

The GAS GAS rider adds his fifth win of the season in the Portuguese capital

ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS), STRAIGHT TO THE WORLD TITLE

Lisbon (Portugal), 22 February 2004.– The works GAS GAS and reigning Indoor World Champion Adam Raga is on a nearly faultless line. With enviable confidence and ease, the 21-year-old from Uldecona, Tarragona achieved his fifth win of the season in Lisbon on Saturday. It was his fourth win in a row, and it has combined with his main rival Doug Lampkin's mishaps to confirm Raga's undisputed lead in the World Championship. All of that with the rest of the season's calendar to revise, as the cancellation of one of the remaining events might give him the crown prematurely.

In Lisbon, Adam Raga (GAS GAS) displayed extraordinary skills, quite the same as in former rounds. With a clear win over the two laps on the 13 very technical sections of the trial, Raga was given a five in the waterfall section, where he had had no problem except for allegedly stepping out of the section's limits very slightly. But this was no obstacle for the GAS GAS rider to confirm his favourite condition and add his twelfth win in a World Indoor Trial.

With the present situation of the Championship and the overwhelming domination by the Spanish rider, it is only logical that Raga himself should express his opinion: «**I believe that we are winning for a number of factors,**» commented the World Champion happily and with surprising confidence. «**In he first place, I am working very hard, both on the motorbike (with Jordi Tarrés' help) and at the gym, but also because my team are doing a great job preparing my GAS GAS 300, a perfect bike I am fully identified with. I feel very much at ease and motivated and we are working non-stop, I think that is the key to our success. Can we transfer this situation to the outdoor championship? That shouldn't necessarily be the case, but in fact we are working so as to be equally competitive at the start of the overall World Championship, which is one of our aims this season.**»

The 5th Trial Indoor Ciudad de Lisboa, which was held at the superb Pavilhao Atlántico, with a capacity of over 10,000 spectators, counted on a total of 13 sections including a high jump and a speed section. All the zones were highly technical and on natural rocks, with metallic modules and a waterfall. After this event, which has provided such good results for the GAS GAS team, the remaining calendar of the indoor season is an open question, as the Bucharest round, which was scheduled for next Saturday, has been cancelled, and everything depends on the dates of some of the remaining events. It all seems to indicate that the Granada event is likely to produce a champion already on 13 March.

8th round of the World Indoor Trial Championship - Trial of Lisbon – Final's standings

1 . Adam Raga (GAS GAS)	20 points
2 . Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	24 points
3 . Albert Cabestany (Beta)	29 points

Provisional standings of the World Indoor Trial Championship

1 . Adam Raga (GAS GAS)	74 points
2 . Doug Lampkin (Montesa)	54 points
3 . Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	54 points
4 . Albert Cabestany (Beta)	39 points

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