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World trial Championship
10th round. Sweden Grand Prix.

Montesa wins its eleventh manufacturer's title and again places Toni Bou and Takahisa Fujinami on the podium.

Uddevalla (Sweden), 31.08.2008. - Toni Bou and Takahisa Fujinami (both riding Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT bikes) finished second and third, respectively, in the Swedish Trial Championship, antepenultimate scoring event in the World Championship. These results have enabled Montesa to win its eleventh manufacturer's title, the last three being consecutive since the manufacturer began to compete exclusively with 4-stroke engines in 2005. With his second position in this event, Toni Bou still leads the general classification, in which Takahisa Fujinami has ensured his third position in the final classification. Both Montesa riders are the only participants to have obtained podium positions in all ten events held up to now.



Bou and Fujinami maintained an exciting duel up to the end, as the Japanese rider was two points in front of his teammate at the end of the first lap. The current world champion did his best in the second lap and only got two points, the lowest score of the day, thus overtaking Fujinami by the minimum advantage. Laia Sanz (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) finished eleventh in the Junior World Cup, one position behind her place the general classification.

Toni Bou: *"I made too many mistakes on the first lap and it was incredibly difficult to overtake Fujinami on the second, but in the end I did it and got another two points, which at this stage of the championship are very valuable. I'm nine points in the lead, which at this moment doesn't guarantee I'll retain the title, so I must work very hard in the two remaining events"*.

Takahisa Fujinami: *"I'm satisfied, not just with the result, but also to have been involved in such an exciting struggle. However, this is the sixth consecutive time I've finished third and what I'd like is to win again. I obtained one victory this year and as I'm in no man's land in the general classification, I wouldn't like to finish the season without another victory"*.

The eleventh and penultimate scoring event for the World Trial Championship will be held on September 14 in Paredes (Portugal).

| * Standing Sweden G.P. | | * World Championship | |
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| 1. Adam Raga (Gas Gas) | 10 (7+3) | 1. Toni Bou (Montesa) | 185 points |
| 2. Toni Bou (Montesa) | 15 (12+1+2) | 2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas) | 176 " |
| 3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa) | 16 (10+1+5) | 3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa) | 157 " |
| 4. Dougie Lampkin (Beta) | 25 (17+8) | 4. Albert Cabestany (Sherco) | 111 " |
| 5. Jeroni Fajardo (Beta) | 30 (21+9) | 5. Jeroni Fajardo (Beta) | 110 " |
| * Manufacturers Standing | | * Manufacturers Championship | |
| Montesa | 32 | Montesa | 342 points |
| Gas Gas | 30 | Gas Gas | 258 " |
| Beta | 24 | Beta | 220 " |