

Only one point separates Raga to be World runner-up of X-Trial



Adam Raga

"Couldn't be ... I've tried and I've done everything possible, but I weighed in excess some previous poor performance. Still, I prefer to think that we fought well and we finished strong this championship. Now we have to keep working, because we are at a very high level, but we have way to improve and there's only one way to do: working more and more.

About the race, the truth is that everything went pretty well. In the semifinal I got to give everything trying to pressure Cabestany and it worked, because he finished failing. However, I didn't expect to find such an extremely strong Fajardo. We lacked a little luck, because the runner-up depended on this podium and 'Cabes' takes it with the same points than me, but with a second place more".

The third place in Milan only served the Gas Gas rider to equalize points in the final standings.

Adam Raga and the Gas Gas team confirmed this weekend in Milan the good progress that had shown in the previous races and they were finished to a single point of getting the second place in the Italian podium and, at the same time, the runner-up of the X-Trial World.

After the great show seen last week in Madrid, where Adam played the final victory to champion Toni Bou, the Ulldecona's rider was placed at six points behind the second in the championship, Albert Cabestany, which made the fight for the medal silver in a feasible task if somewhat complicated in the absence of a single race. So, the Gas Gas rider began the Milan round confident of their chances and, despite a difficult qualifying section, showed a high level of form with a strong semifinal. The pressure imposed on Cabestany paid off, and surprisingly it failed to enter the final four, which multiplied the Adam options.

During the final sections Raga maintained its high level after Bou, though, when it seemed that the second place would remain in Gas Gas, came an inspired Jeroni Fajardo that surpassed Adam by a single penalty and relegated him to third place. This led to a tie on points in the overall standings which was broken by the best count Cabestany podiums.

The good performance of the Gas Gas riders was completed with the young british Michael Brown, who passed the qualifying round and managed to get into the semifinals, finishing in sixth place.