



Steven Clark will co-drive for Malcolm Proudlock on this weekend's Colin McRae Forest Stages as the pair

fight with Alistair Tough/Graham Law for second in the County Saab Scottish Rally Championship. Proudlock has promised Clark a go in the driver's seat after they finished second on the recent Park Stages, but it won't happen on this event.

After consultation with the Police, the organiser of this weekend's Colin McRae Forest Stages, Coltness Car Club, has banned chase cars from this year's event.

The destiny of the inaugural Dunlop Two Wheel Challenge will also be decided on the final round of the Scottish

Championship. Five drivers are in with at least a theoretical chance of taking the title, although the main battle is expected to be between the Peugeot 106 of Iain Grubb and Charlie Jarrett's Ford Escort Mk2.

Teenaged Alick Kerr earned a free entry on the McRae Stages by winning the four-event challenge for the best improvement on his seeding on the recent Park Stages. It was the 17-year-old's forest rally debut in his Peugeot 205.

With new Scottish Champions Barry Johnson and Stewart Merry giving the McRae Stages a miss, Matthew Wilson and Scott Martin – tipped to be a late entry for the event in their Eddie Stobart Ford Focus WRC – will be the clear favourites to repeat their success on last year's event.

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