

# Second still brings reward for Craig Breen in Scotland

For 19 year old Craig Breen, 2009 has been a season of success including many victories in the UK, Irish and International Fiesta ST championships. On the weekends Scottish Rally, round four of the Fiesta Sport Trophy UK, it was second place for Craig and co driver Gareth Roberts, but Craig was far from disappointed. "Going into the event I knew that it might not be our strongest. I wasn't used to the particular route notes you must use on this event, and also to we knew Kris Hall would be fast here, and I had no real answer to his pace."

The Kel-Tech team got off to a solid start, third fastest on stage one Kinharvie, then fastest on the following Heathhall spectator stage. Second fastest on stage

three, the famous Castle O'er stage, saw Craig and Gareth second, twenty two seconds behind a charging Kris Hall. "We were happy enough at this stage, and I was getting used to the organisers route notes more too. Stage 4, Twiglees, was a disaster for us however.

"With it being so dry the dust was clinging in the air, and we got held up badly in another cars dust, which had been off and rejoined ahead of us. It cost 34 seconds and dropped us from second to fifth."

On the following, Ae West stage, Craig powered the Diarwood Design Fiesta, with a ten tenths effort, to start a majestic climb up the Fiesta leader-board. He took 9 seconds off leader Hall on this

stage, and on the final Ae East stage Craig set second fastest time taking 13 seconds off Matt Edwards, and 21 seconds off Mark Donnelly to jump from fifth to second. "I was happy that we put those times in near the end of the rally, and the championship is very much wide open as we have the Manx, Ulster and Trackrod to complete. We are joint fourth in the series with Kris Hall, and I think it's going to be a good race with Kris, and championship leader Kyle Orr who also goes well on tarmac." Taking dropped scores into account Craig would be leading the series, but there is a long way to go yet, as round five of the Fiesta UK series starts on the Isle of Man in two weeks time.



Craig Breen in action during the Scottish Rally.