



Fiesta for Five at Repco Rally NZ.

As crews rev up for the 11th round of the World Rally Championship, amongst them will be five competitors contesting the New Zealand Fiesta Sporting Trophy.

Top seed for the Fiesta's will be Australian Brendan Reeves and deservedly so after a top showing on his Fiesta Sporting Trophy debut at the Whangarei Rally in June, with only a puncture costing the young Aussie the top spot.

Hot on his heels will be series leader Patrick Malley. Malley retook the lead from young Northlander Ben Jagger which sits at 13 points, however it is by no means a run race and both of the young Kiwis will be giving everything with just two points scoring legs remaining. Both will also be looking to improve their position in the 'Kiwi 2' championship, where Malley sits second and Jagger fourth.

Someone who could throw a spanner in the works for either is Dermott Malley, Patrick's Father. Dermott will be competing in a car that is all but identical to Patrick's and will be sure to keep some of the younger stars on their toes should any problems arise.

A possible surprise package could be Japan's Motoharu Kaseya. Kaseya has competed in New Zealand once before, scoring a very creditable 25th in a group N Toyota Starlet in 2005.

All of the drivers will be out to impress the big teams on their annual visit 'down under', especially Fiesta Sporting Trophy originator and head of the BP Abu Dhabi Ford World Rally Team, Malcolm Wilson. Wilson will be one of the judges at the end of year Fiesta Sporting Trophy International shootout, where New Zealand's series champion and a wildcard driver will compete against drivers from Fiesta Sporting Trophy series all round the world. The winner will receive a 12 month employment contract with the BP Abu Dhabi Ford, a top prize by anybody's standards.