



FIM WORLD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

Lampkin takes revenge in Italy

Dougie Lampkin (Repsol – Montesa – HRC) took revenge for his seventh place in Andorra last Sunday, by winning at today's round in Aprica, Italy. This was the first victory for the British rider since he won on the second day of the opening round in Ireland back in April. Championship leader Takahisa Fujinami (Repsol – Montesa – HRC) was the close runner up on this occasion, the Japanese rider being defeated by just one mark by his Montesa team mate, after he committed an error late on the last lap.

Adam Raga (Gas Gas) completed the podium, but his position was not without a little luck as he demoted Marc Freixa (Repsol – Montesa – HRC) to fourth place thanks to winning the tie break on the most cleans rule after the Spanish pairing had both finished on twenty five marks apiece. Raga was unable to repeat the same level of performance that brought him a clear victory last weekend, his third place has allowed Lampkin to draw level with him the overall standings.

Fifth, sixth and seventh places were filled with the usual names, with Albert Cabestany (Beta) heading Kenichi Kuroyama (Beta) and Jeroni Fajardo (Gas Gas) this time around. Antonio Bou (Beta) survived a nasty crash on section ten during the opening lap to come home in eighth position.

The ski resort of Aprica offered a good variety of hazards, the opening six sections all being found in the rocky mountain stream. The group of five sections situated at 2300 metres were the most spectacular, the big steps in the grass basin bringing great applause from the large Italian crowd. The final two hazards were back in the town, and were perhaps the most difficult indoor style sections ever to be seen at an outdoor event.

Lampkin's win today gave Montesa their 100th World trial victory, to mark an incredible moment in the great history of this Spanish factory.

Jose Maria Juan (Sherco) won the Junior class today from James Dabill (Beta)

Day 1 Results:

- 1: Lampkin 11
- 2: Fujinami 12
- 3: Raga 25
- 4: Freixa 25
- 5: Cabestany 36
- 6: Kuroyama 37
- 7: Fajardo 46
- 8: Bou 55
- 9: Jarvis 65
- 10: Pascuet 74

2004 Championship standings to date:

- 1: Fujinami 210
- 2: Raga 194
- 3: Lampkin 194
- 4: Cabestany 152
- 5: Freixa 136
- 6: Fajardo 120
- 7: Jarvis 105
- 8: Bou 94
- 9: Kuroyama 92
- 10: Pascuet 53

This round: 03-04th July
Aprica, Italy

Next round: 24-25th July
Valgrande-Pajares, Spain

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