

Second day of the Trial of Japan, the 3rd round of the World Trial Championship

JERONI FAJARDO (GAS GAS), JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE PODIUM

The young Spanish promise is fourth and Adam Raga is fifth

Motegi (Japan), 23 May 2004.– The GAS GAS rider Jeroni Fajardo has achieved his best result ever in the World Trial Championship with an excellent performance on Asian ground that pushed him up to the fourth place in the day's standings. Behind him was his team partner Adam Raga, who finished fifth, adding 11 valuable points to his Championship score, but losing the second place in the Championship classification.

Like yesterday, Adam Raga handed in his card with 15 points on the first lap, finishing the lap in the sixth place, far from the top riders. He repeated his excellent performance on the second lap, but this time the result was not enough to grant him a place in the podium at Motegi. His team partner in GAS GAS, Jeroni Fajardo, keeps showing that he will have a significant role in coming years, and after today's fourth place he is already considering the challenge to score a podium finish in any of the remaining WTC events.

In the Junior class, the GAS GAS riders keep dominating the top of the rankings. In spite of José María Juan's win today, the lead in the Junior Championship standings is still in the hands of Mika Vesterinen, who was second today, with 103 points, followed closely by his GAS GAS partner Isaac Pons, with 101 points, in third.

The fourth round of the World Trial Championship will take place in two weeks' time. The GAS GAS riders and their respective teams will fly to Duluth, USA for the next event.

<u>Trial of Japan – 2nd day standings</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Per lap</u>
1 - Takahisa Fujinami (J/Honda)	12	3+9
2 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	12	12+0
3 - Marc Freixa (Sp/Montesa)	13	8+5
4 - Jeroni Fajardo (Sp/GAS GAS)	18	13+5
5 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	20	15+5

Provisional World Trial Championship standings

1 - Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	101 points
2 - Takahisa Fujinami (Japón/Honda)	101 points
3 - Adam Raga (Spain/GAS GAS)	94 points
4 - Albert Cabestany (Spain/Beta)	76 points
5 - Marc Freixa (Spain/Montesa)	75 points
6 - Jeroni Fajardo (Spain/GAS GAS)	63 points

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