

*After the Trial of Spain, the 8th round of the WTC*

## **ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS) IS SECOND AND CLOSES THE GAP TO THE RUNNER-UP SPOT**

**The Uldecona rider closes the gap to 4 points behind Lampkin with one round to go**

Puerto Pajares, Spain, 25 July 2004.– The works GAS GAS team's main rider Adam Raga has finished second today at the Trial of Spain, the third last round of the World Trial Championship. With this great result, the Catalan rider has taken a decisive step in his fight for the runner-up place, with only four points between him and the second-place man Doug Lampkin.

On the first lap, Adam Raga proved to be more than fit, taking the lead of the Asturian round with only 27 points. Only Japan's Takahisa Fujinami, who has virtually taken the title with his win today, and Raga's second-lap points – some of which were quite dubious according to the GAS GAS team – prevented Raga from adding his fifth win of the season in the WTC. However, his second place right before Lampkin is an excellent reward to the efforts of the GAS GAS rider, who is now cutting down the distance between him and the Briton and is keeping on with his great line in the Championship. Whatever happens on the last round, Raga will have improved his fourth place in the 2003 World Trial Championship.

The trial also witnessed other highlights by Raga's team partners in GAS GAS, Jeroni Fajardo and Jordi Pascuet. Fajardo was seventh, after being in the fifth place on the first lap. Pascuet, on his part, came home in eighth.

The next and decisive round, which will put an end to the 2004 World Trial Championship, will take place on 4 and 5 September in Moutier, Switzerland. It will return to the habitual, two-day format, and it will stage the fight between the works GAS GAS rider and current World Indoor Trial Champion Adam Raga and Doug Lampkin for the second place of the final overall standings.

### Final standings - Trial de España

	<u>Points</u>
1 - Takahisa Fujinami (J/Honda)	47 (34+17)
2 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	49 (22+27)
3 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	52 (27+23+2)
4 - Kenichi Kuroyama (J/Beta)	71 (40+31)
5 - Albert Cabestany (Sp/Beta)	73 (42+28+3)
6 - Marc Freixa (Sp/Montesa)	75 (35+36+4)
7 - Jeroni Fajardo (Sp/GAS GAS)	83 (40+43)
8 - Jordi Pascuet (Sp/GAS GAS)	83 (47+36)

### Provisional World Trial Championship standings

1 - Takahisa Fujinami (Japan/Honda)	250 points
2 - Doug Lampkin (Great Britain /Montesa)	226 points
3 - Adam Raga (Spain/GAS GAS)	222 points
4 - Albert Cabestany (Spain/Beta)	173 points
6 - Jeroni Fajardo (Spain/GAS GAS)	137 points

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