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Evans looking to 'settle a score' in Sweden



Elfyn Evans has admitted he has a “score to settle” on this week’s Rally Sweden after a disappointing result on Rallye Monte-Carlo.

The Welshman netted sixth place on the opening round of the WRC, but had the pace to fight for a podium.

An opening stage puncture put paid to any such aspirations.

Evans is looking forward to the challenge of Rally Sweden, and is determined to grab a result that reflects his true pace.

“Rally Sweden is an event that everyone looks forward to,” Evans said.

“We can reach incredible speeds and if you get it right it’s easily one of the most enjoyable rallies on the calendar.

“The feeling on snow isn’t a million miles away from driving on gravel, but there are certain techniques that we’ll need to adapt and it can take a bit of getting used to at first.

“There’s something of a score to settle after Monte [Carlo] where we were capable of achieving more than we did, so let’s see what we can do in Sweden.”

Meeke adopting ‘sensible approach’

Kris Meeke adopted a conservative approach on Rallye Monte-Carlo, and is looking to do the same this weekend as the WRC hits the snow and ice.

The Northern Irishman is equal third in the championship after a fourth place finish and a Power Stage win last month.

"It looks like we are going to get proper winter conditions this year, and like all the WRC drivers I can't wait to start," Meeke said.

"The snow banks seem to be bigger and more compact this year, so we'll be able to drive more aggressively and use the banks more.

"It's an exciting challenge that I'm going to try and tackle with the same sensible approach as in Monte-Carlo."

Rally Sweden also marks the first round of the 2018 Junior World Rally Championship.

Richard Burns' godson – Tom Williams – is among the entrants and is looking at a strong result after a fine run to second in the 2017 British Rally Championship Cadet Cup.