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WRC debut success for journalist Cary on Rally Sweden

- Daily Telegraph team finish 37th overall in sub-zero temperatures

After 1,879 kilometres across snow and ice, Tony Jardine and Tom Cary finished 37th overall on Rally Sweden, the opening round of the 2010 World Rally Championship.

Co-driving on his first ever WRC event, journalist Tom Cary from the Daily Telegraph was delighted to have navigated his media partner Jardine successfully through such a demanding rally. As they drove over the finish ramp in Karlstad (Sunday 14 February), Cary said, *"When I took up the challenge eight months ago of training to become a WRC co-driver I had no idea how much work would be involved, and what a phenomenal experience it would be to compete against the best in World Rally."*

"It's a great feeling to have finished the rally and to have fulfilled my ultimate goal of co-driving at the highest possible level in rallying. Also, there aren't many journalists that can say they have had the privilege of competing alongside Kimi Raikkonen. We even led him at one point! In addition, a former World's Strongest Man, Magnus Samuelsson from Sweden, finished one place ahead of us also on his WRC debut."

Driving a Subaru Impreza, provided by Subaru Norway, broadcaster Jardine commented, *"The last stage, Varmullsasen 2, was fantastic but one of the hardest stages of the whole event. The snow had been heavily worn away to expose rocks which caused us a puncture, although up until this point we hadn't encountered any problems with our special Pirelli studded tyres. We had to crawl downhill for the last 500 metres of the event, before we could change it on the final road section. For the last three stages we had to concentrate on holding off our nearest competitor, Eamonn Boland, and with a tenth between us at one point, we didn't mess about and just went for it to the finish to hang on to our 37th position!"*

"Tom has been superb with his pace note calling and full credit has to go to him for taking on such a challenge as WRC. Big thanks must also go to Subaru Norway and Arne Berg for arranging the car for us and to our service crew from ProSpeed, who always keep us on the road!"

Olly Marshall, from ProSpeed Motorsport, said, *"Tom has been brilliant throughout the entire rally campaign with the Daily Telegraph, and we are all really pleased to see Tony and Tom through Rally Sweden."* The Pirelli and Doodson Broking Group-backed team has completed a total of 21 stages, over four days, in sub-zero temperatures. Ford's star driver Mikko Hirvonen was the winner of Rally Sweden, finishing 43.7 seconds ahead of Citroen's Sebastien Loeb.