



Ettore Fabbro wins the final stage of the 2025 Internazionali d'Italia Series

Elia Rial secures overall lead in the junior category

Esanatoglia (MC), 5 July 2025 – **Ettore Fabbro** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem) won the final stage of the Internazionali d'Italia Series in Esanatoglia, beating **Pietro Cao** (Trinx Factory Team) in a sprint finish. **Elia Rial** (Scott Racing Team) took third place, crossing the line 4 seconds behind Fabbro and definitively securing the leader's jersey in the Junior overall standings.

"I'm very happy. In the last races of the circuit, I performed well, but I didn't manage to win. I really wanted to win today. It was a tactical and very tough race, but I managed the finale well," said Fabbro. "I took a bit of a risk by staying at the front of the group for three laps, but it was the best choice to keep my rhythm, ride my lines and control the race. I'm absolutely satisfied with how it went today."

Elia Rial, who finished third and won the overall classification, expressed his enthusiasm about the season's result: *'Bringing home the leader's jersey is a huge satisfaction. It was one of my main goals this season. This result rewards the consistency I maintained throughout all the races. I didn't start very strongly today, but I felt my legs were in good shape. When I saw the three of us break away, I just focused on managing, getting on the podium and securing the jersey.'*

At 10:00 am, the junior category riders lined up at the start of the final race of Internazionali d'Italia Series season. From the outset, a group of around ten top favourites formed. During the race, the lead group gradually thinned out until, with one lap to go, **Fabbro** (KTM – Protek – Elettrosystem), **Rial** (Scott Racing Team) and **Cao** (Trinx Factory Team) crossed the line with a comfortable lead over their rivals. The trio then contested the victory, with Fabbro prevailing over Cao and Rial.

"Internazionali d'Italia Series in Esanatoglia is a significant opportunity for revitalisation, particularly for areas affected by the earthquake. Hosting a race of this calibre within an international circuit enhances a territory that boasts a unique facility dedicated to the rapidly growing discipline of mountain biking. Important investments have recently been made, including the construction of a pump track, which, as confirmed by the athletes, has further improved the quality of the course," said Luigi Bartocci, Mayor of Esanatoglia. 'The idea and the dream is that this facility can become a permanent reference point for MTB in this area, contributing to the economic and cultural development of the territory over time, with sport at its core — especially for young people.' Today, we see many young riders here, and tomorrow there will be even more. This is a very important sign. Long live sport, long live Santoporo XC, and long live the Internazionali d'Italia Series!"

The Esanatoglia stage marked the conclusion of the 2025 Internazionali d'Italia Series, once again confirming the sporting and promotional value of the circuit. Following Fabbro's victory and Rial's overall win, the Junior category bids farewell to an exciting season, looking ahead to new challenges with the certainty that Italian cross-country mountain biking will continue to grow.