

Internazionali d'Italia Series: Nervesa della Battaglia is ready for round three

The best of Italian mountain biking returns to center stage in the heart of Veneto for a high-intensity weekend of racing.

Nervesa della Battaglia (TV) is set to host the highly anticipated third round of the Internazionali d'Italia Series, where the leaders of the various standings will battle to defend their Pasol-branded jerseys.

Among the elite men, the spotlight will be on Filippo Fontana (CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia), fresh off his best-ever World Cup result – a seventh-place finish in Nové Město na Moravě. He'll be joined at the start line by teammates Daniele Braidot and Emanuele Huez, last year's winner Gioele Bertolini (KTM - Protek - Elettrosystem), and Friuli's Nadir Colledani (Mondraker Factory Racing).

In the women's race, Lucia Bramati (Trinx Factory Team) will aim to hold off challenges from CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia's Nicole Pesse and Giada Martinoli, as well as from British rider Beatrix Kiehlmann of Royal Albert CC.

Great expectations also surround the junior women's race, where Giorgia Pellizotti (Trinx Factory Team) will face tough competition from Sabrina Rizzi and Nicole Canzian (Team Sogno Veneto), Elisa Giangrasso (KTM - Protek - Elettrosystem), and Anna Sinner (Junior Team Sudtirol ASV) — all of whom have delivered strong performances in the first two rounds of the series.

Among the U23s, current leader Tommaso Ferri (BCL Team) aims to extend his lead but will have to fend off challenges from Team Sogno Veneto's young talents Marco Betteo and Martino Zavan, Verona's Ettore Prà (Hellas Monteforte), and Matteo Siffredi (KTM - Protek - Elettrosystem).

In the junior men's category, a fierce battle for the top spot is expected between current leader Elia Rial (Scott Racing Team) and determined rivals Ettore Fabbro (KTM - Protek - Elettrosystem), Filippo Cavezzan (Team Sogno Veneto), and Pietro Cao (Trinx Factory Team).

"Nervesa della Battaglia is ready to welcome all the exceptional athletes who will compete on the Rive degli Angeli course starting Friday," said Carlo Antonello, Vice President of the organizing club Jack Pro Rider A.S.D. "A heartfelt thanks goes to all the institutions that made this event possible: the DMC, the unified tourism management body of the Montebelluna area; the Montello Travel tourism promotion agency; MeVe, the Veneto Memorial of the Great War based in Montebelluna; and the Montello Forest Consortium. The local community has come together to offer the athletes a truly prestigious stage."

Below is the full program for the event, which will, as per tradition, feature UCI-category races on Saturday, youth and master races on Sunday, and the newly introduced Italian Team Relay Championship on Friday:

Friday, May 30th

- 14:00 Italian Team Relay Championship Elite
- 15:30 Italian Team Relay Championship Youth
- 17:00 Italian Team Relay Championship Master

Saturday, May 31st

- 10:00 Junior Men's Race
- 11:45 Open Women's + Junior Women's Race
- 14:00 Open Men's Race



Sunday, June 1st

- 09:00 Master Race
- 10:30 Esordienti M1
- 11:30 Esordienti M2
- 12:30 Youth Women's Race
- 13:45 Allievi M1
- 15:00 Allievi M2

Registrations for the Olympic cross-country races on Saturday and Sunday will close today, Tuesday, May 27th, while entries for the Italian Team Relay Championship will remain open until the day before the event, Thursday, May 29th.