

A CHAMPION IN FIRST FULL SEASON

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THAT'S THE WAY THE COOKIE CRUMBLES

Louise Cook, British Female Rally Driver from Maidstone in Kent was set to contest in the final round of the British Rally Championship Challenge this weekend, on the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire based in Scarborough.

Louise, in her first full season was poised for a 3rd place championship finish based on current form and lying 3rd Junior going in to the last round. Louise, the only female in the British Rally Championship Challenge was laying 6th place from the 27 drivers before the event.

Last rally took its toll on the Fiesta and with an engine rebuild needed, Louise knew that they were pushed for time with such limited funds and resources. Cookie made the length of the country to collect new engine parts as there was no time to wait for delivery

The team overcame many obstacles and somehow were just on target to making it. With only hours before they were to leave for Scarborough, disaster struck. The engine failed to start. After finding the faulty component, there was not enough time to fix it. The team of only three reluctantly put down their spanners at 4am on the Saturday morning when they had to be in Yorkshire for 7.30am, a heart wrenching experience after the seasons' efforts.

"It just wasn't mathematically possible to get there. The points for this round were critical to get as they were points times 150%, even if I simply finished the rally last, I would have gained 4th in the championship. A realistic finish would have been a podium spot based on the progress we have been making with my driving and the car" Said Louise.

Despite the bad luck, Louise gained good results and points throughout the season and became RC4 champion and gained a top ten

finish which was the season goal Louise set back in March.

"I should not be as upset as I am really, it's my first season, I am a class champion and I am in the top ten in one of the major national championships in the country. I just cannot help being disappointed that we never made the last round or got the points I deserved and have worked so hard towards. I guess I have to remember my goals, which I did still achieve, even with two non finishes. It's just a bit gutting that you know it could have been a podium finish and top three overall in the championship. Oh well, next year I am determined to win. No more nice cookie!!"

Louise is on the hunt for more sponsors now to compete in the British Rally Championship Challenge again in 2011.

For more details please check out www.cutecookie.co.uk or email Louise at louise_brc@hotmail.co.uk.



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This season has been like a rollercoaster, so many good times and bad times. It has been so much more involved than what I thought it would be, from having to rebuild engines to racing falcons and Cheeta's. I have learnt an incredible amount. I will be back next year though with more exciting promotional events and even better results. A massive thank you to everyone who has made this season happen, I couldn't have done it without you. Bring on next season!



To keep up to date with Louise's progress please visit www.cutecookie.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you next season.