



Thrilling finale in Alpago: Elia Rial wins in a sprint and reclaims the leader's jersey!
The Piacenza-born rider outpaced Fabbro on the final straight, strengthening his bid for the Internazionali d'Italia Series title.

Lamosano di Chies d'Alpago (BL), 28 June 2025 – **Elia Rial** (Scott Racing Team) won in a sprint finish, ahead of **Ettore Fabbro** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem) and **Federico Rosario Brafa** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem).

“Right from the start, I could feel that my legs were strong today. After yesterday’s short track, I was a bit demoralised, but I held on and gave it everything I had,” said the winner. ‘I tried to attack on the penultimate lap, but Ettore was really strong, so it all came down to the final stretch. Today was my redemption, and I’m proud to have taken the win. Reclaiming the leader’s jersey is an incredible feeling. It means so much to me because I know how much work and sacrifice goes into this. I’m truly satisfied.”

The race unfolded over five laps of the challenging Alpago Bike Funtastic course. The first two laps were ridden at a controlled pace, with a lead group of around ten riders staying together. The turning point came midway through the race, when Elia Rial (Scott Racing Team) and Ettore Fabbro (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem) increased the pace and broke away from the pack. Behind them, a chasing group of four formed: Pietro Cao (Trinx Factory Team), Federico Rosario Brafa (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem), Filippo Cavezzan (Team Sogno Veneto) and Gabriele Scagliola (Ciclistica Rostese), who were all trying to close the gap.

On the penultimate lap, Brafa made a solo move to catch up with the leaders, successfully making contact with Rial and Fabbro just as the bell rang for the final lap. However, this effort took its toll and he was unable to keep pace with the top two in the closing stages. Victory was decided by a long sprint on the final straight, where Elia Rial surged ahead to beat Ettore Fabbro to the finish line. Brafa held on for third place, finishing a few seconds ahead of Filippo Cavezzan and Pietro Cao.

With today's win, Elia Rial reclaims the overall leader's jersey in the Internazionali d'Italia Series, firmly reasserting his bid for the final circuit victory.

The final round of the Internazionali d'Italia Series is scheduled for Saturday 5 July in Esanatoglia (MC), when the winner of Italy’s premier cross-country MTB series will be decided.