

Brendan and Rhianon sit in third place in the WRC Academy class at Rally Finland after fighting back after car handling issues on Day 2. With changes made to the Fiesta's set up at the lunch break, Brendan went into the afternoon loop of stages with more confidence and finished the day with two stage wins.

"I am really happy with today. We dropped some time on the lead in the first loop of stages after being handed the second spot as a result of Alistair's [Fisher] misfortune, so we have been battling all afternoon to make up the time we lost to the other guys," Brendan said.

"I am absolutely over the moon to take the last stage from Elfyn [Evans]. We have managed to take third place overall at the end of Day 2, but I am very aware of how close Timo [Van der Marel] is behind me.

"It has been a cat and dog fight the whole way, but it's really good fun. The best thing is that the strong competition makes you fight and be a better driver, consistently pushing hard – all of us our giving it our all out there!

"I was surprised at how rough the second to last stage [SS11] was in the forest, big rocks where pulled onto the road, but nothing compared to Greece last month. The second place is still very much within our reach so I will continue to push tomorrow and look to catch Pontus [Tidemand]."

Top five positions after Day 2:

1. E. EVANS 1:33:25.2 0.0 0.0
2. P. TIDEMAND 1:34:35.3 +1:10.1 +1:10.1
3. B. REEVES 1:34:43.6 +8.3 +1:18.4

4. T. VAN DER MAREL 1:34:47.5 +3.9 +1:22.3

5. J. SUAREZ 1:34:47.8 +0.3 +1:22.6

More news to follow.