

# Big boost for Kevin in Granite City event

LANARKSHIRE youngster Kevin Ross finally broke his run of non-finishes on the Multi-wage Granite City Rally, round three of the 2007 County Saab MSA Scottish Rally Championship.

The 20-year-old engine tuner from Carfin survived the

dry and dusty conditions – which had left the Kin-cardineshire forest roads covered in ball bearing-sized pebbles – to finish tenth overall and seventh in class in his Group N Mitsubishi Lancer.

After a hectic build-up to the rally which saw Kevin's ABR

Roofing team in a frantic race against time to get the car repaired after an accident on last month's Border Counties Rally, a steady approach ensured Ross made it back to the finish in Aberdeen.

However, sixth-fastest time on the fifth stage of the rally

underlined the Albar Junior Scholarship winner's potential.

In the two-wheel drive category, Bothwell teenager Alick Kerr picked up another handful of Scottish Championship points in addition to his 205 Ecosse Challenge points haul.

Once again, the youngster showed he's more than capable of mixing it with the two-wheel drive front runners, and is confident he can go quicker still after discovering he had driven the entire rally with a faulty fuel pressure regulator and three cracked spark plugs.

A fine second in his Scottish Championship class, following on from two wins on the trot, means that the 18 year old maintains his series lead. His Leaker Direct and Bags Online backed Peugeot 205 is also leading the Ecosse 205 1.9 Challenge after 3 rounds.