



Elia Rial wins the second stage of the Internazionali d'Italia Series

The young Scott Racing Team talent triumphs in Argentario and takes the lead of the standings.

Argentario (GR), 22nd March 2025 - **Elia Rial** (Scott Racing Team) won the second stage of the **Internazionali d'Italia Series**, crossing the line 54 seconds ahead of **Filippo Cavezzan** (Team Sogno Veneto) and 1'34" ahead of **Giacomo Santoni** (ASD Gagabike).

"My strategy was to stay with the lead group and try to attack in the final laps. I wasn't feeling at my best but when the opportunity came I decided to go for it. I made the most of it and pushed through to the end. I'm really happy with this result," said winner **Elia Rial**. *"Racing in the rain isn't my strong point, but today I chose the right tyres and felt good on the track. Since last year I've been concentrating a lot on the Internazionali d'Italia series. I hope to keep the leader's jersey until the end, which would be a great achievement."*

The race took place on a technical course inside the former air force base in Porto Santo Stefano, with over fifty riders in the junior category competing in light rain. Gabriele Scagliola (Ciclistica Rostese) made a strong start and attacked on the first lap, followed by Elia Rial (Scott Racing Team), Jacopo Putaggio (FOL MTB Racing Team) and Pietro Cao (Trinx Factory Team).

In the second lap, a puncture forced Scagliola to slow down, allowing Rial to take the lead and increase his gap on Cavezzan. On the penultimate lap another puncture for Scagliola left the fight for the podium wide open: Giacomo Santoni and Pietro Cao fought hard until the final kilometres.

Rial crossed the line with his arms raised, completing the five laps in 56'50". Filippo Cavezzan secured second place, while Giacomo Santoni relegated Pietro Cao to third.

With this victory, Elia Rial now wears the red jersey as leader of the general classification, ahead of Filippo Cavezzan and Pietro Cao.

The Internazionali d'Italia series now moves on to the third stage, scheduled for Saturday 31st May in **Nervesa della Battaglia (TV)**, where the best MTB cross-country talents will compete on the scenic Rive degli Angeli course, a course that promises excitement and spectacular racing.