

After winning in Marseille, the GAS GAS man leads clearly in the world indoor series

ADAM RAGA: "I FEEL FIT AND AT EASE"

Marseille, France, 23 January 2005.- With a clear win at the Marseille Indoor Trial on Friday, Adam Raga (GAS GAS TXT 300), the reigning World Indoor Trial Champion, has taken a further step ahead of his rivals in the 2005 standings and, more importantly, has shown them that his fitness level is exceptional and that it will be very hard for them to beat the tandem that has dominated the world indoor trial in the last two years.

"The second lap was quite difficult here in Marseille, but I crossed a section nobody else managed to go through, and that gave me the win," commented Raga shortly before another participation, with some other riders, in a trial exhibition in Marseille the day after the championship round. The world's indoor trial number one added: *"Winning again is obviously possible, but there is still a lot of work to be done. It is not easy to aim at the final win when there are still ten rounds to go. It is clear that this year I am the man to beat for everyone, that any of the favourite riders will capitalise on the slightest mistake on my side to beat me and that the Lampkin we saw in Marseille was much more aggressive than in Sheffield. All that forces us to keep our concentration at the maximum level."*

Adam Raga, a real pleasure to watch in an indoor trial because he makes this type of races look as if they had been designed with his particular and highly effective riding style in mind, is actually very much aware of all this: *"I feel fit and very much at ease with my GAS GAS and with the manufacturer's team who are there with me at the races. We are in a very good moment and we are very competitive, that is clear, but we must keep working at a top level, we cannot relax."*

Everyone knows that, apart from winning all the championships they enter, Raga and the GAS GAS team are looking forward to shining in the outdoor WTC: *"It is more and more within reach, but it is a radically different championship from the indoor one. I hope be closer to it than last season, but the time to speak about it is not come yet."* The next world indoor rounds for Adam Raga will be in Toulouse and Granada, on 28 and 30 January respectively, and Barcelona on 6 February.

Provisional standings of the 2005 World Indoor Trial Championship

1 - Adam Raga (Spain/GAS GAS)	20 points
2 - Albert Cabestany (Spain/Sherco)	14 points
3 - Doug Lampkin (Great Britain/Montesa)	13 points
4 - Takahisa Fujinami (Japan/Montesa)	11 points
5 - Jeroni Fajardo (Spain/GAS GAS)	7 points

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