

ARMSTRONG MASSEY STAGES RALLY

Kirby canters clear

BEVERLEY & DMC used RAF Leconfield last Sunday and arranged eight stages for a total of 65 crews and virtually from start to finish Alan Kirby/Carole Brown were handsomely in charge of proceedings.

After four stages they were 76s in front of Roger Wardle/Stephen Nicholls and the latter stayed second until the penultimate stage when they slipped back to eighth place. Top seed Clifford Spencer broke the back axle of his Rover Vitesse on the first stage. D.H.

1. Alan Kirby/Carole Brown (Escort 2.1) 71m 19s; 2. Bob Cook/Colin Tombs (Rover SD1)

74m 05s; 3. Andrew Wornack/Tim Bell (Marta 400) 74m 39s; 4. Mike Barber/Martin Pettit (Nova 1.5) 74m 46s; 5. Ken Hall/Dave Ridgough (Escort V8) 75m 18s; 6. John Richardson/Eric Wilcockson (Escort 1.6) 76m 04s; 7. Steven Towers/Steve Craggs (Sunbeam 1.6) 76m 14s; 8. Roger Wardle/Stephen Nicholls (Escort 1.6) 76m 17s; 9. Ian Furness/Jo Crawford-Smith (Renault 5) 76m 29s; 10. Peter Stansfield/Kate Wood (Escort 2.0) 67m 01s.

HARRIERS STAGES RALLY

Fair cop for Dixon

FIFTY nine crews turned up at Bank End Farm, Funningley, Yorkshire, last Sunday for half a dozen stages on gravel and sand tracks with victory going to John Dixon/Gavin Heseltine in their Metro BR4.

It was their first win in the car and was gained by a mere three seconds from the turbocharged Chevette of A. Hanson. Stuart Newby, the top seed, lasted just three stages before the engine in his Escort blew up when he was second. The organisers were not over impressed with their new venue. D.H.

1. John Dixon/Gavin Heseltine (Metro BR4) 892s; 2. A. Hanson/R. Holworth (Chevette 895s); 3. Paul Smith/Hugh Edwards (Astra 903s); 4. Duncan Moss/Giles Moss (Escort 2.1) 915s; 5. D. Hesleturst/C. Harding (Audi 80 Quattro) 917s; 6. Ron Allen/Alan Snell (Escort 2.1) 922s; 7. Paul Finney/Ian Hammond (Escort Mexico) 954s; 8. Graham Waite/Bill Orell (Toyota Corolla) 961s; 9. Ted Mann/Peter Horton (Sunbeam 2.0) 970s; 10. Paul Arrowmonth/Les Thorpe (Escort 1.3) 986s.

KILLARNEY SUMMER STAGES RALLY

Connolly's Killarney

BILL CONNOLLY took his BP/Red Mills Opel Manta 400 to a dramatic last stage victory on the Lee Strand Killarney Summer Stages Rally, when rally leader James McDaid spun his Manta almost within sight of the finish line.

Just 16s separated the pair after the seven warm, fast and dusty tarmac stages, Connolly eventually taking the win by six seconds. George Robinson was fourth after a trouble free run to keep his lead in the Anglo-Irish Bankcorp Championship. Leading retirement was Pat Kirk who crashed on the first stage. B.P.

1. Bill Connolly/Tom Meaney (Opel Manta 400)

1h 05m 58s; 2. James McDaid/Kevin Kilty (Opel Manta 400) 1h 06m 04s; 3. Hugh Twomey/Maurice Nagle (Opel Ascona) 1h 06m 31s; 4. George Robinson/George Millar (Toyota Starlet-BDX) 1h 08m 20s; 5. Stephen Emerson/Mervyn McClelland (Sunbeam 1.6) 1h 09m 42s; 6. Con Randles/Dave Randles (Escort) 1h 09m 45s; 7. John Williamson/Willie McKee (Sunbeam Lotus) 1h 09m 47s; 8. Charlie Hickey/Ger Murphy (Escort) 1h 10m 00s; 9. Seamus Sands/Chris Patterson (Escort) 1h 10m 09s; 10. Dominic McLoughlin/Sean Harrigan (Sunbeam) 1h 11m 37s.