

ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS) KEEPS HIS DOMINATION IN THE INDOOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER LISBON

Two tenths of a second leave the World Champion in the second place

Lisbon, Portugal, 27 February 2005.– Although it came very close to yet another win, this time it could not be, and for the first time in 8 rounds the reigning Indoor Trial World Champion Adam Raga (GAS GAS TXT 300) finished in the second place, with a tiny two-tenth gap between him and his main rival in this edition of the Championship, his fellow countryman Albert Cabestany.

With a big distance in points way ahead of his closest rival in the provisional standings, Raga was approaching this event with all eyes set on him as the great dominator of the speciality, and all of his rivals eager to capitalise on the smallest mistake by the still unbeaten world leader. In the qualifying heat, Cabestany already finished in the first place before Raga, Lampkin, Fujinami and Fajardo, while in the final the two great rivals had a tough fight which finished with the two men at a draw.

Like in the Milan trial, the final classification was decided on a final timed section. Cabestany did it in 20 seconds plus 1 tenth... and Raga in 20 seconds and 3 tenths; the result of the Indoor Trial World Championship's eighth round was decided: *«These things must happen»*, commented Adam Raga, resigned but still happy, *«you can't always win and in Milan the trial finished very much like this, although my time was clearly better then. This time, the technical level of the sections was not as difficult as usual for us, but it was a hardly fought trial all the same. My regularity must give me the World Championship again, and we can take another step further next week.»*

With seven wins and a second place in the eight events held so far, Raga is getting closer and closer to a new World title, his third one. Now he must control his considerable advantage and also continue his training for the new challenges this season has in store for him. The ninth round of the Indoor Trial World Championship is due at Livorno, Italy, on Saturday.

Lisbon Indoor Trial Indoor

1 - Cabestany (Sherco)	7 points
2 - Raga (GAS GAS)	7 points
3 - Lampkin (Montesa)	18 points

Provisional World Championship standings

1 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	78 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Sp/Sherco)	61 points
3 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	43 points

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