

## Rallye Sanremo, Craig Breen and Paul Nagle win in the last stage

**SANREMO (IM), 13 aprile** – The premises for the surprise ending were all there and the final of the Rallye Sanremo, second round of the Italian rally Championship did not disappoint any of the expectations. The Irish Champion Craig Breen, co-driven by Paul Nagle, score the best time at the end of the 34.45 kilometers of the “Testico-Colle d’Oggia” SS, last and longest stage in the race program, and conquers the highest step of the 66<sup>th</sup> Rallye Sanremo podium. The driver of the Meteco Corse team set off in the afternoon from the Sanremo seafront after the last service park with the provisional second place in his pocket, eleven seconds behind Simone Campedelli, his hands tight on the wheel of his Skoda Fabia R5 and, like everyone else, the look at a sky in the distance more and more threatening. At 5.20 pm Simone Campedelli and Tania Canton, who had been at the top of the overall standings on Friday, took the start of the "Testico-Colle d'Oggia" SS, a stage they won in the previous edition, which they conclude with a time of 21'28 "8. One minute after their Ford Fiesta R5 with the Project Team colors, the Irish Skoda starts and crosses the four valleys of the sage, stopping the chronometer at a time of 21'13 "5: fifteen seconds and three tenths faster than his direct rival, this is enough to give him the joy of a victory, sought with stubbornness to the last meter, which, once found, turned out to be as beautiful as it was exciting. Third place, behind Campedelli-Canton, for Giandomenico Basso and Lorenzo Granai who, in a Skoda Fabia R5, complete the tenth SS in 21'34"6 and finish their Sanremo at 32"9 from the winners. Luca Rossetti and Eleonora Mori, authors of the sixth time on “Testico-Colle d’Oggia” SS with their Citroën C3 R5, close in fourth position overall and a delay of one minute from the winner. Andrea Crugnola and Pietro Elia Ometto, in the Volkswagen Polo, conclude in fifth position overall at 1'17 "9 from Breen-Nagle. Three Skoda Fabia R5 occupy the following places of the classification: in the order: that of the French driver Franceschi-Haut Labourdette, that of Michelini-Perna, and that of the Lithuanians Habaj-Dymurski. Antonio Rusce and Sauro Farnocchia, on the Volkswagen Polo, are ninth; closes the top ten of the Rallye Sanremo 2019 the umpteenth Skoda Fabia in the race. To drive it on the roads of the Riviera dei Fiori, Giacomo Scattolon co-driven by Matteo Nobili.

**Rallye Sanremo, Final Overall Classification:** 1. Breen-Nagle (Skoda Fabia) in 1:40'42.3; 2. Campedelli-Canton (Ford Fiesta) a 4.3; 3. Basso-Granai (Skoda Fabia) a 32.9; 4. Rossetti-Mori (Citroen C3) a 1'00.0; 5. Crugnola-Ometto (Volkswagen Polo) a 1'17.9; 6. Franceschi-Haut-Labourdette (Skoda Fabia) a 2'53.1; 7. Michelini-Perna (Skoda Fabia) a 4'07.4; 8. Habaj-Dymurski (Skoda Fabia) a 4'40.0; 9. Rusce-Farnocchia (Volkswagen Polo) a 5'15.5; 10. Scattolon-Nobili (Skoda Fabia) a 5'48.5



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## Drivers quotes before the podium

**Craig Breen:** “A very adventurous race, yesterday we had a few problems but today everything worked perfectly: me, Paul and the car. We made a good tyres choice and it went”.

**Paul Nagle, navigatore Craig Breen:** “It was a great job for everyone. It seems incredible that ten years after the success achieved in Sanremo with Kriss Meeke in 2009, this new victory has arrived”.

**Simone Campedelli:** “Il Saremo was a competition I had seen since I was a child and this time I felt I could do it. We didn't do it for just a little while, a pity. Breen was better and deserves this victory. Yesterday we made the difference and it seemed we had the race in hand; today we have not been able to replicate the same thing and we have to understand why. This morning I lost ten seconds in a hit on Testico SS and these probably made the difference”.

**Giandomenico Basso:** “It was a difficult race and we were aiming for something better. We were forced to do tests during the race because we had never found these conditions and they forced us to run defending ourselves more than attacking. In the last stage we pushed during the first kilometers and then we managed a result of which, in the end, we are happy”.



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