



The ToddsLeap.com Ulster Rally marked the penultimate round of both the Fiesta Sport Trophy Ireland and the UK's Kick Energy Fiesta Sport Trophy.

Champion Breen...

Craig Breen was on the verge of scoring a double title success, but having had an operation to remove his appendix during the days before the event, he would have been forgiven for taking it easy on this occasion.

Taking it easy isn't in the Irishman's vocabulary though, and he was immediately on the pace of his rivals. But on the first stage it was Shane Buckley and navigator Thomas Maguire who set the pace, leading from Matt Edwards and Rob Fagg.

What's more surprising though is the fact that Edwards managed to reach the finish of the opening test. He lost control during the stage when the rear of his car hit a tree! Although he lost little time with the incident, he still had an uphill struggle before he returned to service, and his rally came to an end when a wheel fell off on stage two.

Kris Hall and Robbie Durant topped the timesheets over the second test, while it was Craig Breen who tamed Torr Head. Kyle Orr was also settling in well, but his gearbox failed during the road section after stage three, putting him out of the rally.

Craig Breen continued his pace through the day's closing stages, and fastest times over stages five and six ensured he made his intentions loud and clear. He knew that if he finished ahead of Kris Hall then he would take the UK

15.9 second advantage.

Day two consisted of four stages before the conclusion of the event. Unfortunately, the first stage of the day saw the possible UK title fight fizzle out when event leader Hall

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retired with a sheared front hub. The stage also saw the demise of Barry Greer and John Lemon when their car lost power and failed to restart.

Meanwhile, Robbie Barrable took the stage win, with Breen in second and Shane Buckley in third. Then Buckley went fastest over the following test ahead of Wright, with Craig Breen, who was now in 'coast mode' taking third fastest time.

The penultimate stage saw Barrable take the win from Buckley with Breen third fastest and Wright fourth quickest. With Breen now comfortably in the lead of the event, the main battle going into the last stage was for second as Barrable was less than five seconds ahead of Buckley.

Then the final challenge for the Fiesta men was cancelled, and for Craig Breen, that meant victory celebrations! He had secured not only event victory but also the UK and Irish Fiesta Sport Trophy

Championships. The young Irish driver had managed to 'do the double' with one round remaining in both series!

"I had a few grimaces along the way, as I had to have my appendix removed the week before the event," Breen explained. "But thankfully it healed quickly enough for me to actually start the rally. I must say I really enjoyed the R2 again, and our times were coming down, really not far off the top two-wheel drive times as the rally progressed."

"I'm absolutely over the moon, to have tied up both championships. I didn't expect to do it this weekend, but it takes a bit of pressure off us, and it means we can now really focus on the FST International series, with the next round, WRC Rally Catalunya."

While Breen sealed the event win, Robbie Barrable and Dermot O'Gorman nabbed second by a slender 4.2 seconds from Shane Buckley and Thomas



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IRL STANDINGS

After Round 4

1	Craig Breen / Gareth Roberts	145
2	Mark Donnelly / P Robinson	86
3	Shane Buckley / T Maguire	83
4	Robbie Barrable / S O'Grady	69
5	Paul Quinn / SORCHA KELLY	60
6	Stephen Wright / S Wright	40
7	Liam Regan / Billy McCullins	34
8	Garrett Loughran / P Loughran	33
9	Alastair Fisher / Barry McNulty	30
10	Mark Donnelly / E O'Kane	20
11	Kyle Orr / Dai Roberts	18
12	Declan Leonard / Dara Leonard	16
13	Neil Coalter / Hannah Cessford	15
14	Stevie Brown / A Roughhead	14
15	Desi Henry / John Rowan	13
16	Matt Edwards / Rob Fagg	0
17	Kris Hall / Robbie Durant	0



UK STANDINGS

After Round 6

1	Craig Breen / Gareth Roberts	140
2	Matt Edwards / Rob Fagg	105
3	Kris Hall / Robbie Durant	100
4	Mark Donnelly / P Robinson	98
5	Ross Forde / Gary McElhinney	87
6	Kyle Orr / Dai Roberts	83
7	Tom Watson / Ken Bowman	62
8	Stevie Brown / A Roughhead	60
9	Barry Greer / John Lemon	46
9=	Harry Hunt / Kris Killip	46
11	Robbie Barrable / DO'GORMAN	45
12	John Boyd / Fred Bell	42
13	Rory Hall / Lee Burgess	39
14	Martin Jones / Kris Killip	36
15	Jamie Brown / Craig Burgess	34
16	Shane Buckley / T Maguire	22
16=	Tom Walster / Tim Sturla	22
18	Stephen Wright / S Wright	20
19	Liam Regan / Billy McCullins	18
20	Neil Coalter / Hannah Cessford	15
21	Matthias Boon / John Lavaerts	14
22	Luke Francis / Elgan Davies	13
23	Patrick Mallev / Malcolm Read	12