

After winning the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship in Lleida

ADAM RAGA'S FIFTH TITLE OF THE SEASON AND GAS GAS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Salt, Girona, 27 December 2004.– Adam Raga, the number one “Jordi Tarrés-GAS GAS” team rider, has achieved – for the first time in his sports career – the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship, after beating his rivals on the tenth and last round of the series, held at the Barris Nord sports arena in Lleida. The Spanish and World number one indoor trialist has also renewed his contract with GAS GAS, aiming at the joint venture of winning the titles obtained in 2004 again and trying to achieve the outdoor 2005 World Trial Championship title.

With five wins out of the ten events in the Spanish indoor series, the rider from Uldecona displayed his riding skills and his expertise at the commands of the GAS GAS TXT 300 again. *“It was a difficult trial, with complicated sections. I liked the first lap very much, and the second one was also good, although it didn't turn out so well. It was in the Time Force section where I was able to get some advantage over my rival, Albert Cabestany, and I managed to keep that gap until the end,”* commented an ecstatic Raga, who added: *“It was a very satisfying event. There was great expectation in the Lleida sports arena, with a big crowd applauding after each rider's performance. After a long day, when you see that the win is yours and that, with it, you also win the title – the fifth of the season! – you are full of happiness and satisfaction.”*

The analysis of Adam Raga's 2004 season can only be qualified as brilliant. Five titles out of six championships – World Indoor Trial Championship for the second consecutive year, indoor and outdoor Trial des Nations, the outdoor Spanish Trial Championship and now the indoor one– and a third place in the overall standings of the outdoor World Trial Championship, are the result of hard and intense work under the mentorship of seven-time world trial champion Jordi Tarrés, which has made the 22-year-old ready to be 100% in every event. This new success also proves the good results of the GAS GAS School of Champions, created by the manufacturer with top-level tutors such as Tarrés himself, or Marc Colomer, which is producing interesting and promising promises in the Spanish motorcycling field like Raga, Jeroni Fajardo or Jordi Pascuet.

“I am really satisfied. This year I have won almost all the championships I have entered, so the final analysis couldn't be better. It has been a fantastic year and I wish we can do the same in coming seasons,” finally commented the Tarragona rider. On the renewal of the contract that ties him to GAS GAS, Raga was also final: *“We reached an agreement already some days ago, and now we only need to make it officially public. For 2005 our great aim is the overall World Championship and to renew the indoor title we have achieved in the last two years. It will be a tight year, but with GAS GAS we are preparing thoroughly to be there.”*



Final standings of the Trial Indoor de Lleida

1 - Adam Raga (GAS GAS)	8 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Beta)	11 points
3 - Toni Bou (Beta)	11 points
4 - Marc Freixa (Montesa)	23 points
5 - Jeroni Fajardo (GAS GAS)	24 points
6 - Jordi Pascuet (GAS GAS)	25 points



Final standings of the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship

1 - Adam Raga (GAS GAS)	179 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Beta)	173 points
3 - Marc Freixa (Montesa)	138 points
4 - Toni Bou (Beta)	108 points
5 - Jeroni Fajardo (GAS GAS)	88 points
6 - Marc Colomer (GAS GAS)	77 points

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The creation of a trial Champion

Adam Raga Sans was born in Ulldecona, Tarragona, 22 years ago, on 6 April 1982, and it could be said that he came with built-in riding skills. At only six years old he made his debut in competition, and in 1995 he achieved his first success: his first Catalan Championship. In 1997 he became the Junior Spanish Champion. Two years later he joined the works GAS GAS team, led by seven-time world champion Jordi Tarrés, starting the GAS GAS School of Champions, and after that he has not stopped collecting win after win. The main highlights of the young champion's career are listed below:

- His first trial...** he tackled it in 1988 (6 years old), the Desafío Mecatecno in Martorelles
- He got his first overall win...** at 13 (1995), The Catalan Cadet Championship
- His first Spanish Championship title...** came in 1997 (15 years old), in the Junior class
- In 1999...** he joined the GAS GAS works team, achieving the runner-up place in the European Championship.
- His first international titles...** arrived in 2000 when he became the Junior World and European Championships in the GAS GAS-Jordi Tarrés team
- **In 2001...** team win in the Trial des Nations, 5th in the World Championship and 4th in the Spanish Championship
- From 2002...** uncontested winning line: 4th overall in the World Championship, 3rd in the World Indoor Championship, runner-up in the Trial des Nations team standings, runner-up in the Spanish outdoor Championship and Spanish Indoor Cup. And in 2003, World Indoor Trial Champion, runner-up in the Spanish Indoor Trial Cup, 4th in the World Trial Championship and 5th in the Spanish Trial Championship.
- 2004... 5 titles out of 6 possible championships!** and 3rd overall in the World Trial Championship. This is clearly a year to remember, and it will mark a turning point in Adam Raga's sports career:

- World Indoor Trial Champion
- World Champion at the Trial des Nations
- World Champion at the Indoor Trial des Nations
- Spanish Trial Champion (Senior and Open classes)
- Spanish Indoor Trial Champion