

Alick on the road to rallying triumph

By George Topp

JUNIOR rally driver Alick Kerr is on a high as he goes into the next round of the Hankook Scottish Rally Championships, following a string of impressive results.

The 20-year-old from Bothwell is set to take on the Elgin-based Gleaner Oil and Gas

Speyside Stages as he looks to continue his rapid rate of progress in the Leaker Direct Subaru Impreza.

Although Kerr had never driven a four-wheel drive car before the third round of this year's championship, he wasted no time in showing he has the pace to mix it with the usual SRC frontrunners.

Foundry engineer Alick has scored top-10 stage times so far on every outing with the car and

finished the RSAC Scottish Rally seventh overall and third in class.

Despite having to sit out a round earlier in the year, the former 205 Ecosse Challenge and Fiesta Sporting Trophy driver also sits 12th in the Scottish Rally Championship's overall standings.

As competitors discard their two lowest scores over the course of the season, Alick's championship position could improve

significantly if he nets a good result in the Moray forests.

Co-driver Drew Sturrock is doing just as well – the MSA Rally Academy member sits in fifth spot outright in the co-drivers' title race, with only three rounds to go.

The Alick Kerr Motorsport team will be further spurred on by a strong showing on a recent testing day in New Galloway, where the duo took part in the latest phase of the

Hankook-backed Scottish Junior programme.

With a fully-funded drive on an international rally in a front-running car up for grabs for the top Scottish junior this year, Alick's team are pulling out all the stops to give the youngster the best possible chance.

And the input from Subaru More information on the team can be obtained by visiting: www.alickkerr.com