

Another hat trick for GAS GAS in Senior (Raga), Junior (Pons) and under-18 (Oliveras)

ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS) WINS THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL OF PORTUGAL AND BECOMES THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER

Excellent Jeroni Fajardo (GAS GAS), who was 2nd at the end of the 1st lap

Gouveia (Portugal), 18 April 2004.— Adam Raga, the GAS GAS rider and two-time World Indoor Trial Champion, has taken the lead in the outdoor World Trial Championship after his two wins at the Trial of Portugal, the second today before Japan's Fujinami and Britain's Lampkin.

Raga had already scored the best result on the first lap, before an astonishing Fajardo. Raga kept on with his good line, but his young team partner fell back to sixth, which is still a very good position for a 19-year-old. The best of Raga appeared on this trial, with easy riding, although the win was dear, with one single point separating the first from the second and the second from the third.

«**It was a round weekend,**» commented Raga after finding his way to the victory again. «**I wasn't satisfied with my performance in Ireland and both yesterday and today I started with the intention to ride in the same way and feel the same sensations that I had in my best days.**» The GAS GAS rider says that the fact that many consider him the great favourite for the World Championship didn't put too much pressure on him: «**Our work aims at winning the Championship, but I know very well that we will have to fight to the last day; we must not get nervous because the season will be very long.**»

Like yesterday, GAS GAS blocked the top two places in the Junior class, with Isaac Pons and Mika Vesterinen, and the top three in the FIM Youth Cup 125, with Daniel Oliveras before Daniel Gibert and Britain's Sven Taylor. The GAS GAS hat trick and colours have been total in the second World Championship meeting, which was also sponsored by the Spanish manufacturer. The next World Trial Championship round will take place in Japan (Twin Ring Motegi), on 22 and 23 May.

<u>Trial de Portugal-2 day standings</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Per lap</u>
1- Adam Raga (SP/GAS GAS)	23	12+11
2- Takahisa Fujinami (J/Honda)	24	16+8
3- Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	25	15+10
4- Albert Cabestany (SP/Beta)	36	22+14
5- Marc Freixa (SP/Montesa)	37	25+12
6- Jeroni Fajardo (SP/GAS GAS)	39	15+24

<u>Provisional World Trial Championship standings</u>	<u>Points</u>
1- Adam Raga (Spain/GAS GAS)	68 points
2- Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	67 points
3- Takahisa Fujinami (Japan/Honda)	61 points
4- Albert Cabestany (Spain/Beta)	58 points
5- Marc Freixa (Spain/Montesa)	49 points
6- Jeroni Fajardo (Spain/GAS GAS)	40 points

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