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Spanish Trial Championship 4th round



Laia Sanz achieves her first podium in the Senior B category. Takahisa Fujinami, closer to recovery.

La Nocia (Alicante, Spain), 18.06.2006. - Laia Sanz (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) won her first podium in the Senior B category this Sunday in the fourth event of the Spanish Trial championship, after finishing third in this category. The Repsol-Montesa HRC rider climbed one place in the general classification and is only one point away from third position.



Takahisa Fujinami and Dougie Lampkin (Both riding the Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the Senior A category, in which the British rider remains fifth in the general classification. Fujinami is still suffering from problems derived from his allergy to chemical iodine (not to ingested iodine), confirmed by the team doctor. The Japanese rider has been suffering the consequences of this intolerance, in the form of an appreciable reduction in his performance ever since the treatment for his fracture and subsequent infection of a finger in the Buenos Aires Indoor Trial, in March.



Laia Sanz: "My sensation is a little bittersweet. On the one hand, I'm evidently very satisfied by this first podium, enabling me to be a contender for the final positions of honour. But on the other hand, with a feeling that the result could have been even better if I had been a bit sharper in the second lap. I thought it had been difficult for me, but on seeing the scores, I realise it has been difficult for everyone".



Takahisa Fujinami: "I wasn't 100 percent fit and being the first to start, I think you couldn't ask for more, especially during the first lap. On the second I lacked energy again and therefore made more mistakes than I should have. Fortunately, I think I'm finally getting over it. I've gone through some very difficult moments where medically different possibilities were considered for my allergy to iodine. Now we know that it is nothing to do with what I eat, which is a relief".



Dougie Lampkin: "With the high level of this championship you can't afford to make mistakes. And I make mistakes. That's the only explanation".



The Spanish Trial Championship takes a break until September 17th, when the fifth scoring event will be held in Benasque (Huesca).





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* Standing La Nocia Trial		* Spanish Open Championship	
1. Toni Bou (Beta)	16 (5+11)	1. Toni Bou (Beta)	70 points
2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	21 (12+9)	2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	67 "
3. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	24 (8+16)	3. Jeroni Fajardo (Gas Gas)	61 "
4. Jeroni Fajardo (Gas Gas)	27 (15+12)	4. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	56 "
5. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	31 (11+20)	5. Dougie Lampkin (Montesa)	48 "
6. Dougie Lampkin (Montesa)	32 (17+15)	6. Marc Freixa (Beta)	37 "
* Senior B		* Spanish Senior B Championship	
1. Daniel Suárez (Gas Gas)	30(10+20)	1. José M. Suárez (Beta)	74 points
2. José M. Suárez (Beta)	38 (18+20)	Daniel Suárez (Gas Gas)	74 "
3. Laia Sanz (Montesa)	46 (21+25)	3. Alfredo Gómez (Gas Gas)	48 "
4. Jorge Suárez (Beta)	56 (25+31)	5. Laia Sanz (Montesa)	47 "

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