



Daniele Braidot triumphed at Esanatoglia, taking the leader's jersey

The CS Carabinieri Cicli Olympia rider dominated the Marche stage and claimed the overall lead in the Internazionali d'Italia Series standings.

Esanatoglia, MC, July 5, 2025 — **Daniele Braidot** claimed the final round of the Internazionali d'Italia Series in Esanatoglia, securing the overall leader's jersey in the process. The Friulian athlete crossed the finish line alone, 1'15" ahead of **Emanuele Bocchio Vega** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem). Rounding out the podium was **Emanuele Huez**, another rider from the Carabinieri team, who finished third at 1'37".

"Today went well. I started strong right away, found my rhythm, and I'm really happy with my form. Now, we have two other important events ahead, and I want to do well in those too," said **Braidot**, the **stage winner and new overall leader**. *"Winning the Internazionali d'Italia Series jersey feels a bit bittersweet this time because I feel bad about taking it from Filippo (Fontana). That's how it went, but he's young and will definitely have other chances to bounce back."*

Right from the opening lap, Braidot set a hard pace, quickly creating a gap while Bocchio Vega and Huez led the chase. Despite an attempted comeback from Gioele Bertolini (KTM - Protek - Elettrosystem), the race dynamics remained largely unchanged. In the middle of the race, Argentine rider Agustín Durán (Specialized DMT) overtook Bertolini. Bertolini was then passed in the final laps by Giulio Peruzzo (KTM-Protek-Elettrosystem) and Capoa (BCL Team).

U23 Category: Peruzzo dominates the stage; Betteo keeps the jersey.

In the U23 race, **Gabriel Borre** (Beltrami TSA) and **Giulio Peruzzo** (KTM-Protek-Elettrosystem) set the early pace while the overall leader, **Marco Betteo** (Team Sogno Veneto), was forced to chase. As the laps went by, Peruzzo pulled ahead, first dropping Betteo and then distancing Borre as well. In the final stages, the Piedmont native extended his lead and crossed the finish line with a comfortable margin. Betteo managed to catch up to Borre, securing a podium finish for the day and retaining the U23 leader's jersey.

"These past three weeks, my form has been excellent. I'm feeling great, and that gives me a lot of confidence heading into the Italian Championships in two weeks," said a satisfied **Peruzzo**. *"I had a poor start due to a pedal issue and lost some time, but then I managed the race well. I'm happy to have won the U23 category. Making the overall podium is an added bonus."*

The Esanatoglia stage, the fifth and final round of one of Italy's most important cross-country circuits, once again proved to be a flagship event for both the Marche region and Italian off-road cycling, as highlighted by **Simone Mannelli, president of the FCI Marche regional committee**. *"Internazionali d'Italia Series stage in Esanatoglia is the off-road event of the year for our committee. It's one of the most significant international competitions held in our region. The Marche region may be small in population, but we have a great capacity for hospitality and for organizing world-class events like this one. It's a truly important fixture. The strength of this circuit lies in its permanence—something I believe represents the future of cycling, both off-road and on-road. Having such a well-equipped facility, which has now been further expanded and enhanced by a pump track, is a tremendous asset that perfectly complements the prestige of this race."*

Thanks to challenging courses of high technical value, the 2025 edition of the Internazionali d'Italia Series once again proved its ability to showcase the best Italian and international mountain biking talent.