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FIM Trial World Championship
9th round. Grand Prix of Japan / 2nd day



Podium positions for Takahisa Fujinami and Toni Bou in an extremely difficult event.

Motegi (Japan), 21.08.2011. Takahisa Fujinami and Toni Bou (Montesa Cota 4RT) finished second and third respectively, on the second day of the Japanese Trial Grand Prix, held this Sunday. Bou's advantage as world championship leader has been reduced by five points, with just the two-day session on September 3rd and 4th in Isola 2.000 (France) to end the season. While Fujinami has consolidated his third position in the general classification. Montesa won the classification by manufacturers again, taking a decisive step towards their fourteenth manufacturer's title.

The high scores clearly reflect the difficulty of this second day in the Japanese Grand Prix, as the heavy rain made the terrain almost impassable. This was the worst possible situation for Toni Bou, who after yesterday's victory, had to open a track in an awful state. Takahisa Fujinami took advantage of the opportunity and led the event until the tenth zone, where he fell and hurt his left knee. Nevertheless, encouraged by the fact that he was competing in his own country and aiming for a podium position, the Japanese rider only lost two points, as he won in the first lap and achieved the second best score on the next lap.

Takahisa Fujinami: "An X-ray has shown no bone damage, but there was some ligament damage, which has affected me a lot since my fall. Up to that moment, I saw I could take advantage of my position behind Toni (Bou) and Adam (Raga) and I'm sure that if it wasn't for the knee problem, I could have won. With two podium positions in the event in my country, the outcome of the weekend is positive".



Toni Bou: "I've had a very complicated day, a day to forget. Adam (Raga) performed very well and Takahisa (Fujinami) also showed his strength, despite his injury. Obviously, the outcome wasn't what I would have liked, but it's good for people to see that winning's not easy and this encourages us to work even harder for the event that will decide the championship. Regarding the trip to Japan, we've always been very well received here, but this time I felt the public's appreciation for our having come even more".



Standing Japan G.P. / 2n day		World Championship	
1. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	41 (20+21)	1. Toni Bou (Montesa)	167 points
2. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	51 (22+29)	2. Adam Raga (Gas Gas)	154
3. Toni Bou (Montesa)	61 (30+31)	3. Takahisa Fujinami (Montesa)	131
4. Kenichi Kuroyama (Yamaha)	75 (35+40)	4. Jeroni Fajardo (Ossa)	102
5. Michael Brown (Gas Gas)	83 (40+43)	5. Albert Cabestany (Sherco)	99

Manufacturers Standing		Manufacturers Championship	
Montesa	32 points	Montesa	298 points
Gas Gas	31	Gas Gas	239
Yamaha	23	Beta	133