

## Cabestany big in Japan

Following his first podium place of the season yesterday on the opening day of competition at the Japanese round of the 2006 World outdoor championship, Albert Cabestany (Sherco) improved on that to win the second day of the latest GP, held earlier today. Yesterday's runner-up, Adam Raga (Gas Gas) repeated his position with Dougie Lampkin (Repsol-Montesa HRC) taking third place.

A rejuvenated Cabestany dominated the event dropping just three marks over the opening ten sections on a course which had only been slightly altered from yesterday. A further nine marks over the remaining five sections saw him finish the first lap on a score of twelve with reigning World champion, Raga just one mark adrift on thirteen.

Raga, in his usual fashion, launched his attack in the second lap with a two and three single dabs giving him a lap score of five which under normal circumstances would have been sufficient to win. However, a confident Cabestany was not about to let his lead slip away and, keeping his cool, two single dabs for the entire lap saw him take the win by four marks over Raga with Lampkin finishing eight points behind the Gas Gas rider.

Raga now leads the championship by eighteen points over Lampkin who returned to second position after yesterday's winner Antonio Bou (Beta) was unable to repeat his performance today finishing in seventh position. Cabestany, now leapfrogs Takahisa Fujinami (Repsol-Montesa HRC) to take fourth position in the overall standings

The Junior championship has now become a very close race between Michael Brown (Beta), Daniel Oliveras (Gas Gas) and Daniel Gibert (Montesa). Oliveras took top position today with Gibert second and Brown repeating his third position of yesterday. There are now just three points separating the top three riders in this class.

Loris Gubian (Sherco) extended his lead at the top of the Youth championship with victory over Matteo Grattarola (Sherco). Ross Danby (Gas Gas) took the remaining podium position. Gubian now has a comfortable lead over Grattarola in the championship standings with Alexa Wigg.





Day 2 Results: (2 Day event) World

1: Cabestany 14

2: Raga 18

3: Lampkin 26 Junior

1: Oliveras 12

2: Gibert 13

3: Brown 18 125cc

1: Gubian 27

2: Grattarola 32

3: Danby 36

2006 Riders Championship Current Standing World

1: Raga 108

2: Lampkin 90

3: Bou 87 Junior

1: Brown 105

2: Oliveras 104

3: Gibert 103

125cc

1: Gubian 102

2: Grattarola 86

3: Wigg 74

2006 Manufacturers Championship Current Standings:

1: Gas Gas173

2: Montesa 168

3: Beta 133

4: Sherco 83

5: Scorpa 75

6: Honda 28

7: Yamaha 6

This round: 03<sup>rd</sup> - 04<sup>th</sup> June Motegi, Japan

Next round: 25<sup>th</sup> June La Charte, France

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