

## Busto opens the 2025 season with victory in Madrid

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### The GasGas star took a close-fought Grand Final ahead of Bou and Raga

X-Trial Madrid, the opening Round of the 2025 FIM X-Trial World Championship, resulted in Jaime Busto's fifth career victory. Toni Bou (Repsol Honda Trial Team) finished four marks behind him, while Adam Raga (Sherco) completed the podium by virtue of a run-off against teammate Benoit Bincaz.

In a Grand Final characterised by its extreme level of difficulty, there were never more than six marks separating all four competitors. Ultimately, Section Two proved decisive in Jaime Busto's win; he managed a clean there while each of his rivals failed. By successfully defending this lead, Busto had sewn up victory before his final ride.



further dab in Section Four where the other three Finalists were clean left him fourth heading into the last Section, but he was the only rider successfully through and nosed in front of the Sherco duo by just a single mark.

Adam Raga made a fairy-tale return to the Palacio Vistalegre, where he was crowned World Champion for the first time aged 21 back in 2003. On this visit, he delivered his first podium in ten Rounds since X-Trial Bordeaux last year. Benoit Bincaz missed out on what could have been a third consecutive podium, as he failed the tie-break Section, handing Raga his dream return to the rostrum.

Bincaz had made it to the Final as the last chance qualifier from Q2, eliminating Gabriel Marcelli by a 13.7 second margin including a 10 second time penalty in the new Sprint Format.

Sondre Haga (GasGas) finished 10 marks away from the qualification cut in Q1, Jack Peace (Sherco) and Miquel Gelabert (Vertigo) one mark further behind in a disappointing start to the season for the Spaniard.

Jaime Busto (1st): "Starting the season with the win is special and to do so in such a demanding Final, where any mistake was vital, makes it even more important. Truthfully I was a little nervous at the start, but the more Sections we went through the better I felt on the bike. Now the important thing is to deliver consistently."

Toni Bou (2nd): "It has been a tough Final, further complicated by Section One which I felt I completed clean but I was given a five for what I still think was a misunderstanding. From there I rode nervously. But it could have been worse than second place so I now just need to look ahead."

Adam Raga (3rd): **"This podium is very special for me because this is where I was World Champion in 2003 and because this is my last appearance in the Spanish capital before I retire after X-Trial Barcelona. I have proven I am still riding at a high level and I enjoyed myself a lot.**"

The next Round of the X-Trial World Championship will be X-Trial Chambéry on 11th January.

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### **Bou Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
2	Cahors	15	130
1	Wiener Neustadt	20	115
1	Stavanger	20	20
1	Barcelona	20	95
1	Clermont-Ferrand	20	75
1	Chambéry	20	55
2	Madrid	15	35

### **Busto Results**



1	Cahors	20	99
2	Wiener Neustadt	15	79
3	Stavanger	12	12
7	Barcelona	2	64
2	Clermont-Ferrand	15	62
2	Chambéry	15	47
1	Madrid	20	32

# **Marcelli Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
3	Cahors	12	75
3	Wiener Neustadt	12	63
2	Stavanger	15	15
3	Barcelona	12	51
5	Clermont-Ferrand	6	39
3	Chambéry	12	33
5	Madrid	6	21

# **Bincaz Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
5	Cahors	6	45
7	Wiener Neustadt	2	39
6	Stavanger	4	4
4	Barcelona	9	37
4	Clermont-Ferrand	9	28
5	Chambéry	6	19
4	Madrid	9	13

# **Raga Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
2	Barcelona	15	48
3	Clermont-Ferrand	12	33
4	Chambéry	9	21

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## **Gelabert Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
8	Madrid	1	1

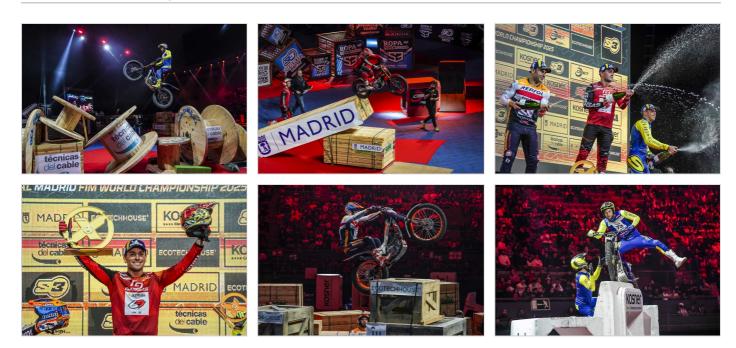
# **Haga Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
7	Cahors	2	8
7	Stavanger	2	2
6	Madrid	4	6

## **Peace Results**

POS	CITY	POINTS	OVERALL
6	Cahors	4	12
5	Wiener Neustadt	6	8
7	Madrid	2	2

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