



The stars of the Internazionali d'Italia Series are gearing up to compete in Nervesa della Battaglia

On the Rive degli Angeli course, the leaders defend their jerseys and prepare for the major goals of the season.

The third stage of Internazionali d'Italia Series is just around the corner, with **Nervesa della Battaglia (TV)** preparing to welcome the stars of Italy's most prestigious cross-country mountain bike circuit. The race will begin on Saturday 31 May on the Rive degli Angeli course and will feature **Filippo Fontana**, who is leading the Elite Men's standings; **Lucia Bramati**, who is leading both the Elite and U23 Women's rankings; and **Tommaso Ferri**, who is leading the U23 Men's category. These three athletes are not only determined to defend their leader jerseys, but also to build momentum towards the season's major events.

For **Filippo Fontana** (CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia), the race in Nervesa della Battaglia is an important step towards the key period of the year: *"My main goal is to be at my best in June and July, when the most important races for me take place, such as the Italian and European Championships and the World Cup events that suit me best. With that in mind, the upcoming stages of the Internazionali fit perfectly into my training programme and will be essential for assessing my condition and making the final adjustments ahead of these major events."*

Lucia Bramati (Trinx Factory Team) echoes this sentiment: *"This year, Internazionali d'Italia Series rounds are perfectly slotted into the calendar, taking place in the weeks leading up to the World Cup races and providing a crucial opportunity to assess my form. Moreover, because of the attendance of high-level athletes, they provide the ideal preparation environment. Among the Italian races, the Internazionali d'Italia Series features courses that most closely resemble World Cup tracks, both technically and in terms of spectacle. The organisers work hard to recreate the atmosphere of the biggest events, so it's the ideal preparation for me."*

Tommaso Ferri (BCL Team) also views the Internazionali d'Italia Series as a valuable growth opportunity: *"I'm aiming for a strong result at the Italian Championships, and Internazionali is an important part of my preparation for that event. The series has grown considerably in recent years: the courses are always technical and testing, and the races are exciting thanks to the high level of competition. However, the Internazionali d'Italia Series isn't just great preparation for the most important races of the season. Now that I've managed to take the leader's jersey, my goal is to retain it until the end."*

Filippo Fontana shares the same view, concluding: *"I've never won the overall standings in a race as an Elite rider, so holding on to the leader's jersey would be a really important milestone in my development as an athlete."*

The stars of Internazionali d'Italia Series will once again put their Pasol-branded leader's jerseys on the line in Nervesa della Battaglia on Saturday, May 31. However, the race programme will begin on Friday 30 May with the **Italian Team Relay Championship**, concluding on Sunday 1 June with the



youth and master categories. Two young athletes — one male and one female — who record the fastest lap times in their respective races will be awarded a pair of ASSIOMA PRO MX 2 pedals at the end of the event.