



## Emilly Johnston conquers Argentario

*A solo victory for the Scott - Sram rider, while Lucia Bramati takes the overall leader's jersey.*

Argentario (GR), 22nd March - **Emilly Johnston** (Scott - Sram) completed her solo ride by crossing the line first in the Argentario, 3'39" ahead of **Adela Holubova** (Rouvy), who finished second, and 4'16" ahead of **Lucia Bramati** (Trinx Factory Team), who finished third. The Canadian rider, who only a few days ago had expressed her excitement about competing in Italy because of the strong competition and the exciting tracks, proved to be in excellent shape and ready for the upcoming World Cup season.

**Nicole Pesse**, the only rider able to stay on the heels of today's winner from the start, suffered a technical problem on lap four which caused her to drop several places and finish in fifth place.

*"My strategy today was to stay at the front from the start because the course was slippery," said **Emilly Johnston** after crossing the line. "I was able to set my own pace and it went really well. It was a fun race on a very technical course. I'm really happy to have won".*

### U23 category

**Lucia Bramati** won the women's U23 category, confirming the strong form she had already shown in San Zeno. **Beatrice Fontana** (Lee Cougan Banca Prealpi SanBiagio) was second and **Giulia Rinaldoni** (BRAVI Platforms Team) third. The Trinx Factory Team rider not only dictated the pace from the start, giving her rivals little chance of challenging for the win, but her performance also allowed her to wear the leader's jersey in both the Open and U23 standings.

*"Today was really tough. I kept a steady pace until the last lap when I ran out of energy. I tried to hang on, I lost a position, but I'm still happy to have a podium on a day like this," said **Lucia Bramati**. "My goal for this season was to win the leader's jersey and now I'll try to keep it for as long as possible. I'm very happy with this result."*

### Junior category

In the junior category, **Giorgia Pellizotti** (Trinx Factory Team) once again dominated the race, completing the four laps in 58'22", ahead of **Nicole Azzetti** (Team Guerrini) and **Sara Bertino** (Libertas Ceresetto). The Trinx Factory Team rider is now the leader of her category, while Nicole Azzetti confirms her second place in the standings.

*"Today's race was difficult because of the rain, which changed the reference points I had memorised during yesterday's track inspection," explained **Giorgia Pellizotti**. "I had a flat tyre on the second lap, which made my race more complicated, but I decided not to change the wheel to avoid losing time and instead rode more cautiously on the descents. This strategy paid off. I've started the season off on the right foot and now, after a very intense period, I'm going to take a short break. However, it would be a great honour for me to wear the leader's jersey until the end".*

The next race is scheduled for 31 May in Nervesa della Battaglia (TV) on the Rive degli Angeli circuit.