

First win of the season at the opening round in Sheffield

## GREAT START BY ADAM RAGA AND GAS GAS IN THE WORLD INDOOR TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sheffield, Great Britain, 8 January 2005.- The year has only just started and the works trial GAS GAS team, led by double world champion Adam Raga, have already collected their first success on the very first round of the World Indoor Trial Championship held in Sheffield, Great Britain. The Spanish rider had a great performance, proving again that he is the man to beat. On his part, the young GAS GAS rider Jeroni Fajardo finished in the sixth place in his World Indoor Championship debut with only 19 years of age.

Adam Raga displayed great confidence and outstanding mettle, going through the sections with tremendous skill. The second man on the podium was Cabestany, with Japan's Fujinami in third. Raga has thus added his first win on British ground, an excellent prelude to what may be the new season. A very satisfied Raga commented: *"To start the year winning is the best one can do and I am very happy with that. I did very well on the first lap, although I fived the last section when I got stuck and was forced to put my foot down three times. The truth is that I was quite tired when I finished. On the second lap, I did very good things, and I got enough advantage to win by three points in the end. In spite of this first win, we must be aware that the championship is very long."*

Jordi Tarrés's pupils collected his first 10 points before over 8,500 spectators that crowded the Sheffield Hallam FM Arena. *"The place was packed"* says Adam Raga, *"and the public were cheering loudly. However, I was very concentrated and I proved my good shape. Regarding the GAS GAS, it worked to perfection and it is at a very high level, it is one of the best bikes, but looking at my rivals' skills, we cannot afford to lose concentration for a second, so every win is highly priced."*

The Sheffield Indoor consisted on nine sections, a parallel race and a high jump. As usual in recent events, the trial was tough, with sections strewn with natural elements such as boulders, logs and railway sleepers, which made it considerably more difficult from a technical point of view. The Marseille sports arena in France will hold the second round of the Championship in two weeks' time.

### Final standings of the World Indoor Trial Championship's first round: Sheffield

1 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	27 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Sp/Sherco)	30 points
3 - Takahisa Fujinami (Jap/Montesa-Honda)	33 points

### Provisional standings of the 2005 World Indoor Trial Championship

1 - Adam Raga (Sp/GAS GAS)	10 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Sp/Sherco)	8 points
3 - Takahisa Fujinami (Jap/Montesa-Honda)	6 points

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