

Toni Bou wins in Italy to achieve his twentieth World Championship

The Repsol Honda Team rider achieved his eleventh victory of the season and became Trial World Champion for the tenth time in a row, the twentieth title of his track record.

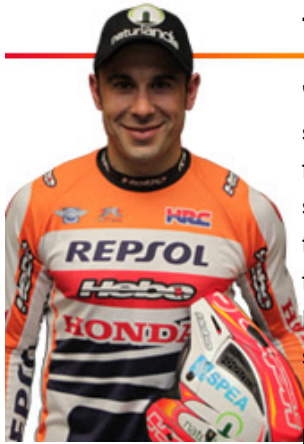


With one race to go to the end of the 2016 World Championship, the Repsol Honda Team rider secured the FIM Trial World Championship today, Saturday, at the Italian town of Chiampo. With this new title, the Repsol Honda rider has achieved ten outdoor crowns and 20 combined Trial titles (10 indoor and 10 outdoor).

Toni Bou only needed to finish among the seven first riders in the classification to secure the title, but the Repsol Honda Team rider took yet another victory thanks to an excellent riding that did not left any chance to his rivals. After the three laps around the 12 zones, Bou finished with only 13 points, 43 less than the second placed, Adam Raga.

His teammate, Takahisa Fujinami, still recovering from a wrist fracture, finished sixth and keeps the third place of the World Championship with an advantage of 11 points over the fourth. The third rider of the team, Jaime Busto, rode today again close to the podium positions, finishing fifth in the second-to-last race of the Championship.

Tomorrow, second and last day of the Italian Grand Prix, the 2016 season of the pinnacle of trial competition will come to an end.



Toni Bou

"Today is a unique day, because when you win a World Championship, it's something huge. It was a complicated championship, where I had back problems from the beginning. I felt slowly better and I was able to complete one of my best seasons. Today, the race was perfect, I achieved the win and the title. I want to thank everyone that has helped me to achieve it, the whole team, my family and my friends. This is a very special moment; it's much more than I could ever dream. Now I'm going to enjoy it, but I'm also thinking about tomorrow's race and the next season, about improving."

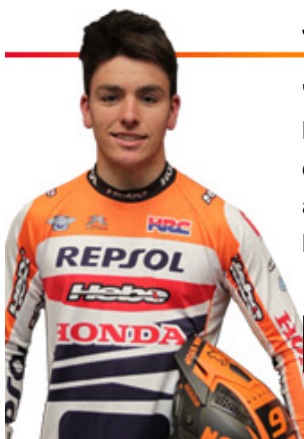
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Takahisa Fujinami

"This first day in Italy was tough, more than I thought. The zones weren't easy and there wasn't enough time to finish them... At the beginning I rode well, but then I started feeling the pain in my wrist and I wasn't comfortable, I didn't have strength. Luckily, I was able to finish well and keep the position in the overall standings, where I only lost three points. That was the aim and I think it's getting closer."

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Jaime Busto

"Today it was a complicated day. At the beginning I did well in the two first zones, but from the third I kept making mistakes in the easy parts, and I could do the difficult ones. In the second lap I started improving and in the third I could complete a good one. Toni [Bou] is my idol, I'm sure he still has a lot of years ahead of him, he's a great rider."

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RESULTS

1	Toni Bou	Repsol Honda	13 points
2	Adam Raga	TSR	56 points
3	Jeroni Fajardo	Vertigo	86 points
4	Albert Cabestany	Sherco	89 points
5	Jaime Busto	Repsol Honda	91 points
6	Takahisa Fujinami	Repsol Honda	97 points

CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

1	Toni Bou	Repsol Honda	269 points
2	Adam Raga	TSR	235 points
3	Takahisa Fujinami	Repsol Honda	179 points
4	Albert Cabestany	Sherco	168 points
5	Jaime Busto	Repsol Honda	159 points