



Scott Racing Team wins Italian Team Relay Championship

On the first day of the final weekend of the Internazionali d'Italia Series in Chies d'Alpago (BL), the Scott Racing Team won the relay ahead of the Trinx Factory Team and Lee Cougan Banca Prealpi San Biagio.

Today, Friday 28th June, the big MTB weekend started in Chies d'Alpago (BL).

In the early afternoon, the Italian Team Relay Championship was held, with six mixed teams competing for the national title on the historic (albeit newly renovated) Lomosano course. The riders had five laps to complete. The Scott Racing Team set the tone with the first fractionalist, Elia Rial, who immediately created a significant gap.

Lorenzo Trincheri, Giulia Rinaldoni and Giada Martinoli extended their lead over the other teams before Matteo Siffredi's legs took the final lap and finished the race 1'40" ahead of Cristian Bernardi of the Trinx Factory Team, second. The podium was completed by the Lee Cougan Banca Prealpi San Biagio team. They finished 2'40" behind the winner.

This is how Giada Martinoli, fourth rider on the Scott Racing Team and leading the Internazionali d'Italia Junior overall standings, described the day: "Today was a test to prepare for tomorrow. Yesterday I injured my ankle trying out the track, but this morning I did everything I could to calm the pain and be competitive for this day dedicated to the Italian Championship, a race where everyone's work counts and where I couldn't afford to ruin the team's success because of a distraction of my own. So I gritted my teeth and gave everything I had. Everyone did everything they could and we managed to win this jersey. Now I'm going to rest before tomorrow's final stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series, where there are a lot of foreign riders and it will be a good opportunity for me to face them and test myself. My goal is to have fun and defend the jersey".

These are the words of Elia Rial, the first of the newly crowned Italian champions to start: "Winning the national title is always a great satisfaction, it is my first year with the team and I am happy with the climate that has been created. Tomorrow I will try to maintain my second position in the Internazionali d'Italia standings, although it will be very difficult because the track is difficult and it is quite hot".

Finally, Lorenzo Trincheri, the second rider to set off for the winning team, said: "This is an unusual weekend for me because I usually train for another speciality, the marathon, and short, explosive races are not my strong point. But today I gave it my all and I am very happy with my performance. I am happy to have won the title, which is my first. I will try to do my best again on Saturday.

Tomorrow is the highlight of the weekend with the fourth, final and decisive stage of the Internazionali d'Italia. The junior men's race will start at 9:30, followed by the open women's race at 12:00, before the grand finale at 15:00 with the elite and under-23 men's races.