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FIM Indoor Trial World Championship 2nd round.



Toni Bou still leads the general classification, after finishing second in a thrilling final.

Marseille (France), 24.01.2009. - Toni Bou (Montesa Cota 4RT) maintains his leadership in the general classification of the FIM Indoor Trial World Championship after finishing second in the second scoring event, held in Marseille. The current world champion offered a thrilling final after achieving the best score in the qualifying lap (5 points, two less than his closest rival). Bou reached the sixth and penultimate zone in the lead, but the two penalty points received in this section and the point he added in the last zone, relegated him to second position.

The penultimate zone was also adverse for Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa Cota 4RT) as he got 4 points that definitively left him out of the podium positions, which up to that moment he still options to reach. The Japanese rider finished fourth, the same position he achieved at the end of the qualifying lap (10 points).

Toni Bou: "That's how competitions are; sometimes you win by one point and others, like today, you lose by a very small margin. It's been a high level trial event, with difficult sections, and one small mistake in the last zone cost me a decisive point. I think the result's not too bad and the most important thing is that I'm still in the lead".

Takahisa Fujinami: "For most of the event I aimed for the podium, which would have been a very positive result. But the penultimate zone was a disaster and from then on the possibilities of finishing third were out of my control".

Toni Bou will defend his position as world leader in the Barcelona Indoor Trial, to be held on February 8th in the Palau Sant Jordi, the end of which will be broadcast live by Eurosport2 (from 19:00 hours).

* Standing Marseilles Indoor Trial		* World Championship	
Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	4 points	1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	14 points
2. Toni Bou (Montesa)	5 "	2. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	11 "
3. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	10 "	3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	10 "
4. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	14 "	4. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	10 "
5. Jeroni Fajardo (Beta)	23 "	5. Jeroni Fajardo (Beta)	5 "
6. Michael Brown (Sherco)	26 "	6. Michael Brown (Sherco)	3 "

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