

With two rounds to go to the end of the series, the GAS GAS man renews his title

ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS), WORLD INDOOR TRIAL CHAMPION FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Granada, 13 March 2004.– Adam Raga, the “Jordi Tarrés-GAS GAS” rider, has renewed his World Indoor Trial Champion title and added yet another crown to his international curriculum. This long list includes the two World Indoor titles, a Junior World Championship and a European Championship – both in 2000 – as well as another crown as a member of the Trial des Nations Champion team in 2001. The 2004 championship has come to his hands two events before the end of the series, because his six wins, five of them head to head, together with his three seconds, have mathematically ensured him the championship win.

At 21, Adam – who is also the leader of the Spanish outdoor Trial Championship after winning the first round in Jaén – is a man who has undergone training in GAS GAS under the exclusive tutorship of seven-time World Champion Jordi Tarrés, and is a direct product of the School of Champions created by the

Spanish manufacturer, who are constantly feeding the Spanish motorcycling world with great figures. Starting from a good base that his mentor Jordi Tarrés has worked on, Adam has given personality and character to the handling of his successful TXT 300, and in his four years as a member of the «Jordi Tarrés-GAS GAS» team, he has achieved a very refined riding style. But, although Raga is the highest exponent of this team today, the line-up also includes such names as Jeroni Fajardo, former World Champion Marc Colomer – who has started a new career as Fajardo’s mentor this year – and Jordi Pascuet.

No superstitions: Adam’s 13th win in the Indoor World Championship

With this laborious and significant win, apart from the overall championship, Adam has achieved his 13th win in the Indoor Championship and has thus equalled his mentor Jordi Tarrés’s record in this speciality. Doug Lampkin is the rider who has climbed to the top of the rostrum on the highest number of occasions, with 35 wins, followed by Marc Colomer, with 33. Behind Tarrés and Raga are Cabestany, with 8 wins, and Tommi Ahvala, with 7, after the 11 years of history of the World Indoor Championship.

In Granada, Raga would have had enough with finishing before his two main rivals, Doug Lampkin and Takahisa Fujinami, but the Briton made things easy for him in the classifying lap already, and finished last of the six riders after the thirteen sections, which prevented him from going into the final. With Lampkin out of contention everything looked easier, although Adam still had to beat Fujinami, since a win by the Japanese would have delayed the Championship victory up to the next round in the best of cases. But



'Fuji' started badly and added 27 points, so the interest was concentrated in the fight between Freixa and Raga, who eventually achieved the win by a four-point margin – 17 for Raga and 21 for Freixa.

A happy and relaxed Adam has dedicated his win to his team, but he also has had an emotive memory for the victims of the brutal terrorist attempt that took place in Madrid last Thursday. In fact, all the preliminary celebration activities for the Granada Indoor had already been cancelled, and the riders kept a one-minute silence before the start of the event. The public also dedicated a silent wave to show their condemnation of the terrorist action.

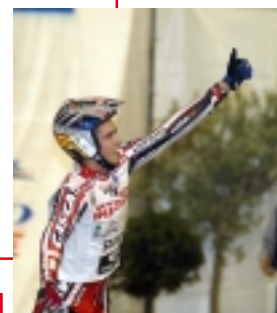
Apart from this special dedication, the two-time World Champion commented that he was *«very satisfied with this new World Title; now, much more relaxed, we are going to prepare our next target thoroughly with Jordi Tarrés: the outdoor World Championship, where we have the ambitious aim to conquer, at least, the runner-up place.»* For Tarrés, *«Adam is incredibly fit, and this, together with the motivation he has gained by winning the title and the international recognition that goes with it, should be enough to start the outdoor Championship with full energy.»* With two rounds to go, the World Indoor Trial Championship's standings are as follows: Adam Raga, 84 points; Takahisa Fujinami, 60 points and Doug Lampkin, 57 points.

The record of a champion

ADAM RAGA: «Enjoyment is not enough to describe what I am feeling»

Born in Ulldecona (Tarragona) on 6 April 1982, Adam already counts on a very complete palmares which places him among the top world elite riders in this sport and has been confirmed once more as the Spanish relay of his mentor Jordi Tarrés, who won the World Championship 7 times. For Adam «enjoyment is not enough to describe what I am feeling now! I am ecstatic, although I must be realistic and start to work hard for a harder aim: to win the same title in the outdoor championship.»

1997	Spanish Junior Champion
1998	29th in the World Championship 16th in the European Championship 12th in the Spanish Championship
1999	Works rider of the «Team Andorra-GAS GAS-Jordi Tarrés» European Runner-up 16th in the World Championship 6th in the Spanish Championship
2000	Works rider of the «GAS GAS-Jordi Tarrés» team Junior World Champion European Champion Runner up in the British Championship 9th in the World Championship 9th in the Spanish Championship
2001	Member of the Champion Team at the Trial des Nations 5th in the World Championship (2 wins) 4th in the Spanish Championship (2 wins)
2002	4th in the World Championship 3rd in the World Indoor Championship Member of the Runner up team in the Trial des Nations Spanish Runner up Runner up in the Spanish Indoor Cup
2003	World Indoor Trial Champion Runner up in the Spanish Indoor Trial Cup 4th in the World Trial Championship 5th in the Spanish Trial Championship
2004	World Indoor Trial Champion Leader of the Spanish Trial Championship



The Champion's bike

The GAS GAS TXT 300 Réplica Raga – Technical characteristics

- Mg - T6 Sump.
- Mg - T6 Swing arm.
- Mg - T6 Clutch cover.
- Keihin carburettor.
- Ohllins shock absorber.
- Radiator with '05 thermal switch.
- Variable diameter handlebars and Ra clamps.
- HEBO Zero grips.
- Marzocchi D40 suspension.
- AL '05 chain tensioner.
- AJP Ra brake pump with Teflon lines.
- Exclusive RACING RAGA limited series decoration (numbered and signed). Identification badge riveted on the frame.
- Oil clutch pump.
- '05 Teflon clutch line.
- Aluminium swing arm axle
- Ducati ignition with Racing programme.
- Built-in seal-ring crankshaft bearings.

