

Breen shows his potential

■ JOHN KENNY reports

CRAIG Breen showed his massive potential as he finished fourth at the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) event in Scotland.

The Waterford native, who is also competing in the World Rally Championship (WRC), entered the Scottish event for competitive practice ahead of the WRC Rally Great Britain next month in his Ford Fiesta S2000.

Breen finished fourth after the opening two stages on Friday. At the halfway point on Saturday Breen had dropped to seventh but he upped his challenge after service and finished fifth going into the final day.

The 21-year-old started well on Sunday and pulled him clear in fourth, but on Stage 11 Breen suffered a cracked exhaust manifold, which he was unable to repair at service.

But the Irish driver held on to fourth position, 6 seconds ahead of IRC Championship leader Jan Kopecky and 2 mins and 5 seconds behind the overall winner, Norway's Andreas Mikkelsen (Skoda Fabia).