



Daniele Braidot triumphs in Nervesa della Battaglia

Filippo Fontana retains the leader's jersey and is joined on the podium by Gioele Bertolini.

Nervesa della Battaglia (TV), 31 May 2025 – **Daniele Braidot** (C.S. Carabinieri Cicli Olympia) secured a decisive victory in Nervesa della Battaglia, crossing the finish line 37 seconds ahead of his teammate, **Filippo Fontana**, and over a minute ahead of **Gioele Bertolini** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem).

"I'm really happy because after the last World Cup round, I knew I was in good shape. It was difficult to outdo opponents who are more agile, but I managed to break away with sheer strength in the end," said **Braidot**. *"Filippo wasn't at his best today, so I had the opportunity to give it my all, and I'm pleased to have won a round of the Internazionali d'Italia Series again this year."*

In the early stages of the race, a trio of top athletes broke away: Braidot, Bertolini and Fontana. The three riders quickly distanced themselves from the rest of the field, maintaining a fast pace and working together until lap five of the scheduled seven. At this point, Braidot made his move. Fontana tried to respond, but was unable to close the gap to his teammate.

Braidot powered on to take a well-deserved win, confirming his excellent form ahead of upcoming international events. Behind him, Filippo Fontana secured second place, while Bertolini completed the podium.

Thanks to today's result, Filippo Fontana strengthened his lead in the overall standings.

"I'm really happy. I didn't expect to finish strong considering how I felt over the last few days, but today I felt good," said **Fontana**. *"As a team, we achieved first and second place — an amazing result! I've now got a decent lead in the overall standings, but I especially want to do well in the next round at Lamosano because it's my home race."*

Under-23 category

Fabio Bassignana (KTM-Protek-Elettrosystem) claimed victory, finishing ahead of **Martino Zavan** and **Marco Betteo** (both Team Sogno Veneto).

The race was tightly contested from the outset, with Bassignana and Zavan closely marking each other for most of the event. It was only in the final lap that Bassignana managed to make the decisive move, breaking away from Zavan to secure a significant victory.

Thanks to his podium finish, Marco Betteo now leads the general classification.

"It was a very tactical ride, like a road race. We studied each other until the end, and in the last lap I managed to come out on top," said **Bassignana**. *"The course suited my strengths well, and I'm happy to have won."*

Maria Bertolo, the Veneto Regional Committee's Vice President responsible for off-road cycling, was present to award the athletes. She commented: *"It's an honour to be here in Nervesa for this fantastic event. I would like to congratulate the entire organising team: Pavanello Bike, the Regional Committee and the Veneto off-road commission."* Today's race was a real spectacle for the athletes and spectators alike. We hope that tomorrow's races for the youth and master categories will be just as exciting."

Also in attendance was **Paola Chies**, the Provincial Councillor for Sport, who said: *"As a province, we unfortunately don't have direct funding to allocate to these initiatives, but we always try to support the federations and associations that promote them. We understand how much events like this can benefit the local area, in terms of both tourism and sport. That's why our support is always sincere"*



and active: we provide patronage, help with communications, and collaborate with everyone who helps to promote sport and local excellence with passion.”

Internazionali d'Italia Series returns on Saturday 28 June in Lamosano di Chies d'Alpago for the fourth round of Italy's premier cross-country MTB series.