



Internazionali d'Italia Series: Wilier-Vittoria lines up top riders in Alpago

Avondetto, Braidot and Zanotti are aiming for the XCC national title and victory in the fourth round of the Internazionali.

The fourth round of the 2025 Internazionali d'Italia Series will see one of the most prominent teams on the global cross-country scene take part. From 27 to 29 June in Lamosano di Chies d'Alpago, Belluno, Italy, the **Wilier-Vittoria MTB Factory Team** will field a top-tier line-up featuring reigning European Champion Simone Avondetto, Italian XCO Champion Luca Braidot, and Juri Zanotti.

The Alpago event is one of the most prestigious on the national calendar. It will hold particular significance this year as it will host the Italian Short Track (XCC) Championship on Friday, ahead of the Internazionali d'Italia Series race on Saturday 28 June.

Coming off a solid start to the season, **Simone Avondetto** aims to confirm his status as one of the top contenders: *"The season has been going pretty well so far. It got off to a good start with strong performances at the Cape Epic and a fourth-place finish in the World Cup in Brazil. The most recent races didn't quite go as I had hoped, but I'm feeling confident. The work we've put in will pay off. Alpago is a classic stop, always featuring a high level of competition and a challenging course. My main focus will be on the Italian XCC Championship, but I'm glad to be back racing in the Internazionali d'Italia Series — it will be my first time competing in the circuit this year."*

The rider from Piedmont also shared his first impressions of the new **Shimano XTR Di2** groupset: *"It's a big step forward. The electronic shifting system is extremely fast and consistently precise, even under pressure and in tough conditions. In cross-country races, where every second counts, the ability to shift smoothly and reliably can make all the difference."*

Alongside Avondetto, **Juri Zanotti** also heads to Alpago feeling confident and motivated: *"I'm happy with how my season started, especially what I achieved in the early World Cup rounds in Brazil. The European stages were more challenging, but I'm feeling good now and I want to make the most of it. The Alpago weekend will be important for all of us, with the tricolour jersey for the short track up for grabs, as well as a top-tier C1 race. It will definitely be a great testing ground ahead of the upcoming World Cup events."*

With an expected start list featuring top-level riders and elite teams, such as the Wilier-Vittoria MTB Factory Team, the Alpago round is set to be an exciting event in the stunning setting of the Belluno Dolomites.