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The GAS GAS riders, great protagonists of the Córdoba event

ADAM RAGA AND JERONI FAJARDO (GAS GAS) WIN THE TRIAL DES NATIONS WITH THE SPANISH TEAM

In the Women's cup, France wins with the GAS GAS riders Bertrand and Journet

Córdoba (Andalusia), 26 September 2004.– After the previous two rounds' British domination in the most important international trial for national teams, the Spanish formation, with GAS GAS riders Adam Raga and Jeroni Fajardo sharing the line-up with Marc Freixa and Albert Cabestany, have achieved the win with uncontested authority over their rivals. The Salt-based manufacturer has thus seen their riders achieve this highly-priced title, and consolidate their relevant role in world trial competition.

The Cordoban Fátima Sports Arena was the event's headquarters, where the final podium gathered GAS GAS riders in the top three places: apart from Raga and Fajardo in the first place, Steve Colley was on the second step – with Great Britain, together with Doug Lampkin, Sam Connor and Graham Jarvis – and Taichi Tanaka, another GAS GAS rider, was on the third one with Takahisa Fujinami, Kenichi Kuroyama and Tornoyuki Okawa in the Japanese one. The event was held under very good atmosphere, although the intense heat, with temperatures rising over 40 degrees Celsius during the competition, was present during most of the time.

Adam Raga and Jeroni Fajardo's contribution to the win was essential for the success of the Spanish Team, with a riding level that places them at the highest level in the international competition today. The former, who has added his second international title of the season today, comments his vision of the Trial des Nations: *«I like this trial for several reasons. First, it is a trial where you can compete without much pressure, because the level of pure competition does not reach the limits of individual World Trial Championship events in spite of the importance of victory. You can ride more relaxed, which sometimes is also the basis to success. On the other hand, the fact that you are riding in national teams allows riders such as Cabestany of Freixa, who have been my direct rivals during the year, to compete on the same side as I with a common target. This allows us to have a very friendly relationship for some days, and we share and enjoy this rather curious situation. To sum it up, it is a fantastic way to put an end to the world outdoor season, and if the win is in our hands, like in our case, we cannot ask for anything more.»* This is the second time that Raga conquers the Trial des Nations, and the first overall World title for his young team partner Jeroni Fajardo.

The GAS GAS presence in the Trial des Nations was very big, which was proved by the fact that six out of the top seven teams had GAS GAS riders in their line-ups. Most of them were also very young, like Italian Fabio Lenzi, France's Jerome Bethune or Mika Vesterinen from Finland, taking part in the Junior World Championship or in the European Championship with GAS GAS.

In the Women's Trial des Nations, France achieved the victory in the 2004 Trial des Nations with two GAS GAS riders (Claire Bertrand and Marilyne Journet) in their line-up. Seven out of the top ten teams also counted on GAS GAS bikes, with the Canadian (Christy Williams-Kerry Williams-Heather Wall / 6th) and German (Iris Krämer-Ute Krämer-Rosita Leotta / 7th) teams riding exclusively GAS GAS bikes.



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GAS GAS, since 1991 with the winners of the Trial des Nations

In recent editions of the biggest world championship for national teams, the Girona manufacturer has always been an outstanding protagonist, with one or more of each year's winning national team riders on a GG bike. Since the first time Amós Bilbao was in GAS GAS, with two wins for the Spanish national team in 1991 and 1992, the Spanish manufacturer has not ceased to be on the podium. The Spanish team won again in 1993 (the GAS GAS riders were Jordi Tarrés and Joan Pons), 1994 (Jordi Tarrés, Joan Pons and Ángel García), 1995 (Jordi Tarrés and Joan Pons), 1998 (Amós Bilbao, Marcel Justribó and Jordi Pascuet), 2000 (Marc Freixa) and 2001 (Marc Colomer and Adam Raga). Also when the winners were not the Spaniards was GAS GAS in the top step of the podium, like in the British national team wins in 1997 (Steve Colley), 1999 (Steve Colley and Martin Crosswaite), 2002 (Steve Colley and Sam Connor) and 2003 (Sam Connor). GAS GAS has equally been on the podium in the Women's Trial des Nations in the last four events: 2000 and 2002 (Spain), 2001 (Norway) and 2003 (Germany).

Final standings of the 2004 Trial des Nations-Córdoba

1- Raga-Fajardo -Cabestany-Freixa (Spain)	33 (17+12+4T)
2- Lampkin- Colley -Connor-Jarvis (Great Britain)	83 (43+37+3T)
3- Fujinami-Kuroyama- Tanaka -Ogawa (Japan)	93 (34+59)
4- Bethune -Bruand-Camozzi-Camozzi (France)	264 (107+141+14T+2T)
5- Lenzi -Bosis-Orizio-Re Delle Gandine (Italy)	324 (166+158)
6- Balas-Kadlec-Kroustek-Svodoba (Czech Republic)	355 (182+173)
7- Vesterinen -Ahvala-Haapanen-Hindren (Finland)	360 (175+185)
8- Schäfer-Stranghöner-Ulzeimer-Wassermann (Germany)	382 (196+186)
9- Johansson-Riedel-Riedel-Thiger (Sweden)	424 (210+214)

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