

Young driver could clinch rally crown this weekend

By **George Topp**

BOTHWELL teenager Alick Kerr could clinch a Scottish Rally Championship title if things go according to plan in the forests of Moray this weekend.

Kerr and Kincardineshire co-driver Tom Hynd at present lead the 1.9-litre Brick and Steel 205 Ecosse Challenge section of the Scottish series.

And after Saturday's Elgin-based Gleaner Oil and Gas Speyside

Stages, the county driver could clinch the series.

Kerr and his experienced co-driver have been very much dominant, winning three of the five rounds so far and finishing on the podium on every outing.

Kerr has also been able to establish himself as a leading force among the Scottish Rally Championship's two-wheel drive runners and make some vital steps up the rallying career ladder.

In the 1.6 section of the series, there could be another Lanarkshire name to the fore.

Terry Mallin, a 21 year-old Uddingston weapons engineer, is a completely unknown quantity, running right at the back of the field on his very first rally.

"I've decided to take up rallying because of my love for cars and taking it to the limit," said Mallin, who will be in safe hands when he heads out on the forest tracks come Saturday.

"My co-driver, Jan Knott from Congresbury, has been involved in motorsport for a number of years, getting some excellent results and even an outright win" he said.