



Greta Seiwald and Juri Zanotti crowned new Italian short track champions

Tomorrow, the spotlight will shift to the XCO stars with the fourth stage of Internazionali d'Italia Series. The show will continue in Lamosano.

Lamosano di Chies d'Alpago (BL), 27 June 2025 – The three-day mountain biking festival on the Alpago Bike Funtastic course began with the Italian Short Track Championships. **Greta Seiwald** (Decathlon Ford Racing Team) won the open women's race, while **Juri Zanotti** (Wilier-Vittoria Factory Team) won the open men's race.

The women's race took place over four laps of the technical Lamosano circuit. From the beginning, the pre-race favourites set a fast pace. Chiara Teocchi (Centro Sportivo Esercito) and Greta Seiwald took the lead, closely followed by Lucia Bramati (Trinx Factory Team), Nicole Pesse (CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia), Sara Cortinovis (Centro Sportivo Esercito) and Lucrezia Braidà (KTM-Protek-Elettrosystem). On the penultimate lap, Teocchi and Seiwald increased the pace, creating a gap between themselves and the rest of the field. Only Pesse managed to stay relatively close. The race was decided in a final sprint, with Seiwald just beating Teocchi at the finish line, while Pesse came in third, sixteen seconds behind.

*"I knew Chiara was the strongest from the outset, so my strategy was to stay on her wheel," said **Greta Seiwald**. "During the last lap, I realised that it would come down to a sprint. Chiara is fast, and I didn't think I could overtake her. However, I gave it my all, and it worked out perfectly! I'm overjoyed – the emotion is indescribable! This win means a lot to me."*

The elite men's race was thrilling from the start, with a large lead group powered by the outgoing Italian champion, Simone Avondetto. Midway through the race, the Wilier-Vittoria Factory Team seized the initiative, exploiting their numerical superiority. Juri Zanotti launched the decisive attack on the most technical section, while Avondetto kept an eye on the chasers, enabling his teammate to pull away. Daniele Braidot (CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia) tried to close the gap, but paid the price for his efforts in the final stretch. Juri Zanotti crossed the finish line first, winning the title by an eleven-second margin over Luca Braidot and Simone Avondetto. This result completed a podium sweep for the Wilier-Vittoria Factory Team.

*"The course was very demanding. I knew it would be a tough race. As a team, we had three strong players: myself, Luca and Simone," said **Juri Zanotti**. "I was lucky because, midway through the race, there was a slowdown and I took advantage of it in the most technical section. Simone helped me to create the gap that I was then able to maintain until the end. Winning the tricolore jersey is always special: when the national jersey is at stake, your heart beats faster. Earning it gives me great satisfaction and repays all the hard work. I'm thrilled to be wearing it at the World Cup!"*

The winners were presented with their awards by **Gianluca Dal Borgo**, the Mayor of Chies d'Alpago, who said: *"Sport plays a fundamental role in the lives of our young people. It helps them to grow up with strong values, and it is always emotional to see athletes from different categories competing with such passion. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, the associations, and President Paolo Zanon. Top-level MTB has been essential for Alpago for over 25 years, as this event has put us on the map throughout Italy and even abroad. Volunteers dedicate months to making this possible, and the entire municipality is involved in caring for and promoting the area that hosts us."*

On Saturday 28 June, Lamosano di Chies d'Alpago will host the fourth stage of **Internazionali d'Italia Series**, featuring the top UCI categories. On Sunday, the demanding course in the Belluno Alps will be taken on by the youth riders.