

Young drivers fly the flag for the county in Snowman Rally

By George Topp

YOUNG rally drivers will fly the flag for Lanarkshire as the County Saab Scottish Rally Championship gets underway in the Highlands this weekend.

Amongst them is Kevin Ross, who has been seeded at 22 and is hoping for a top 10 placing on Saturday's Arnold Clark-Thistle Snowman Rally.

The Lanarkshire driver (pictured in action on last year's Colin McRae Stages) is one of a disappointing total of just 75 entries for this traditional Inverness-based opener.

For the second year running, he will be partnered by Castle Douglas navigator Kirsty Riddick in the Mitsubishi Evo 4 they used in last year's championship.

Some changes have been made to the vehicle, with both performance and suspension tweaks, but the car was reliable last year, finishing every event they started. Their Evo will once again run on Dunlop tyres supplied by Andrew Wood Motorsport with sponsorship coming from Zoom Airlines, Atlantic Embroidery and ABR Contracts.

Kevin told Advertiser Sport this week told Advertiser Sport: "The plan for 2006 is total attack from the start and hopefully to finish every event. The car lacks some



of the performance characteristics of the modern Evos and Subarus but hopefully with the confidence and commitment the team have we will come out on top."

Two other county teenagers will also be in action on Saturday, although their rally will be much different.

Alick Kerr and Ian Angell, both 17 years old and from Bothwell, normally rally together in the Ecosse

205 one-make series, but this weekend they'll split up. Alick, seeded at 53 in his Peugeot 205Gti, will be co-driven by the more experienced Tom Hynd on the Snowman.

They'll need to keep a close watch in their rearview mirror for at 55 is a Vauxhall Nova driven by Aberdeen's Mike Moates and co-driven by Ian.