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## **Fiesta SportingTrophy** Shootout for "Apprentice" place.

M-Sport, organisers of the Fiesta Sporting**Trophy** International series, will hold an International Shootout at their Cockermouth base with the prize of a year working for M-Sport.



The two-day competition is by invitation for drivers in the Fiesta Sporting**Trophy** International and national Fiesta Sporting**Trophy** championships. The top two drivers in the championship plus one wildcard entry from each championship have been invited to take part, ensuring some 24 contenders reach Cumbria for this tough competition.

Held on December 5-6, the two-day Shootout will consist of physical, psychological and media tests before testing the competitors driving skills at the Greystoke forest stage.

The physical test will be conducted by M-Sport Personal Trainer Barry Johnson who is an active competitor representing Great Britain in Triathlons across the world.

The psychological test will be in the form of a 25 question assessment developed in conjunction with Hugh Richards from Edinburgh University Sports Psychology Department to determine if the competitors' mental strength is compatible with that of a leading competition driver.

As each country will bring their leading journalist, competitors will face this media panel in a press conference format to see how they react under pressure to gain their points in the media section.

On the final day competitors will be assessed on their driving abilities on a 4km forest stage, with three runs undertaken and the best two times combined to give their stage time.

The top five competitors at this point will be selected for probably their toughest test; an interview with M-Sport boss Malcolm Wilson.

The winner of the Shootout will be announced at the end of the second day. The prize consists of a 12 month contract with M-Sport encompassing various roles pursuant to developing the competitor's rally skill set and including shakedown runs in the Ford Focus WRC and Ford Fiesta S1600, 12 months' use of an apartment at Cockermouth, and attendance on WRC events working with the weather crews.

The Shootout will be filmed for broadcast around the world.

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## **Victor Henriksson wins Fiesta SportingTrophy Shootout.**

M-Sport, organisers of the Fiesta Sporting**Trophy** International series, have chosen Swedish driver Victor Henriksson as the winner of the FSTi Shootout.



The Shootout placed 24 Fiesta Sporting**Trophy** competitors from around the world head-to-head in a series of tests in and around M-Sport's Cockermouth base.

After two days of gruelling psychological, physical, media and driving tests six finalists were chosen to face M-Sport boss Malcolm Wilson in a final interview to determine the winner.

The six short-listed competitors included Barry Clark from the FST International, Chris Moore from FST UK, Victor Henriksson from FST Sweden, Raphael Auquier from FST Belgium, Daghan Unludogan from FST Turkey and Sveinung Bieldvedt from FST Norway.

“The level of the top competitors was so close that we could only narrow it down to a final six rather than a final five,” said M-Sport boss, Malcolm Wilson. “Victor impressed on both days. He is only 18 yet he displayed maturity beyond his years over the tests and was the most impressive in the interview.”

Henriksson, who earned his place in the Shootout as the wildcard entry for his home Swedish Fiesta Sporting**Trophy**, wins a 12 month contract with M-Sport. This will encompass various roles pursuant to developing his rallying skills, including shakedown runs in the Ford Focus RS WRC and Ford Fiesta S1600, 12 months use of an apartment at Cockermouth, personal training programme and attendance on European WRC events working with the team.

“It was a big thing for me to be chosen as the Swedish Wildcard and come to M-Sport, but to be chosen as the winner is absolutely amazing,” said Henriksson. “The physiological and physical tests were great fun, but to be interviewed by Malcolm Wilson was such a big thing for me. I’m really looking forward to next year, it’s the perfect Christmas present.”

Victor Henriksson will start his 12-month contract with M-Sport in the New Year.

