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FIM Trial World Championship

Bou further stretches his championship lead in Spain

Despite not feeling one hundred per cent fit following his crash on the first day of the fourth round of the 2012 FIM Trial World Championship, a scintillating Toni Bou - Repsol Montesa romped to a spectacular victory on day two of the Spanish Trial GP to record his third successive double victory this season. Behind the unstoppable Bou, Adam Raga - Gas Gas fought off Jeroni Fajardo's - Beta advances to claim second place by just one mark over his compatriot on yet another hot day of competition.

Bou really was in a class of his own on a day when he confessed to feeling less than fighting fit. He made one mistake on section six during his first lap, recording a five in the process, but after that, cruised round to finish on just ten marks, some eleven ahead of Raga in second place. It was a sublime performance from Bou, and one has to wonder how he would have fared had he not been nursing a sore leg and hand from his clash with the rocks during Saturday's competition.

In contrast to Bou, Albert Cabestany had a day to forget courtesy of gearbox problems on lap two. The Spaniard paid a hefty the price for his mechanical woe and finished seventh, allowing both Fajardo and Raga to pass him in the overall standings. Like his teammate Bou, Takahisa Fujinami - Repsol Montesa was also suffering from a nasty injury - his to his finger - and compared his fourth place finish to a victory after the event, while Britain's James Dabill - Beta was also satisfied his top five placing.

In the Junior class Alexandre Ferrer - Sherco once again dominated proceedings in what was a low scoring Trial. The in-form Frenchman dropped just nine marks en route to a convincing victory ahead of Francesc Moret - Montesa. Behind Moret, Spain's Jorge Casales - Gas Gas came home in third place to replicate the podium from twenty-four hours earlier. Maxime Wareghien - Gas Gas and Benoit Dagnicourt - Beta completed the top five.

Steven Coquelin - Gas Gas stamped his authority on the Youth division with his second double triumph this season. The Frenchman beat Spain's Oriol Noguera - Sherco by two marks, while Norway's Sverre Lundevold - Beta finished a further three marks adrift to secure the final rostrum position. Britain's Bradley Cox lost valuable championship points and recorded his worst result of the season with sixth place, however, he still remains in second place overall ranking, ahead of Lundevold.

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The riders will now have no real time to rest, as the championship heads straight to Andorra for round five this coming weekend. With Bou wishing to reinforce his position atop the standings and just two points separating the three main protagonists for second place in the series, Fajardo, Raga and Cabestany, it is still all to play for at what will be the penultimate double-header of the season.

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