

Breen eager to battle Kubica

Craig Breen is relishing the chance to compete against Robert Kubica after Peugeot confirmed the Irishman's entry for the Canaries Rally later this month.

Breen has had the Spanish island event added into his programme as a ninth round for this season – which he feels will also give his own European Rally Championship challenge a big boost.

“With Saintéloc [the team running Breen's 207] already going to the event, it made sense for me to do it as well,” said Breen. “It's fantastic news. Doing nine rounds now means I have the chance to drop a score, which I didn't have before. The championship is do-able now, whereas before it would have been a big ask. Don't get me wrong, it's still a very, very big ask, but this extra rally – especially on Tarmac – will help me.”

Talking about Kubica's Canaries entry, Breen added: “It's fantastic to have him there. It's amazing for the profile of rallying and the championship that a guy like him is coming. Everybody knows the name, the bloke's won a Formula One race. It's also great to see him coming back after the injuries he suffered.”

Asked whether he could beat Kubica, Breen replied: “I'll give it my best shot. It's great that we're in the same category, but I think we have seen that the Regional Rally Cars would probably have the edge over S2000 cars on pace, but we'll see what happens. I'm just relishing the chance to be battling against him.”

“He's a down-to-earth fella who is mad passionate about rallying.”