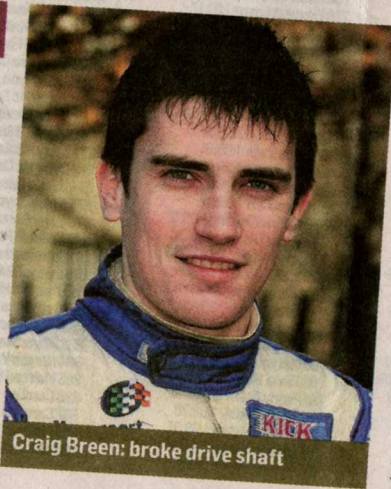


McNulty and Kiely seal historic double

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● SECOND place for Tim McNulty and Paul Kiely in the Cork 20 International Rally yesterday was enough to clinch the Irish Tarmac title for the Meath-Sligo pairing, giving them a historic double as they also won the Dunlop national title two weeks ago.

● Victory in Cork went to Daragh O'Riordan and Tony McDaid, their second international win of the year, with this duo taking the lead on the Mullaghanish stage yesterday morning. Overnight leader Garry Jennings slipped back to finish third in his Group N Lancer Evo, giving him the Tarmac Production class title.



Craig Breen: broke drive shaft

Waterford driver Craig Breen looked set to score his second win in succession in the FIA Academy section of the French round of the World Rally Championship when leading after the opening day while his main rival, Egon Kaur of Estonia, retired.

However, Breen's luck changed on the second day, and a pace note problem caused his Fiesta to hit a bank, breaking a drive shaft and putting him, too, out of the rally.

The young Irishman still has a chance of overtaking Kaur in the final round, the Wales Rally GB, next month. Tyrone driver Alastair Fisher won the Academy section in France.

Sixteen-year-old Dubliner Niall Murray scored his first win in the

British Ginetta Junior series when he battled his way through the field from 10th place on the grid in the opening race at Brands Hatch yesterday.

Although he started from even further back in race two, he scythed his way through to third place, setting the fastest lap on his way. Aron Smith scored a pair of third places in the UK Clio Cup races. Adam Carroll from Portadown won the final round of the Auto GP championship at Mugello in Italy, starting from pole position and leading from start to finish.

In Sosnova in the Czech Republic, 2010 European Division 2 Rallycross champion Derek Tohill took third place in the final round, leaving him third in this year's series.