

*10 years after Jordi Tarrés's last world title*

## ADAM RAGA (GAS GAS) BECOMES THE 2005 WORLD TRIAL CHAMPION

Gefrees, Germany, 4 September 2005 – Adam Raga (GAS GAS TXT Pro 300), has made history in Spanish motorcycling today by mathematically claiming the 2005 World Trial Championship title, a crown he adds to his three world indoor titles, the last one this season. This fact has given him two championships in the same season, clearly consolidating Adam as the world's number one in trial.

Adam Raga (GAS GAS) fulfilled the most optimistic forecasts by winning with total authority on the German GP's second day. Already on the first lap, Adam showed his extraordinary motivation and skills by finishing with the best score, 3 points ahead of Cabestany and 6 of Fujinami. As the second and final lap went on, Raga settled more and more at the front of the standings, and with two sections to go to the end of the trial he could already be considered the virtual champion thanks to his bulky lead before his closest rival, the Japanese and already former World Champion Takahisa Fujinami.

Casually, Adam Raga has conquered his first outdoor world trial title right ten years after his present mentor, Jordi Tarrés, achieved his seventh and last one. With today's win, Raga has added 13 wins in the outdoor world championship: 7 in 2005, 4 in 2004 and 2 in 2003. Spain's motorcycling already counts on 9 outdoor world titles: Jordi Tarrés's 7, Marc Colomer's single title 9 years ago and Adam Raga's present one. The manufacturer's title is still to be decided, and GAS GAS is leading with one event to go.

*«It is a dream come true!», burst Adam Raga right after crossing the finish line at Gefrees. «I have been riding motorbikes for 20 years, and winning the outdoor World Trial Championship seemed an impossible feat only few years ago. I have finally made it! I dedicate this win to all the people who trusted and trust in me, to my family, my sponsors and to all the friends who follow me in the races, and to Jordi Tarrés and GAS GAS, for everything they have done to help me.»* After nine dry years, Spain counts on an outdoor World Trial Champion again.

### Adam Raga: an unstoppable progression

With the outdoor World Trial Championship achievement, this efficient and courageous rider, born in Uldecona, Tarragona on 6 April 1982, has managed to climb to the top of the world trial at 23 years of age, which clearly opens the doors for him to become a true recordman in a sport where his current mentor Jordi Tarrés already established important and outstanding records.

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It was 1995 when Adam Raga achieved his first title: the Spanish Cadet Championship. Already in 1997 he got the Spanish Junior Championship, and little by little Adam proved his quality in all types of competitions, both in and outside of Spain. The European runner-up place, with 2 wins, already as a works rider in the "Team GAS GAS-Jordi Tarrés", demonstrated that Adam would become something great in a short period of time.

In 2000 expectations were confirmed and Raga became the European Champion and Junior World Champion. The following year, he also succeeded in team events and won the Trial des Nations. Adam Raga was a podium regular in any modality, until 2003, when six well-deserved wins thrust him up to the top step of the World Indoor Trial Championship. In that moment, a great relationship between the GAS GAS rider and the World Indoor Trial Championship started, as he went on to win, with great superiority, in the 2004 and 2005 seasons, also winning the Spanish Trial Championship and the indoor and outdoor Trial des Nations in 2004.

### **Final standings of the Trial of Germany – second day**

1- Adam Raga (SP/GAS GAS)	17 points	(8+9)
2- Toni Bou (SP/Beta)	26 points	(15+11)
3- Takahisa Fujinami (J/Honda)	31 points	(14+17)
4- Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	37 points	(27+10)
5- Graham Jarvis (GB/Sherco)	37 points	(24+13)
6- Albert Cabestany (SP/Sherco)	37 points	(11+26)
7- Marc Freixa (SP/Montesa)	46 points	(26+20)
8- Kenichi Kuroyama (J/Beta)	49 points	(24+25)
9- Jeroni Fajardo (SP/GAS GAS)	54 points	(18+36)
10- Fumitaka Nozaki (J/Scorpa)	72 points	(39+33)

### **Provisional World Trial Championship standings**

1- (Champion) Adam Raga (SP/GAS GAS)	235 points
2- Takahisa Fujinami (J/Honda)	205 points
3- Doug Lampkin (GB/Montesa)	201 points
4- Albert Cabestany (SP/Sherco)	199 points
5- Toni Bou (SP/Beta)	162 points
6- Marc Freixa (SP/Montesa)	157 points
7- Graham Jarvis (GB/Sherco)	122 points
8- Kenichi Kuroyama (J/Beta)	117 points
9- Jeroni Fajardo (SP/GAS GAS)	104 points
10- Jordi Pascuet (SP/GAS GAS)	77 points

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