

Rallye Sanremo, after nine special stages Campedelli-Canton still in the lead

SANREMO (IM), 13 aprile – The first round of tests of the final day of the Sanremo is confirmed in the sign of weather unpredictability. The morning sun that accompanied the protagonists of the Leggenda soon gave way to clouds and, with them, not exactly in this order, fog, rain, hail and swooping temperatures. All the ingredients of a rally as challenging as it is spectacular and rich in twists this Sanremo 2019 turned out to be challenging, from the very first special stage, this second round of the Italian Rally Championship. After a cautious start with a seventh time overall after the first pass on SS “Testico” over 12 seconds behind Andrea Crugnola, Simone Campedelli, with Tania Canton in a Ford Fiesta R5, finds the right pace on the “San Bartolomeo” SS. After the 10,53 km of the special Stage run under a heavy rain, the provisional leader finishes 1”7 from Craig Breen and Paul Nagle, improving with their Skoda Fabia R5, Campedelli put his signature on the SS “Colle d’Oggia” shrouded in fog. After nine special stages and only one SS to go of 34,45 timed km the classification of Rallye Sanremo sees Campedelli-Canton in the lead with a total time of 1h19’17”8; second place for Breen-Nagle at 11”; third Basso-Granai at 22”8. Luca Rossetti and Eleonora Mori, in their Citroën C3 R5, with the second time on SS “Colle d’Oggia” is getting closer to the third step of the podium.

Drivers quotes at the Regrouping

Andrea Crugnola: “Quite well this morning, I suffered a bit on the second stage. I want to be positive and concentrate on the last long stage”.

Giandomenico Basso: “Not bad the first stage with the right tyre choice. We got some rain on the second stage and had some trouble with the car that was slippery on the front in the last stage.

Simone Campedelli: “We didn’t start at 100% and we didn’t have the right pace. On the first stage I made a little mistake and I’ve lost few seconds that I recovered on the last stage. From now on we have to drive well without looking at the classification”.

Craig Breen: “The first two stages well, then I made a mistake on Colle d’Oggia and I’ve lost a bit of time. The weather is unpredictable with rain and fog that complicated the situation. We will do our best in the last stage a very tough test also for a World Rally Championship race”.

Luca Rossetti: “We are struggling and the conditions we are facing have not yet been gathered in the tests carried out. We have to accelerate the time to be able to win with this car that has quite a great potential still to be discovered”.



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Rudy Micheli: “We started with hard tyres and we had troubles with the set up. We will try to recover in the last stage”.

Sauro Farnocchia, co-driver of Antonio Rusce: “Sanremo is not easy and with Antonio we retired three times before this race. We are trying to gather points for the Italian Tarmac Championship and we are trying to get information that we can use in the future”.

Giacomo Scattolon: “ In this pass on the stages we found rain, fog...everything, we concentrated in the driving to get to the end”.



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