

Breen pushes for more Euro rounds

Craig Breen could expand his ERC schedule to include next month's trip to the Canary Islands.

Breen began his eight-event European campaign in a Peugeot Sport-backed 207 S2000 with second place on Rally Liepaja-Ventspils in Latvia at the weekend. The 23-year-old led after winning the opening five stages.

His next scheduled event is Rallye Azores in April but Breen is now trying to secure funding to compete in Gran Canaria as well. "It would be nice to do it and we will work hard to put something together and go to the Canaries, that's the next one on the cards," Breen told *Motorsport News*. "I'd like to be there and we'll see if we can make it work."

Breen's French Saintéloc Racing team is scheduled to run Corsican Jean-Mathieu Leandri on the Tarmac round and adding a second 207 could reduce the amount of money Breen needs to find.

In terms of his title



Craig Breen was overjoyed with second place in Latvia

challenge, Breen's second place and leg-by-leg bonus points puts him in fifth place in the table. "We're starting the season with a good points haul from the first round. It was an unfamiliar rally and probably a surface that doesn't suit me like the Tarmac does," said Breen, who is being co-driven by David Moynihan.

| POINTS | | |
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| European Rally Championship | | |
| POS | DRIVER | PTS |
| 1 | Jari Ketomaa | 39 |
| 2 | Jan Kopecký | 38 |
| 3 | François Delecour | 32 |
| 4 | Bryan Bouffier | 31 |
| 5 | Craig Breen | 30 |
| 6 | Raimund Baumschlager | 23 |



Moynihan guided Breen

Co-driver elated with podium finish

Co-driver David Moynihan says finishing second on Rally Liepaja-Ventspils was the best moment of his career so far.

The Cork resident has linked up with Craig Breen in 2013, having navigated for Guy Wilks, Kevin Abbring and Marty McCormack. Although they've competed at national level when Breen was in his first year of rallying, the Latvian round of the ERC was their first international event in the same car. "This is the top for me," said Moynihan. "I hope to go better with Craig as the year progresses but to be on the podium with drivers like Jari Ketomaa and François Delecour is incredible."