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IN BRIEF****Breen on track to  
retain world title****MOTORSPORT**

WATERFORD'S Craig Breen has taken an impressive lead after the first day of Rally de Espana as he looks to capture the S2000 World Rally Championship title this weekend.

Breen began the day two points ahead of second-placed PG Andersson, knowing that, if he finished ahead of the Swede in the competition, he would be world champion for the second successive year, having won the WRC Academy in 2011.

The Motorsport Ireland Driver of the Year started slowly in extremely wet conditions and he trailed Andersson by three and a half seconds after the first stage.



Breen lost more time on stage two, with the Swedish driver establishing a 16.2-second lead. However, the Waterford driver hit back in style on stage three, finishing nearly a minute and a half faster to take the lead by one minute and nine seconds, and he ended the day over three minutes to the good.