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Women's European Trial Championship



Seventh consecutive continental title for Laia Sanz, winner of all three championship events.

Tanval (Czech Republic), 16.08.2008. - Laia Sanz (Montesa-HRC Cota 4RT) has won the Women's European Trial Championship for seventh consecutive time. A competition that finished this Saturday with the third and final scoring event. The Montesa rider won outright on terrain made more difficult by rain. The multiple champion practically left the title decided at the end of the first lap, without penalisations and with ten points advantage over her closest rival, finishing off the event with just a single point in the second lap.

Laia Sanz has won all three championship events. The first, in March in Grasse (France), finishing with zero points and the second, at the end of July in Crodo Verbania (Italy), finishing with two points, twenty less than the next classified. With these two results, to retain the title it would have been enough to finish fourth.

Laia Sanz: *"Rain complicated zones that would have been much less difficult if they were dry. In these conditions, and despite the greater risk of making mistakes, I felt calm and made what I consider was my best trial of this season, adding to my satisfaction for this seventh title. I've now achieved one of my two great aims for this year. The other is obviously to regain the World Championship. I feel as fit as possible and the results of these last two events in the European championship are also good psychological encouragement"*.

The seven-times continental champion was born in Corbera de Llobregat (Barcelona) on December 11th 1985 and has been in the Repsol-Montesa HRC team since 2004. Her next objective is to conquer what would be her eighth world title, breaking her seven-title tie with two great legends of this motorcycling speciality: Jordi Tarrés and Dougie Lampkin. Having won the opening event of this competition (in March in Ettelbruck, Luxemburg), Laia Sanz will have two opportunities to achieve her goal: on September 20th and 26th in Castellolí (Barcelona) and in Sant Julià de Lòria (Andorra), respectively.

* Standing Tanval Trial		* European Championship	
1. Laia Sanz (Montesa)	1 (0+1)	1. Laia Sanz (Montesa)	60 points
2. Iris Krämer (Scorpa)	17 (12+5)	2. Iris Krämer (Scorpa)	49 "
3. Rebekah Cook (Gas Gas)	19 (10+9)	3. Rebekah Cook (Gas Gas)	47 "
4. Joanne Coles (Sherco)	25 (13+12)	4. Joanne Coles (Sherco)	39 "
5. Donna Fox (Sherco)	33 (17+16)	5. Donna Fox (Sherco)	31 "

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