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BOYLE WINS MAYO RALLY ON ACHILL ISLAND

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With fastest times on all but one of the nine stages Donegal's Declan Boyle (Ford Fiesta WRC) and his Monaghan co-driver James O'Reilly won the Óstán Oileán Acla/Connacht Print & Signs Mayo Rally, the first round of the Triton Showers National Rally Championship.

They finished 37 seconds ahead of the Monaghan/Limerick Moriarty, also in a Ford Fiesta WRC. On their debut in a Ford Fiesta R5, Derry's Desi Henry and his Cork co-driver Liam Moynihan secured third – just over a minute further behind.

Top seeds Donegal's Joe McGonigle/Ciaran Geaney (Mini WRC) were fourth. On his way to the opening stage Boyle's Fiesta ground to a halt with an electrical problem, luckily, he was able to sort the issue and went on to set the best time on the first stage. Making some suspension adjustments, Boyle dominated all through with the exception of S.S. 6 where Moffett was a fraction of a second quicker. Moffett on his first outing on tarmac in his Fiesta WRC for almost two years, grew in confidence as the rally progressed. Henry was another to improve on every stage as he netted third.

Former Triton champions Donagh Kelly (Ford Focus WRC) and Roy White (Ford Fiesta WRC) didn't enjoy the best of fortune, Kelly punctured and dropped away down the order before finishing tenth while White was an opening stage casualty when he slid off and beached his car, he eventually finished 57th.

Tyrone's Aidan Wray (Mitsubishi) won Group N from Donegal's Mark Boyle (Mitsubishi Evo IX) and Maynooth's Paul Barrett (Mitsubishi EvoX).

In the Triton Showers Junior category Armagh's Jason Black and his Monaghan co-Jack McKenna took an emphatic victory, they finished two minutes and 58.1 seconds ahead of the Citroen C2R2 of Armagh's Johnny Armstrong/Philly Mitchell. The Donegal crew of David Kelly/Kenny Bustard (Toyota Starlet) were 42 seconds further behind in third. Black/McKenna also won the Triton Showers "Drive of the Day" award.

1. D. Boyle/J. O'Reilly (Ford Fiesta WRC) 50m. 41.4s.
2. J. Moffett/K. Moriarty (Ford Fiesta WRC) 51m. 18.4s
3. D. Henry/L. Moynihan (Ford Fiesta R5) 52m. 19.5s.
4. J. McGonigle/C. Geaney (Mini WRC) 52m. 34.2s.
5. N. Maguire/E. Sherry (Subaru WRC) 54m. 03.9s.
6. A. Wray/K. McGrath (Mitsubishi EvoX) 54m. 59.0s.
7. S. Darcy/K. McCarthy (Darrian T90) 54m. 59.3s.
8. B. Cumiskey/S. McAuley (Ford Fiesta R5) 55m. 04.6s.
9. C. Armstrong/C. Melly (Ford Escort) 55m. 06.2s.
10. D. Kelly/C. Foley (Ford Focus WRC) 55m. 49.5s.

Triton Showers National Rally Championship (Provisional Positions after Round 1): D. Boyle 21pts; J. Moffett 18pts; 3. D. Henry 16pts; 4. McGonigle 14pts; 5. N. Maguire 13pts; 6. A. Wray 12pts.