

Breen was second again in 207

Irish ace not happy with second place

Craig Breen extended his run of second-place finishes in the European championship in the Azores last week after finishing second to Jan Kopecky.

The Irishman, who also finished runner-up in Latvia and Gran Canaria, was competing in his Peugeot 207 S2000 on gravel for the first time and could have won but for two punctures.

"It's second again but it's good experience and more good points," said Breen. "I pushed quite hard for the first two stages [on Saturday] but we couldn't make any advantage on Jan and then we just had to drive a bit more with our heads and be a bit clever. Without the puncture yesterday perhaps we would have been a bit closer and I would have been more in touch. It's all very well racking up these second places, but second is getting monotonous. I want to win like you wouldn't believe."

Breen will get an early taste of Tarmac action ahead of Tour de Corse, his next ERC event, albeit in a Ford Escort MK2 on this weekend's Cartellie International Rally of the Lakes.

