



## 34<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Historic Rally. Lucky attacks, Riolo answers back

**SANREMO (12 April)** – Departure with great competitive tension in the 34th edition of the Sanremo Historic Rally. After the first pass on the three Friday special stages, in the lead Lucky-Fabrizia Pons with the Lancia Delta 16V with 8 " on Lucio Da Zanche-Daniele De Luis, Porsche 911 SC Group B, and 23" 5 on the Totò Rioto-Gianfranco Rappa in a Subaru Legacy, but the situation is far from outlined. Immediate step forward on the first special Vignai of Lucky that extends by 10 "5 on Da Zanche, 12" on Elia Bossalini-Harshana Ratnayake, Porsche 911 RSSC, with Totò Riolo only fifth at 26 ". The second stage of Bignone sees Lucky-Pons reiterate their superiority, but Riolo reduces the delay to only 4 "8, and Da Zanche to 5" 2. The situation is completely reversed on the subsequent San Romolo with Riolo which imposes its law with 2 "8 on Da Zanche and 7" 3 on Lucky.

At the first Regrouping at Forte Santa Tecla Lucky-Pons arrive in the lead. "We won the first two stages, in the third we started with heavy rain tires and it was, when we passed, completely dry. I took a lot of risks to contain the damage ".

Second position for Lucio Da Zanche at 8 "0 satisfied with his performance:" With these dry conditions in the sun and wet in the undergrowth I got everything in my power with a car with only two wheel drive against 4x4 cars ".

Totò Riolo chases at 23 "5. "We didn't understand each other with my team and I disputed the first two stages with the wrong tires and I paid the duty. I won the third stage and reduced the disadvantage. Can I recover? I am always optimistic ".

Fourth place for Bossalini, 50"1 behind and not satisfied with the set up of his Porsche, battling with Marco Bertinotti-Andrea Rondi, Porsche 911 RS who are chasing him with a difference of 3"1 and leading the Second Regrouping battling also with Davide Negri-Roberto Coppa in a similar car. Seventh place overall and leader of the third Regrouping for the Ford Escort RS of Enrico Volpato-Samuele Sordelli, who spun spectacularly at the San Romolo intersection: "There were lots of spectators and also the television. It was the moment to pull the handbrake...we had fun and also the spectators. Fortunately the Escort remained on the road". With 1"3 gap follow, both in the overall classification and in the Regrouping, Angelo Lombardo-Giuseppe Livecchi in a Porsche 911 SC then Tony Fassina-Marco Verdelli who brought the Lancia Stratos with whom he won Rallye Sanremo in 1979, in ninth position overall.

"I'm here to have fun. I can see the others are very fast".



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In the first Regrouping the position kept changing between the two Porsche 911 S of Marco Dell'Acqua-Alberto Galli, who won the stages of Vignai and San Romolo, and Nello Parisi-Giussy D'Angelo who are following 34"2 behind and won the SS Bignone.

Mechanical problems with the transmission did not stop the second Stratos in the race, that of Max Girardo-Elio Baldi who covered the first two stages with the gearbox blocked in the third gear, a problem then solved by the mechanics, while Federico Ormezzano-Maurizio Torlasco, who remained at the service park after two stages with their BMW M3 broken down and Luca Delle Coste-Franca Regis Milan, in mechanical crisis on their Ritmo 75 since the second special stage.



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