of Barbados," said Charles Walcott, category manager for Banks Holdings Limited.

"Since the early 90s, Paul has remained a consistent top performer, winning Rally Barbados twice (2003 and 2007), while recording the most stage wins - a total of 60 spread across a decade. This stands testament to his consistency and incredible turn of pace, and the Banks Beer family wishes him Godspeed and the best of luck this weekend."

Bourne will have Stuart Loudon of Scotland beside him as he chases his third title in the Barbados Rally Club's blue ribbon event, which is set to be contested over 23 stages.

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