



Another Day – Another Leader

The name at the top of the 2005 Championship table changed again today with current Indoor World Champion, Adam Raga – Gas Gas returning to the leading position on the first of two days of competition at the Pole Mecanique motorsport complex in France. The course today, consisting of large, dry steps suited Raga's style of riding perfectly and he took full advantage starting almost perfectly with five cleans in the first six sections, finishing the first lap on thirteen marks.

Raga, however, was not to enjoy the same success on the second lap, as he was up staged by his team mate. An excellent ride by Jeroni Fajardo – Gas Gas proved he is well on the route to recovery from the broken leg he suffered at the opening round of the Spanish Championship in April, his score of twelve marks on the second lap was sufficient for him to take the runners up spot.

Albert Cabestany – Sherco fought a tough battle with fellow Spaniard, Antonio Bou – Beta for the third podium place and with the marks tied at the end of the days competition, the place was to go to Cabestany who had one more clean than Bou.

Championship leader going into today's competition, Dougie Lampkin – Repsol Montesa HRC suffered a nasty crash in the third section on the second lap, which left him injured and having to settle for fives on all the remaining sections. With Lampkin's accident and Fujinami failing to make today's podium, Raga now has a five point Championship lead over second place Cabestany going into tomorrow's competition.

While the lead in the World Championship may be changing hands almost daily, that is not the case in the Junior and Youth Championships. In the Junior category, James Dabill – Beta continued his run, again comfortably beating second place Diego Garrido – Montesa. Young British rider, Michael Brown – Beta enjoyed his first World Championship podium position finishing in third place.

Like Dabill in the Juniors, Daniel Oliveras - Gas Gas continued his domination of the 125 class dropping a mere two marks on his second lap to beat Matteo Grattarola – Sherco into second place. Loris Gubian – Sherco took the remaining podium position.

The riders will be hoping for cooler conditions for tomorrow's trial, as today temperatures reach 35c.



Day 1 Results:

(2 Day event)
World

1: Raga 33
2: Fajardo 37
3: Cabestany 41
Junior

1: Dabill 57
2: Garrido 85
3: Brown 89
125cc

1: Oliveras 13
2: Grattarola 25
3: Gubian 26

2005 Riders
Championship
standings to date :

World
1: Raga 129
2: Cabestany 124
3: Fujinami 120
Junior

1: Dabill 157
2: Gibert 125
3: Garrido 122
125cc

1: Oliveras 154
2: Gubian 136
3: Grattarola 88

2005
Manufacturers
Championship
standings to
date:

1: Montesa 191
2: Sherco 170
3: Gas Gas 158
4: Beta 136
5: Honda 116
6: Scorpa 33
7: Yamaha 7

This round: 25-26th June
Ales, France

Next round: 09-10th July
Valbondione, Italy

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