



Kenny Belaey NEWS

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BELAEY SECOND AFTER OPENING THRILLER!

Saturday night after the 26” final the scorecard of Kenny Belaey and Gilles Coustellier displayed the same overall result, eleven to be precise. Both trialbiking legends even matched their number of *5-penalties*. When it came down to the ones Coustellier edged out his Belgian adversary, by the smallest possible margin.

True to form Ripoll, where the training center for promising Spanish trial riders is located, dished up a demanding race for the world’s best trial specialists. Not only did they have to face technical obstacles (rocks, sewer pipes, cable reels) but to succeed at the first World Cup of the year you need sheer strength and power as well. The jumps were high and wide! In the semi Belaey had qualified in third thus he was again the only Belgian to make it to the final.

Although former world champ Hermance had won the semi he was nowhere near the front at the main event. The local crowd was treated an exciting man-to-man battle between Kenny Belaey and his French opponent Gilles Coustellier. Coustellier finished the first lap with a 3 point advantage. But as often before ‘The Magician’ bounced back in the second lap. The Red Bull athlete recorded an impressive lap with only three penalty points. Ultimately Coustellier and Belaey were equal on points. However Gilles snatched the overall with three ‘ones’ against Kenny’s two!

World Cup Ripoll

1. Gilles Coustellier (FRA) 11 pts
 2. Kenny Belaey (BEL) 11 pts
 3. Vincent Hermance (FRA) 24 pts
 4. Giacomo Coustellier (FRA) 29 pts
 5. Ben Slinger (GBR) 35 pts
 6. Hannes Herrmann (DUI) 38 pts
 7. Andrei Burton (GBR) 42 pts
- Marc Caisso DNF

KENNY BELAEY

“You can’t win them all I guess! Honestly, I’m very happy with how things worked out here in Spain. I was riding at the same level as Gilles (Coustellier) and the overall feeling was just great. Today’s trial confirmed that I made good progress over the last six months or so. I have been able to work on my weak spots. I could jump everything and I was not even tired after the final! So I’m really looking forward to the rest of the season now.”

