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White Wins in Dramatic Second Junior 1000 Round!

The second round of the McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge Ireland, took place on Saturday on the Eurocables Stages Rally at Kirkistown. Organised by the North Armagh Motor Club, six junior drivers, aged 14-16 lined up to lead the field away in their 1000cc machines. This series, now in its second year is also supported this season by the dedicated rally classified website www.rallysales.eu, Superdrive Motorsports Centre and Yokohama tyres.

First off the line was 16 year old Kyle White, who finished second last time out, and he was the first to find out how slippery conditions were, with the loose and concrete sections being very greasy. Round one winner Adam Bustard in the Chevrolet Spark was next off, but on lap one he got caught out on a very slippery corner, losing time as he ran into a pile of tyres. However it was all to be academic, as fourth car on the stage Eoghan Bogue had a dramatic slide on the fourth corner, clipped a lorry tyre and the Micra ended up on its roof forcing the cancellation of the stage for the Junior runners. Thankfully Eoghan and co-driver Liam Regan escaped unhurt and the Micra will live to fight another day, so the Junior's all received a nominal time for the test.

On stage two Kyle White set fastest time, 6 seconds faster than 15 year old William Creighton on his second rally in the Citroen C1. William however had clipped a tyre on his second lap, and the C1 arrived at the end of the stage with a front left puncture. It was more dramatic for Adam Bustard who hit the back of the Spark on the tight concrete section, spun and had to reverse to get back on the stage. It cost the Castlederg driver 10 seconds, but he still maintained third place. Behind him in fourth was 14 year old Michael McGarrity, with Mark Massey in the co-driver's seat. Michael had also a different Micra for this event, and was learning the new car at this early stage. 15 year old James Partridge with Billy Regan in the hot seat also had a dramatic second stage, the little 107 becoming stuck in the grass after running wide at the top hairpin bend. It was a stage maximum for the Moira driver, but the rest of the day he would be consistent, and picking up more speed.

For stages 3 and 4 the layout was changed with less loose surface sections and leader Kyle White extended that lead by three seconds. It wasn't without damage to the 107 however, under-steering into a pile of tyres on the final hairpin bend, and nearly rolling the car on the same corner that had caught out Eoghan Bogue earlier in the day. William Creighton was second fastest again, but lost time when he kept accidentally selecting 5th gear instead of 3rd, the C1 dropping right off the revs. Third fastest was James Partridge, who is settling in well to the 107 this season, but less settled was Adam Bustard who dropped twenty seconds after another trip into the tyres, with one becoming lodged under the car this time. On stage 4 Kyle White was again fastest with a clean run, but just by 1.4 seconds from William Creighton. It could have been better for William, but again for a couple of missed gear changes. Adam Bustard was third fastest, just a further 1.4 seconds back, despite yet another attraction to the tyres. Michael McGarrity too was improving his pace and experience relative to the other crews.

The final two stages were run in the anti-clockwise direction. The track was faster, drier and provided much more grip. Kyle White had a good grip on the event at this stage, with a lead of over ten seconds, which he extended over the final two tests. For William Creighton it was a matter of consolidating a hard earned second place, as Adam Bustard was now well behind. On the final two tests however, Adam proved how he won the first round with two fastest times, on these fast stages. In the process he still picked up a valuable third place. In fourth, albeit a long way off the leaders was Michael McGarrity, but he was ever happier with his car and improving pace. Fifth was James Partridge, that stage maximum costing him any chance of fourth.

It was a delighted Kyle White and co-driver Alan Purdy who sprayed the fizzy non- alcoholic wine at the finish! William Creighton was delighted with his second place, despite his lack of rally experience, and Adam Bustard's third places him second in the championship race.

Round three of the McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge Ireland, takes place at Bishopscourt on the 9th March, and eight Junior 1000 crews are expected to take the start.

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McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge- Rnd 2 Positions

1	Kyle White/Alan Purdy	Peugeot 107	+34m 53.9s
2	William Creighton/Andrew Bushe	Citroen C1	+20.7s
3	Adam Bustard/Brian Bustard	Chevrolet Spark	+35.3s
4	Michael McGarrity/ Mark Massey	Nissan Micra	+3m15.4s
5	James Partridge/Billy Regan	Peugeot 107	+3m39.5s
DNF	Eoghan Bogue/Liam Regan	Nissan Micra	

Championship Points after Round 2

1	Kyle White	24pts
2	Adam Bustard	22pts
3	William Creighton	20pts
4	James Partridge	14pts
5	Michael McGarrity	9pts
6	Eoghan Bogue	8pts
7	Philip White	6pts

2013 McGrady Insurance Junior 1000 Rally Challenge

Rnd 1	New Year Stages	Kirkistown	500MRCI	19 th January
Rnd 2	Eurocables Stages	Kirkistown	NAMCC	16 th February
Rnd 3	Bishopscourt Stages	Bishopscourt	BADMC	9 th March
Rnd 4	May Day Stages	St.Angelo	EMC	6 th May
Rnd 5	Summer Stages	Bishopscourt	BADMC	13 th July
Rnd 6	Shackleton Rally	Shackleton	MCMC	3 rd August
Rnd 7	Solway Coast Rally	Scotland	Solway CC	11 th August
Rnd 8	St. Angelo Rally	St.Angelo	EMC	5 th October

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