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HIGGINS EARNS PERFECT WIN AT STPR

Subaru Rally Team USA driver David Higgins and co-driver Craig Drew completed a dominating win at the 2015 Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally at the wheel of their Subaru Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive 2015 WRX STI rally car. Higgins earned a rare perfect-rally, winning all fifteen of the event's competition stages on his way to victory. Higgins and Drew with their new Vermont SportsCar-prepared Subaru WRX STI are also perfect thus far in 2015, having won all five Rally America National Championship rounds this season, with just three events remaining.

The Wellsboro, Pennsylvania based STPR event included 119 miles of competitive stages over two days. The event's fast serpentine roads are lined with trees, earning STPR the reputation as one of the fastest and most harrowing events in the Rally America series. It is also steeped in history, having run for 38 years consecutively. This was Higgins' fifth career STPR victory.

"This new 2015 Subaru WRX STI has been absolutely 100% perfect," exclaimed Higgins at the podium. "The roads here are such a challenge, they are fast and technical and the sight lines are limited with how dense and close the forest is. We beat our previous stage records here, yet we are now running the required smaller restrictor, meaning we have less power. It proves how great this new chassis is and how great of a job the team has done preparing it."

Higgins and Drew ran trouble free all weekend, winning each stage of the rally and progressively extending their lead over hard charging Subaru privateer driver Adam Yeoman. Yeoman nearly spoiled the perfect rally for Higgins on the final stage, a head-to-head spectator friendly 'super-special', where Higgins crossed the line just two-tenths of a second ahead of Yeoman. It was another Subaru clean sweep of the podium, with Yeoman and Subaru Super Production class driver Nick Roberts joining Higgins in the champagne spray.

With just three events remaining, Higgins may now be thinking a perfect season, winning all eight-rounds, is possible. A perfect rally season in the USA has only been accomplished once, in 1987 by rally legend, and Subaru Rally Team USA rally manager John Buffum.

The Rally America field heads to Newry, Maine July 17-18 for the New England Forest Rally, where several top competitors may guest enter and look to spoil Higgins run, including long time rival Ken Block.

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