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G11); C. Arden/Corbett; D. Dodd/Green; Road Rally;
Andrew Williams; Richard Williams (Australi Asia).

admitted to a slow start but mixed to the TT Grandstand in Douglas with times with the leader thereafter to a winning margin of 24 seconds.

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IN BRIEF

Opel Manta pilot Jon Ballinger secured the MSA English championship crown despite missing last weekend's Tempest Rally finale. Suzuki Ignis driver Graham Middleton was the only competitor who could beat BTRDA Silver Star stalwart Ballinger to the class-based title for two-wheel-drive cars, but his hopes ended when a broken driveshaft put him out of the Aldershot-based event.

The Specsavers Christmas Stages Rally at Croft will take place one week later than scheduled due to planning restrictions at the Darlington venue. It had been set to run on December 28 but will now take place on January 2, 2010 instead because the venue has used its 40 permitted 'noisy' days. Scrutineering and documentation will take place on the morning of the event, which traditionally attracts a bumper entry. Visit northallerton-ac.co.uk for regulations and entry forms.

Andy Davison will use Connor Flynn's class-winning BMW 325 rallycross car on this Saturday's Kall Kwik Rally. Davison has been loaned the car by Flynn after selling his BMW.

Reigning MSA Gravel champion Marcus Dodd used last week's Tempest Rally to test a new engine and turbo control system on his Hyundai Accent WRC. The Bournemouth driver retired from the event due to a burst hydraulic pipe, which was

Breen uses prize to fund BRC bid

Teen star buys M-Sport Fiesta

By Richard Rodgers

Craig Breen will use the 50,000 Euros he received for winning the prestigious Billy Coleman Award to help buy a Ford Fiesta Super 2000 for an assault on the British championship next season.

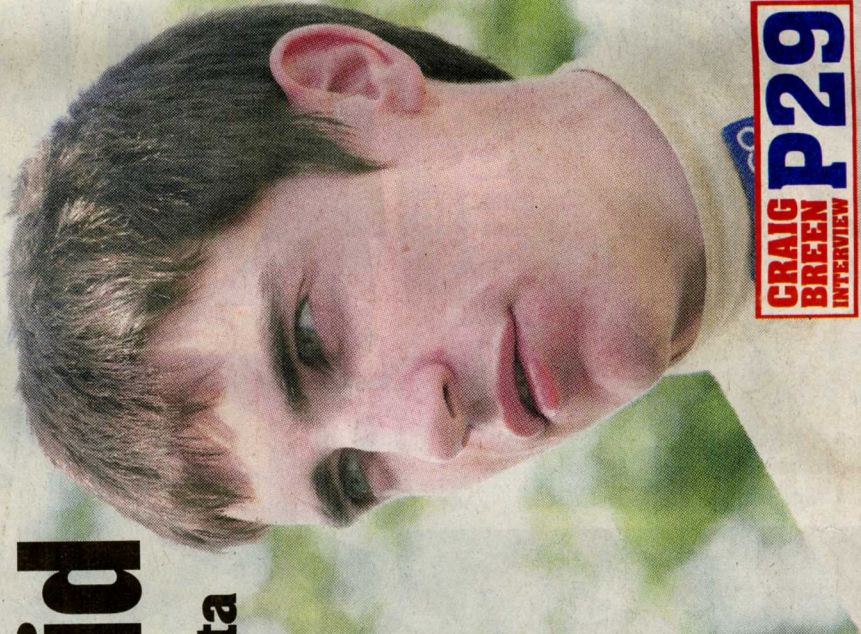
The 19-year-old beat Jonathan Cunningham and Kevin O'Connor to Motorsport Ireland's young rally driver prize, which is partially backed by the Irish Sports Council. The Irishman will use the cash, the equivalent of £45,000, to help fund one of M-Sport's S2000 machines. A programme of events in Ireland is also being planned alongside his BRC bid.

"It's the icing on the cake for me and will be a big help with the

budget for next year," said Breen, who won three Fiesta Sport Trophy titles plus the Irish National Junior crown this season. "I'd planned on contesting the WRC in the Fiesta R2 next year but the budget wasn't there. This will give me experience in a four-wheel-drive car ahead of a return to the WRC in 2011."

Breen will continue his link with preparation expert Tom Gahan in 2010 but said he also expects to work closely with car builder M-Sport.

"If I'm needed by M-Sport to help with any development work then I'd be more than happy to do that," said the County Waterford driver. "It's going to be a big learning curve next year but Tom will be a big help and I know M-Sport only produce decent cars capable of winning."



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