

The GAS GAS rider is the 2005 World Youth Cup Champion

DANI OLIVERAS: "I SAW THAT I COULD BE THE CHAMPION ALREADY IN THE THIRD ROUND"

With no less than nine wins out of eleven possible results – with eight head-to-head victories – and two seconds, the semi-works GAS GAS rider Daniel Oliveras, at the commands of a GG TXT Pro 125, was the new World Trial Champion in the Youth Cup after his win on the second day of the Trial of Italy last weekend.

Quoting César Carmona, the trial GAS GAS team manager, *"Oliveras's title is very important for us. It is not just that Daniel is a great rider, it also proves that mechanically, the GG TXT Pro 125 works perfectly. It is the best bike in its class. It is not just for the enjoyment of the younger ones, it has also proved to be totally developed and ready for the competition at a world championship level."*

It was clearly a brilliant riding lesson by young Oliveras, who has already scored enough points in his tally to win the title with four rounds to go to the end of the series, that including the rounds to be taken out – according to the Youth Cup rules, only the top ten results out of the fifteen valid rounds will count for the final standings. A runner-up in the same class last year – a class which was won, by the way, by team partner and also semi-works GAS GAS rider Daniel Gibert –, the young rider from Vilablareix, Girona, has shown that the Youth Cup holds no secrets for him. His results are a witness to that. And these are his words after achieving such a brilliant title:

- The World Champion in the Youth Cup with four rounds to go to the end. What is your evaluation of the championship?

"The truth is that I am very happy. I 'd never have thought that I could win the championship at this stage of the year! When the World Championship started, the feelings were that it was going to be very tough – and tough it has been! – but already after the third round I saw that I could be up there fighting with the top riders to win the Championship, and that is what I have done all through the season... And it worked! Also the GAS GAS 125 has worked to perfection in all the events and I felt that the team was there with me until the very end."

- Which was the toughest World Championship round for you?

"The US event. It was so cold, and that affected my riding, but in spite of the circumstances I enjoyed myself very much, and in fact I won the event on both days of the US round."

- What are your plans for the rest of the season?

"Now I have to keep focused on the European Trial Championship, which I am leading with 3 rounds to go, and also the Spanish Championship, where I am sixth in the Senior class"

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standings. Apart from that, I am going to enter the Junior class in the remaining four rounds of the World Championship, although I am not 18 yet, and I will be riding my GAS GAS 125 there."

- And what about the Indoor trial?

"Well, this will be my first year in an indoor competition. I am going to enter three rounds of the Spanish Indoor Trial Championship, particularly the Zaragoza, Santander and Girona events, with a GG TXT Pro 280. I like indoor trial very much, I think I am good at it and I feel very much like competing in indoor trials. I hope I can get some good results!"



Some data on Daniel Oliveras

- Born on 11 November 1987.
- Lives in Vilablareix, Girona.
- Had his first bike at 7.
- Started to compete at 8, with a Mecatecno 50 his father had built for him, and switched to GAS GAS later (initially an 80), which he has not abandoned since.
- His first competition entry was in the Alevin class in the Catalan Championship in 1997, where he finished 4th.
- First podium finish: a third place in the Alevin Catalan Championship in 1997.
- First win in the Youth Catalan Championship, 1998.
- His first championship win was in 1998, when he became the Catalan Youth Champion.

Short palmares of Daniel Oliveras

1999	Catalan Champion in the kids Youth Cup
2002	European Young Espoirs Champion for under-16 at the commands of a 125cc
2003	Spanish Junior Trial Champion European under-16 250cc runner-up
2004	World Youth Cup runner-up 6th in the Senior A class in the Spanish Trial Championship
2005	World Champion in the Youth Cup and European Championship leader

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