

## Sanremo Historic Rally Storico, “Lucky”-Pons on the highest step of the podium

**SANREMO (IM), 13 April** – The final of the race was open and uncertain till the last kilometer, “Lucky” and Fabrizia Pons, in a Lancia Delta Integrale 16V, conquered the victory of 34<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Historic Rally, second round of the Italian Championship for this specialty, who was run on the roads of the Flowers Riviera. The champion from Vicenza stepped on the higher step of the podium, but actually remained on the podium for the entire race. After winning the first special stage the driver of the Rally Club Isola Vicentina finished with a total time of 1h43’24” and won seven out of 11 special stages in this two days’ race. The last win was the very last stage the 7, 89 km of “Colle d’Oggia” with a time of 5’36” 7, one tenth faster than Lucio Da Zanche and Daniele De Luis, their direct rivals. The crew of the Porsche 911 SC with the colors of the Key Sport Engineering, on the demanding tenth stage “Testico-San Bartolomeo” little bit more than 25 km long, he won for the third time and “Lucky”-Pons arrived seconds with a gap of 23”3. This was enough to shorten the gap with the rival, from little less than 30 seconds to just 4”6 and this was the difference that remained till the end of the race. The final classification sees Da Zanche-De Luis 4”7 from the winner with Davide Negri and Roberto Coppa, of the CST Sport Team, third at 3’25”7 in their Porsche 911 RS and first of Regrouping 2 ahead of Marco Bertinotti e Andrea Rondi, quarti assoluti, su Porsche 911 SRS. Quinta piazza per Angelo Lombardo and Giuseppe Livecchi who won with their Porsche 911 SC, conquered the victory in Regrouping 3 preceding “Zippo”-Arena who brought their Audi Quattro sixth overall. In the weekend with the parade of the Lancia Stratos World Meeting to celebrate the myth of the Turin cars, a Lancia Stratos, the one of Tony Fassina co-driven by Marco Verdelli, finished seventh overall. In 1979 at his side there was Mauro Mannini and the race was valid for the World Rally Championship and the won the race. Behind Fassina-Verdelli there are Rimoldi-Consiglio, third in Regrouping 3 in a Porsche SC 3000. Nicola Patuzzo and Alberto Martini finished in ninth position and are third in Regrouping 4 in a Toyota Celica GT. Dino Vicario and Marina Frasson, in a Ford Escort RS, close the top ten of this edition of Sanremo Historic Rally. 37 out of 51 competitors admitted in the race finished the competition, that provided 11 special stages on the roads of the Riviera dei Fiori.

**Sanremo Historic Rally final classification:** 1.'Lucky' - Pons,F. (LANCIA DELTA INT. 16V) in 1:43'24.1; 2.Da Zanche,L. - De Luis,D. (PORSCHE 911 SC) a 4.7; 3.Negri,D. - Coppa,R. (PORSCHE 911 RS) a 3'25.7; 4.Bertinotti,M. - Rondi,A. (PORSCHE 911 SRS) a 4'46.1; 5.Lombardo,A. - Livecchi,G. (PORSCHE 911 SC) a 5'02.9; 6.'Zippo' - Arena,N. (AUDI QUATTRO) a 6'52.8; 7.Fassina,T. - Verdelli,M. (LANCIA STRATOS) a 6'53.1; 8.Rimoldi,R. - Consiglio,R. (PORSCHE SC 3000) a 7'22.5; 9.Patuzzo,N. - Martini,A. (TOYOTA CELICA GTFOUR) a 9'18.9; 10.Vicario,D. - Frasson,M. (FORD ESCORT RS) a 10'10.6



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