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# BREEN TO RUN NEW PEUGEOT

Irish star gets Ulster Rally chance in 208 R2



Craig Breen will drive the new R2 spec 208 in Ulster

By David Evans

**Craig Breen says his Peugeot 208 R2 outing on the Ulster Rally will be the perfect benchmark for the new cars against the quickest R2 machinery in the British Rally Championship.**

Breen has been working on the development of the 208 since the start of the season and says the car has huge potential.

"I've tested it four times now and it's a phenomenal car," said Breen, who will be making the

first professional start of his career. "The BRC is a very competitive championship, the two-wheel drive thing has really taken off, so this is the perfect place to take the Peugeot to see how it gets on.

"I know the stages quite well," he said, "so it's great to be going home with the car."

Breen will run as zero car on the event, but the reigning WRC Academy champion admitted he wasn't too sure where he would be on the road: "I don't know if we run ahead of the World Rally

Cars on the Ulster Rally," he said, "or between the Ulster and the BRC guys on Rally NI. I'm not too fussed, to be honest – the good thing is that we can check our times against the regulars."

Breen will be co-driven by Paul Nagle, who is stepping in after Gareth Roberts was killed on the Targa Florio Rally.

Breen added: "This drive is something Gareth and I had worked really hard for. We were both so chuffed and had put a hell of a lot of work in. It's going to be hard going there without him."



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