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World Trial Championship
6th round, Japanese Grand Prix (2nd day).



Toni Bou ends the first half of the championship with a new victory. Takahisa Fujinami celebrates his Grand Prix number 200, on the podium.

Twin Ring Motegi (Japan), 01.06.2008.- Toni Bou (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) increased his advantage as leader of the World Trial Championship after winning the second day of the Japanese Grand Prix this Sunday, which concludes the first half of the championship. The Montesa rider, current world champion, has obtained four victories and two second positions so far. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa HRC Cota 4RT) repeated his third position of yesterday after having finished the first lap as leader, with the same number of points as the future winner. The Japanese rider, who today reached the figure of 200 participations in world championship events, and Toni Bou, are the only two riders who have achieved podium positions in all six of the championship events held up to now. Toni Bou and Takahisa Fujinami's results have further increased the advantage of Montesa in the classification by manufacturers.

Laia Sanz (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) was seventh in the Junior World Cup, won by Alexz Wigg (Montesa). Having been tenth in the first session yesterday, Laia Sanz achieved her best result of the season in this category and has risen two positions, to eighth place in the general classification, in which the current leader is Wigg.

Toni Bou: "To have won both days in this difficult event is fantastic, both for me and the team. Yesterday's victory was easier, because today Takahisa was a very tough rival in the first lap and Adam was challenging me to the last moment in the second. The balance of this first half of the championship is almost insuperable and I feel more relaxed as the events go by. Our situation is the best sign that we're moving in the right direction and should continue working in this way".

Takahisa Fujinami: "It's been an excellent weekend for the team and for Toni, a little less for me. I really wanted to win in my country and before my fans, but it was not to be. I started off well today, and at the end of the first lap everything was possible, but in the second, I made a couple of mistakes that cost me dear. The double podium position this weekend's OK, but I expected more".

Laia Sanz: "It's been a satisfactory weekend, although I couldn't help feeling a bit disappointed when I lost four positions in the second lap. With the difficult conditions we had, to maintain the sixth place would have been sensational. But today, the opposite happened and I did better in the second lap. I feel very happy".

The seventh event in the World Trial Championship will be the French Gran Prix, to be held on June 22nd in Maisse.

* Standing Japanese G.P. (2nd day)		* World Championship	
1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	40 (23+17)	1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	114 points
2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	42 (29+13)	2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	99 "
3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	51 (23+28)	3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	97 "
4. Dougie Lampkin (Beta)	57 (32+25)	4. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	66 "
5. Jeroni Fajardo (Beta)	81 (35+46)	5. Dougie Lampkin (Beta)	66 "
* Manufacturers Standing		* Manufacturers Championship	
Montesa	35	Montesa	211 points
Beta	24	Gas Gas	150 "
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