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**M-Sport Shoot Out - Eng of Leg 1 Results**

<b>Number</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Fitness</b>	<b>Mental</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Total</b>
47	Chris	Moore	7	9	8	24
46	Burca	Cetinkaya	7	8	8	23
36	Alessandro	Bettega	7	7	8	22
39	Sveinung	Bieldvedt	6	8	8	22
44	Daghan	Unlodogan	6	8	8	22
26	Patrick	Winter	6	8	7	21
33	Joni	Arpiainen	7	7	7	21
34	Matias	Henkola	6	8	7	21
35	Emma	Gilmour	7	7	7	21
28	Marc	Deblieck	6	7	7	20
31	Claudio	Molina	5	9	6	20
40	Trond	Svenkerud	6	6	8	20
43	Viktor	Henriksson	6	6	8	20
45	Can	Celebi	5	8	7	20
48	George	Thomas	7	5	8	20
27	Bert	Coene	5	7	7	19
29	Raphael	Auquier	5	7	7	19
41	Joakim	Nyman	5	7	7	19
49	Kevin	Davies	5	7	7	19
30	Heriberto	Godoy	5	7	6	18
37	Barry	Clark	5	6	7	18
25	Daniel	Wollinger	6	7	4	17
32	Victor	Farina	5	7	5	17
42	Anders	Gullstrand	5	5	6	16

Stage Times			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3		TOTAL Best 2 fm 3
37	Barry	Clark	<del>02:09.7</del>	02:06.5	02:07.5	1	0:04:14.0
47	Chris	Moore	<del>02:10.8</del>	02:09.6	02:06.7	2	0:04:16.3
48	George	Thomas	<del>02:13.6</del>	02:10.9	02:09.1	3	0:04:20.0
44	Daghan	Unludogan	<del>02:16.2</del>	02:10.7	02:09.8	4	0:04:20.5
41	Joakim	Nyman	<del>02:15.6</del>	02:10.9	02:09.7	5	0:04:20.6
43	Viktor	Henriksson	<del>02:13.9</del>	02:12.6	02:08.8	6	0:04:21.4
39	Sveinung	Bieldvedt	<del>02:11.8</del>	02:11.2	02:10.7	7	0:04:21.9
29	Raphael	Auquier	<del>02:16.5</del>	02:12.4	02:09.5	8	0:04:21.9
33	Joni	Arpiainen	* <del>02:14.2</del>	02:11.6	02:10.4	9	0:04:22.0
49	Kevin	Davies	<del>02:17.4</del>	02:12.6	02:10.7	10	0:04:23.3
36	Alessandro	Bettega	P 02:12.9	<del>02:15.0</del>	02:10.4	11	0:04:23.3
42	Anders	Gullstrand	<del>02:21.1</del>	02:15.6	02:08.8	12	0:04:24.4
30	Heriberto	Godoy	<del>02:18.9</del>	02:14.1	02:12.4	13	0:04:26.5
34	Matias	Henkola	<del>02:20.0</del>	02:14.8	02:13.4	14	0:04:28.2
40	Trond	Svenkerud	<del>02:19.7</del>	02:17.1	02:14.1	15	0:04:31.2
32	Victor	Farina	<del>02:31.9</del>	02:17.5	02:15.2	16	0:04:32.7
35	Emma	Gilmour	<del>02:22.8</del>	02:16.5	02:17.5	17	0:04:34.0
45	Can	Celebi	<del>02:22.2</del>	02:17.2	02:17.1	18	0:04:34.3
31	Claudio	Molina	<del>02:32.4</del>	02:24.7	02:17.2	19	0:04:41.9
28	Marc	Deblieck	<del>02:24.5</del>	02:22.2	02:20.0	20	0:04:42.2
46	Burca	Cetinkaya	<del>02:25.4</del>	02:24.4	02:20.6	21	0:04:45.0
25	Daniel	Wollinger	<del>02:33.0</del>	02:29.1	02:24.4	22	0:04:53.5
27	Bert	Coene	<del>02:36.4</del>	02:30.5	02:26.6	23	0:04:57.1
26	Patrick	Winter	C 15:40.3	withdrawn	withdrawn	24	0:15:40.3

\* Jumpstart Recorded S3

P Puncture on SS2

C Crash on stage 1, but as shared car, withdrawn to allow owner to run.

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