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ADAM RAGA, GAS GAS ANDY 2005: THE YEAR OF BROKEN RECORDS

Salt, Girona, 19 December 2005.– With their win at the León Indoor trial last Sunday and the subsequent victory in the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship, Adam Raga has written an unprecedented page in the history of Spanish and world trial: he has won every single championship he has entered in 2005.

He is the world's number one, a born winner and one of the riders to become a reference in the history of his sport, trial. With the win at the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship, Adam Raga and GAS GAS have put an end to an outstanding 2005 season which has become historical for all the feats they have accomplished. No less than eight titles are in Raga's account, which includes all the championships he has entered. An unprecedented feat which makes Adam Raga a real recordman after results which are out of reach for almost everybody.

«I am obviously very happy with the way things have gone this year, » commented a shining Adam Raga right after climbing down the rostrum, *«it was not easy at all to dominate* the season in this way, on all types of grounds, but I think that these years' consistent job is showing now and has allowed us to harvest the best fruit. I think that the work with Jordi (Tarrés) is the base to it all and the technical effort of GAS GAS, together with our daily training work is the base of the level we count on now.» It is very difficult to find a sportsman with such a high level of perfection in the consecution of his targets as Adam Raga, a man who has been called to set a landmark in the history of world trial.

Born in Ulldecona, Tarragona, on 6 April 1982, Adam Raga



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has kept his brilliant performance line of the previous two seasons, after winning in the Indoor World Trial Championship, as well as the Spanish Championship and the Trial des Nations,

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both in its indoor and outdoor versions, in 2004. But this year all previous records were broken and Raga and GAS GAS have become the World and Spanish Trial champions in both the in- and outdoor modalities, adding a double win in the outdoor Spanish Championship by winning both the Senior A and Open classes. The win at the outdoor Trial des Nations - teaming up with Albert Cabestany, Toni Bou and Marc Freixa - and its indoor version – with Marc Freixa and Albert Cabestany -, together with the Gold Medal at the 2005 World Games together with his team partner in GAS GAS Jeroni Fajardo and Marc Freixa, have rounded up an unforgettable season.

The Indoor World title, the first to come

Adam Raga was facing 2005 with the highest expectations. His first great challenge was the Indoor World Trial Championship, which was opening the trial season and was won with total authority by the Tarragona rider, with a total of ten wins and two second places. His domination was clear and all his rivals started to sense what was coming. The next stop was the Spanish Trial Championship, which he alternated with the outdoor World Trial Championship where, with a total of eight wins out of 15 events, he climbed onto the top step of the rostrum nine years after the last win by a Spanish rider – in the hands of Marc Colomer – in the open-air championship.

Summer came and the young Catalan kept on with his growing string of wins. The Gold Medal at the World Games held in Duisburg, Germany, achieved with his typical domination, was the best way to start the season. In the meanwhile, the Spanish outdoor season was on its way and was eventually won in Buñol, Valencia, by Raga and GAS GAS both in the Senior A and Open classes. His tally was faultless: 3 wins, 2 seconds and a 3rd. Already at this stage of the year, Adam Raga had another world title in his pocket: the Trial des Nations, which he won in Sestriere, Italy. What else could we ask for? Just to keep on winning. And Raga did that perfectly.

Martín Carpena Sports Arena in Málaga. 18 November. Spain wins the fourth edition of the Indoor Trial des Nations and Raga is obviously in the Spanish national team. It was his seventh title of the season, with another one to come soon: The Indoor Spanish Trial Championship. We run out of adjectives when we have to qualify the rising line of Adam Raga and GAS GAS. Maybe there is one that summarizes everything we have gone through: invincible. This has been Adam Raga in a 2005 season that has now come to an end.

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