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European Trial Championship at Santo Stefano d'Aveto (Italy) - Preview

Crucial moments for riders of all the classes of the FIM Europe Trial Championship as in the next two weekends all titles will be assigned: in Italy and in Belgium the two chosen venues. At first the European riders are expected to enter at Santo Stefano d'Aveto, little village in the mountains behind Genova, where in 2012 one round of the FIM World Championship was held.

Do not be frightened by the high temperatures that are crossing Italy - and not only - in these days. Santo Stefano d'Aveto is situated at almost 1000 mt of altitude, consequently some degrees less than any other part are guaranteed.

As usual when all the categories are present, on Saturday Women's and Youths' Cups will be on the scene. Spanish Berta Abellan (Vertigo) will have to defend her smooth advantage on German Theresa Bauml (Montesa), but Italian Sara Trentini (Montesa), gratified by her recent success in the Italian Championship, might play an important role, too.

In Youth class it seems to be a Spanish deal between Martin Riobo (Gas Gas) and Pol Medina (Beta), but this category is subjected to quick changes as the growth of very young riders is always unpredictable.

The main competition is scheduled on Sunday. Eyes on favourite Italian Matteo Grattarola (Montesa, photo2) who is crossing a period of high and low results. Unbeatable in difficult sections he often accused weak points on easy ones. British Toby Martyn (Montesa) has lately tore him the





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leadership in Trial2 class of the World Championship, and will try to do the same here, but he is only in third position in the overall standings, behind Spanish Francesc Moret (Montesa) ready to take profit from any false step of his rivals. The situation is more defined in the Junior class. Italian Sergio Piardi (Beta, photo1) will present himself in front of his fans stronger than ever, having collected 3 victories out of 3 rounds. Behind him the most quoted rival could be French Kieran Touly (Sherco).

Among the over 40 riders, German Markus Kipp (TRS, photo3) continues to be the man to beat. Italian Piero Sembenini (Montesa) has the right stuff to try to tip over the situation, having the Italian crowd on his side.

Whoever wishes to follow the two-days of competitions riding his trial bike will be granted by the organizers.

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