



REPSOL – MONTESA HRC

Spanish Trial Championship
1st round.



Toni Bou wins the first event of the open-air season and Takahisa Fujinami came in third.

Peñarroya-Pueblonuevo (Córdoba, Spain), 24.02.2008. - Toni Bou (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) won the event opening a new edition of the Spanish Trial Championship this Sunday, governed by new regulations which among other things changes both the name of the categories (TR1 and TR2, equivalent to the previous Senior A and B, respectively) and the format of the competitions, as the riders in the TR1 category carry out the two laps of each of the fifteen zones immediately, before moving on to the next.



This new format has shown a Toni Bou more correct in the first laps of very slippery and difficult zones. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT), his teammate, was with him on the podium in third place. Alfredo Gómez, current Junior world champion competing with the support of Montesa, finished eighth, the same position as obtained by Laia Sanz (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) in the TR2 category.

The Repsol-Montesa HRC team participated in this first event of the open-air season without their normal resources, as the previous week their mobile infrastructures used to move to most of the events were destroyed in a fire.

Toni Bou: *"If we take into account the minimum difference by which I won the event, it's clear that this won't be an easy championship. And for this reason it's important to have started with a victory. A way to raise the team's spirits, necessary after having lost our mobile infrastructure. Regarding the new format of the championship; I like it quite a lot and I think the spectators will agree with me".*

Takahisa Fujinami: *"To have started with a podium position is OK, both for me and especially for the team, but I'll surely have to do better to come up to the standard of the two rivals that beat me. It's been a difficult competition and I made more mistakes than I should have".*

The second event of the Spanish Trial Championship will be held on April 13th in Fraga (Huesca).

* Standing Peñarroya Trial		* Spanish Championship	
1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	27 (8+14+5)	1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	20 points
2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	29 (19+8+2)	2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	17 "
3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	46 (27+17+2)	3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	15 "
4. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	59 (34+25)	4. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	13 "
5. Marc Freixa (Gas Gas)	66 (33+32+1)	5. Marc Freixa (Gas Gas)	11 "
8. Alfredo Gómez (Montesa)	112 (56+56)	8. Alfredo Gómez (Montesa)	8 "

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