



Fujinami back in control as series returns to Europe

Reigning World Champion, Takahisa Fujinami – Repsol Montesa HRC is back on the top of the standings for the first time this season as the 2005 FIM trial World championship returns to Europe for its busiest part of the year. In the next four weeks there will be three very important rounds as the fight for the title visits Andorra and France over the next two consecutive weekends before pausing for a short break and then resuming in Italy two weeks later. Without doubt this intense period of fierce competition will go a long way to deciding who will eventually wear the crown this year. Although the early trials would suggest that this will not be ultimately decided until the very last round as the current edition of the championship is simply too close to call.

Fujinami remains very much amongst the hot favourites, but so does his team mate Dougie Lampkin – Repsol Montesa HRC who is not only going all out to reclaim his title and to take his tally to a record breaking number eight, but will also want to erase the memory of the disaster that he suffered in Andorra last year. Lampkin's seventh place at this GP twelve months ago was his worst result in seven years and was really the day that determined that his continuous reign had come to an end.

Adam Raga – Gas Gas is also a man who will be looking for better results, his two fourth places in the USA Grand Prix and a third spot at last week's Spanish championship round is hardly a run of form that would suggest that he is ready to add the 2005 outdoor title to his trio of indoor championships at World level. However Raga was in devastating form at this event last year, the victory was never in doubt as he left his rivals to scrap it out at a distance. So this just could be the place where Adam re-establishes himself as a real championship contender

Albert Cabestany – Sherco and Marc Freixa – Repsol Montesa HRC are two more 'home' riders who will be hoping that their fans make the short trip across the border to the small mountainous principality. Freixa was a surprise winner at last week's domestic round and will be seeking to carry that re-found confidence through to this Grand Prix. Holding a close third place in the overall standings Cabestany will also appreciate the value of a good result here to keep himself very much amongst the front runners. And for those looking for a rider to upset the pack, then a bet on Antonio Bou – Beta would be a wise choice.

In the Junior Championship and Youth class, James Dabill – Beta and Daniel Oliveras – Gas Gas respectively remain the guys to beat. Laia Sanz – Repsol Montesa HRC will be looking to return to the podium as she returns to more familiar terrain.



Past winners –
 GP Andorra
 1992 – Jordi Tarres
 1993 – Tommi Ahvala
 1995 – Jordi Tarres
 1997 – Dougie Lampkin
 1998 – Dougie Lampkin
 2000 – Dougie Lampkin
 2001 – Graham Jarvis
 2002 – Dougie Lampkin
 2003 - Dougie Lampkin
 2004 - Adam Raga

2005 Riders
 Championship
 standings to date :
 World
 1: Fujinami 96
 2: Lampkin 94
 3: Cabestany 94
 Junior
 1: Dabill 117
 2: Gibert 95
 3: Garrido 94
 125cc
 1: Oliveras 114
 2: Gubian 106
 3: Kregeloh 69

2005
 Manufacturers
 Championship
 standings to
 date:
 1: Montesa 164
 2: Sherco 148
 3: Gas Gas 129
 4: Beta 120
 5: Honda 103
 6: Scorpa 29
 7: Yamaha 7

This round: 19th June
 Sant Julia De Loria,
 Andorra

Next round: 25-26th June
 Ales, France

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