

Breen still in hunt as final event arrives

Egon Kaur (Estonia) 92 points, Craig Breen (Ireland) 72 points, World Rally Great Britain the final round in the inaugural season of the FIA WRC Academy. The scene is set for the two top drivers in series go head to head in the final Showdown for a prize of €500,000.

After a season long battle it now comes down to the 17 stages that make up World Rally Great Britain. Being 20 points in arrears, Craig faces an uphill task if he is to grasp the 2011 Academy crown.

The WRC Academy Championship points scoring system:

1st 25 points, 2nd 18 points, 3rd 15 points, 4th 12 points, 5th 10 points, 6th 8 points, 7th 6 points, 8th 4 points, 9th 2 points, 10th 1 point.

WRC Academy Rally GB consists of 17 special stages, meaning there's a potential 17 points on offer for being the fastest on every stage.

There are multiple permutations resulting with championship success for the Irish young driver and to illustrate Craig's task, if he wins the rally and Egon were to come second, Craig would still be required to win 14 stages to take the title.

CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

The Estonian racked up the majority of his points total with a hat trick of victories on the opening three events, Craig however has never



Craig Breen will go in search of victory in the final event of the year in the FIA WRC Academy at the Rally of Great Britain this weekend.

drivers grasp when he slipped off the road when leading in Portugal with only four stages remaining.

event but Kaur was there to pick up his second win in a row.

Round 3. Finland was the season for Craig came as the Northern European driver (Kaur) was

action and the pair fighting all the way to the last stage.

Round 4. The highlight of the season for Craig came as the Northern European driver (Kaur) was

looked very anonymous for the first time.

Round 5. The Northern European driver (Kaur) was

early on day two while leading. Kaur also suffered the same outcome, scoring no

Scotland where after three demanding days in the Scottish highlands the Irish drivers reward was fourth overall.

Craig's last event saw him take on WRC Spain in the Super S2000 category. He took on the event with the strategy to build up his speed over the three days but again from the start impressed setting very competitive stage times. A broke driveshaft halted his progress early on day two but Craig continued securing fourth in SWRC and 15th overall.

After returning home from Catalunya, Craig's attention has turned to Rally GB.

Craig said, "I'll going to Rally GB with only one strategy and that's to go all out. There's no big secret here as I've only got one option and that's to attack from the start. I know it's a big ask but the confidence is high. Of all the Academy events this year I'm the only driver to hold the rally lead, my one win came on Tarmac but on the gravel of Portugal and Finland I had the speed. These events are different to Wales but the conditions we expect next weekend will be very like Rally Scotland. Plus Rally GB has been very good to me over recent seasons. Last year, I suffered problems on the first day in the S2000 but battled on the get