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Toni Bou Wins 20th Consecutive Trial World Championship Title

– Claims an Unprecedented 40 World Championship Titles, Including X-Trial –

TOKYO, Japan, September 7, 2026 - Repsol Honda HRC rider Toni Bou (Spain, 39 years old) claimed his record-extending 20th consecutive 2026 FIM* Trial World Championship (TrialGP) title at the Netherlands GP, held from September 5–6.

* FIM: Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme



Toni Bou



Toni Bou and the Montesa COTA 4RT

TrialGP is an outdoor trial competition in which riders tackle sections that make use of natural terrain. Bou began the 2026 season with victory at the opening Japan GP and went on to win every subsequent round: Round 2, the Andorra GP; Round 3, the Italy GP; Round 4, the Great Britain GP; and Round 5, the France GP, maintaining the championship lead throughout the season. At Round 6, the Netherlands GP, Bou won on both Day 1 and Day 2, securing his 20th consecutive title based on his points advantage over the second-ranked rider, with the season-ending Spain GP still to come.

His teammate Gabriel Marcelli (26, Spain) has also delivered consistent performances and currently sits third in the standings. He will aim to move up to second at the final round.

Since winning his first World Championship title in 2007 aboard the HRC factory machine, the Montesa COTA 4RT, Bou has continued his uninterrupted run of TrialGP titles. Combined with his 20th consecutive FIM X-Trial World Championship (X-Trial) title, achieved in March 2026 in the indoor discipline contested over artificial sections, Bou has now won a total of 40 consecutive World Championship titles, establishing a record virtually unparalleled in motorsports history.

■ Toni Bou | Repsol Honda HRC

"I'm so happy. Winning my 40th world title is incredible, and it's still hard to believe we did it. This season has been amazing; we've been very consistent and made good decisions at crucial moments. I want to especially thank the team for all their hard work, because without them none of this would be possible. To be able to clinch the title here, before the final race, is very special. Now it's time to enjoy this moment and keep working to finish the season in the best possible way."

■ Takahisa Fujinami | Repsol Honda HRC Manager

"This is a historic day for Toni and the entire team. Reaching 40 world titles is extraordinary and demonstrates the incredible level he has maintained throughout all these years. This season has been exceptional once again, and securing the title before the final race reflects the great work of Toni and the entire Repsol Honda HRC team. We are proud to be part of this moment, and I want to thank all the team members for their efforts. It hasn't been an easy weekend for Gabrì, and we are currently third in the championship, but there are two races left in Pobladora, and we will fight until the end to regain second place. Today, above all, it's time to enjoy and celebrate this 40th title."

■ Koji Watanabe, President of Honda Racing Corporation

"When Toni Bou achieved his 20th consecutive X-Trial championship in March this year, I expressed my hope that he would continue winning and reach the unprecedented milestone of 40 World Championship titles. I am truly delighted that he has now accomplished exactly that, and I have the utmost respect for this remarkable achievement.

To remain at the top for 20 years in two World Championships with very different characteristics —X-Trial, contested over artificial sections, and TrialGP, held on natural terrain—is a record made possible by Bou's exceptional riding skills and strong determination to win, together with the strength of a team that has continued to embrace challenges without fear of change. His 40 World Championship titles are not only an extraordinary personal achievement, but also represent a history of challenges built together with Honda, HRC, the team and everyone who has supported these activities. I would once again like to express my utmost respect for this tremendous record, as well as my sincere gratitude to trial fans around the world who have supported us over the years, and to our sponsors and everyone involved."

■ About Toni Bou

Birth Date: October 17, 1986 (39 years old)

Birthplace: Spain

Career Highlights:

2003 Trial World Championship debut

2007 Joins Repsol Montesa HRC, Wins his first Trial World Championship and X-Trial World Championship

2008 - 2025 Wins every Trial World Championship & X-Trial World Championship (19 each)

2026 March Wins his 20th consecutive X-Trial World Championship (39 total)

September Wins his 20th consecutive Trial World Championship (40 total)

■ Montesa COTA 4RT Overview

Engine: Liquid-cooled 4-stroke OHC single-cylinder engine

Frame: Aluminum twin-tube

Tires: 21-inch (front) 18-inch (rear)