

*Second last round of the Spanish Trial Championship: Igualada, Barcelona*

## **GAS GAS ONE-TWO AND... SPANISH TITLE FOR ADAM RAGA**

**The works GAS GAS rider, Adam Raga, has won in the Barcelona event and has become the Spanish Trial Champion. Today he was accompanied on the rostrum by team partner Jeroni Fajardo, putting an end to the season in the best of ways**

Igualada, Barcelona, 17 October 2004.— Unbeatable performance by the works GAS GAS trial team in the seventh and penultimate valid round of the Spanish season, where Adam Raga has won the title both in the Open and Senior A classes by achieving his fifth win of the season today. To round up the manufacturer's result, their youngest works rider, Jeroni Fajardo, was second in the final standings today.

From the very first moment, Adam Raga went for the win, with the intention to decide the title as soon as possible. On the first lap, his 11 points helped him to cut all chances of being caught by Cabestany, and only his team partner Jeroni Fajardo was able to fight for the final win of the trial in Igualada. The second lap confirmed Adam Raga as the best active Spanish trial rider, and he had an even more complete performance than on the first lap, adding only eight points. **«I started with very big motivation and was concentrated on achieving our aim, as I was aware of how important it was not to give my rivals a chance. Now I am very happy, because only one thing is better than celebrating a title at the end of the season: doing it with a win like today's on the last round. Thanks to my team's work, the Spanish Championship has ceased to be an unsolved question for me!»,** commented Raga in the middle of a big celebration by the GAS GAS directors and team members in Igualada.

Narcís Casas, manager of GAS GAS together with Josep Maria Pibernat, also expressed his happiness for the new Spanish Championship in the manufacturer's curriculum: **«It is an important win as GAS GAS had not managed to win the Spanish title since 1996, when Amós Bilbao won it for GAS GAS before Jordi Tarrés. After such a long time, Adam Raga and the works GAS GAS team's success in the 2004 season has a strong significance.»** This year, apart from the Spanish Championship, GAS GAS has also won multiple national championships around the world. Great Britain, Portugal, France, Germany, Italy, the USA and Finland are the other countries where GAS GAS riders have climbed onto the highest step of the podium, a fact that underlines the honour position of GAS GAS in the international trial competition world.

Returning to today's trial, under very hot conditions and with a considerable amount of public, the rest of the GAS GAS riders also had a good display during the day. Raga and Fajardo's one-two was shouldered by Jordi Pascuet's fifth place, followed by Daniel Oliveras in sixth and the GAS GAS riders Isaac Pons and Daniel Gibert in eighth and ninth respectively. After this last round, apart from Raga's title in the Senior A and in the Open, with the participation of the top world trial riders, we also count on Jeroni Fajardo's four place in the final standings, with Jordi Pascuet right behind in fifth, results which show the domination of GAS GAS, with three riders in the top five places.



The closing round of the Spanish Trial Championship will take place in Alcañiz on 31 October.

### **A faultless season**

After becoming the outdoor Spanish Trial Champion, with five wins out of seven valid rounds, the “Jordi Tarrés-GAS GAS” rider Adam Raga has shown his excellent fitness level and put an end to a great season at the commands of his GG TXT 300, a season which has seen him achieve feats such as his second Indoor World Trial Championship, with 7 wins and 4 second places; 4 wins in the outdoor World Trial Championship, achieving the third place in the final standings, and the Trial des Nations title together with Jeroni Fajardo. The 21-year-old is also aiming at the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship. Undoubtedly a very complete palmares, and a result of his hard work under the direction of Jordi Tarrés.

Like Jeroni Fajardo, sixth in the outdoor World Trial Championship and fourth in the Spanish Trial Championship after his second place today and the win – his first ever – on the sixth round at Villameca, Raga is part of the GAS GAS School of Champions. The results obtained by both riders show clearly that the Girona manufacturer has found the formula to take their young riders to success thanks to the formation of couples supervised by World Champion masters such as Jordi Tarrés – with Adam Raga – or Marc Colomer – with Jeroni Fajardo.

#### Final standings of the Trial de Igualada

1- Adam Raga (E/GAS GAS)	19 (11+8)
2- Jeroni Fajardo (E/GAS GAS)	35 (11+24)
3- Albert Cabestany (E/Beta)	39 (23+16)
4- Marc Freixa (E/Montesa)	45 (24+21)
5- Jordi Pascuet (E/GAS GAS)	59 (31+27)
6- Daniel Oliveras (E/GAS GAS)	102 (54+48)
7- Daniel Cuerdo (E/GAS GAS)	102 (54+48)
8- Isaac Pons (E/GAS GAS)	121 (60+61)
9- Dani Gibert (E/GAS GAS)	125 (64+61)

#### Final standings of the Spanish Trial Championship - Senior A -

1- Adam Raga (E/GAS GAS)	134 points
2- Albert Cabestany (E/Beta)	111 points
3- Marc Freixa (E/Montesa)	106 points
4- Jeroni Fajardo (E/GAS GAS)	96 points
5- Jordi Pascuet (E/GAS GAS)	79 points
6- Daniel Oliveras (E/GAS GAS)	55 points
7- Toni Bou (E/Beta)	55 points
8- Daniel Cuerdo (E/GAS GAS)	53 points
9- Dani Gibert (E/GAS GAS)	49 points
10- Isaac Pons (E/GAS GAS)	45 points

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