

On the first day of the Trial of France, the 5th round of the World Trial Championship

THREE PODIUM PLACES FOR GAS GAS

Third win by Adam Raga in the World Championship

Valdeblore (France), 19 June 2004.– The first day of the Trial of France, which was held under changing weather in the beautiful Valdeblore mountain, had the GAS GAS riders as the main protagonists: Adam Raga achieved the overall win, and has thus closed the gap to Doug Lampkin to just 4 points, who was second in the overall before Takahisa Fujinami. Mika Vesterinen won in the 250cc in the Junior class and Dani Oliveras did the same in 125cc – the Youth class.

This is Adam's third overall win in the 2004 outdoor championship and he is second to Fuji in the number of top podium places this year, before seven-time World Champion Lampkin, who has only won once this season.

Adam was very satisfied with his new win: *«I am very happy because this is a special event... With thirteen out of fifteen sections in the water, where I don't usually get good results, although today everything worked to perfection. Now I am closer to Lampkin in the Championship standings, so it would be important to achieve the same result tomorrow, particularly if Fujinami is third again.»*

Another remarkable performance was Jeroni Fajardo's: Marc Colomer's pupil was 5th today with the same number of points as Albert Cabestany, who was 4th thanks to having one clean more than Jeroni on his card. On their part, the Junior riders also had excellent results, and collected a win for GAS GAS in both the 125cc and the 250cc classes. Mika Vesterinen and Isaac Pons went on with their private fight and finished first and second in the day's class standings, keeping the same position in the Championship; the same applied to Dani Oliveras and Dani Gibert, who scored a one-two in the 125cc. Tomorrow the Trial of France will celebrate its second competitive day, with an identical circuit to today.

<u>Final standings of the Trial of France – day 1</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	36
2 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	44
3 - Takahisa Fujinami (Jap/Honda)	48
4 - Albert Cabestany (Sp/Beta)	54
5 - Jeroni Fajardo (Sp/GAS GAS)	54

<u>Provisional World Trial Championship standings</u>	
1 - Takahisa Fujinami (Japan/Honda)	156 points
2 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	148 points
3 - Adam Raga (Spain/GAS GAS)	144 points
4 - Albert Cabestany (Spain/Beta)	113 points
6 - Jeroni Fajardo (Spain/GAS GAS)	90 points

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