



## CRAIG BREEN RALLYING

### BREEN WILL REQUIRE 'SISU' NEXT WEEKEND

Sisu is a Finnish word that loosely translates to English as 'having guts' and next weekend Irish rally driver Craig Breen will require plenty of sisu as he takes on World Rally Finland.

The Waterford driver has prioritised the World Rally Academy this season and as the championship reaches the halfway point, Breen finds himself 45 points adrift of leader, Estonian, Egon Kaur. Attaining 13 points from the opening two rounds is scant reward for Breen's endeavors.

He held the upper hand on the opening round in Portugal but crashed out when leading with only four stages remaining. Then on round two in Sardinia, Breen was again the pacemaker, but a damaged sump meant he had to finish under 'Super Rally' rules. Nine fastest stage times over two events has shown Breen's potential, however the former Billy Coleman Award Winner needs to win in Finland if he

stands any chance of realizing his ambitions.

With a point for every fastest stage time in the class, the 45-point deficit is not insurmountable, but Breen knows he faces an uphill battle.

"There's no doubt about it, it's a big task, but with points on offer, it is possible, I have little option only to go as hard as possible in Finland."

Reflecting on his first round in Portugal, he remarked, "I'm a little annoyed now, I should have been a bit cleverer. The accident happened on the second day, I was comfortable; I had a good lead, but then ran out of road and got stuck. Realistically I, and indeed a number of the others, will be looking for Egon to have a non-finish that would open it up."

This season's event in Finland marks the third year in a row that Craig will compete in what is affectionately known as the Finnish Grand Prix.

In 2007 Craig took top honours in the International Fiesta Sport Trophy and twelve months ago he debuted his Kick Energy Fiesta S2000 to 19th overall. He will be hoping to put the experience gained on the flat-out stages, tree-lined straights, endless yumps and blind crests.