



SANREMO, 16-17-18/10/2026



In the historic rally, Latvala wins the ninth special stage and Delecour strengthens his lead

SANREMO, 17 October – The second day of the 41st Sanremo Historic Rally got underway with a victory for Jari-Matti Latvala at the end of the 14.90-kilometre 'Colle d'Oggia' special stage, the penultimate stage of the rally. However, the Finnish driver, co-driven by Tomiya Maekawa, lost over a minute's time upon leaving the service park in the morning in his Toyota Celica ST 185, causing him to slip down the overall standings. After nine special stages, the French duo of François Delecour and Fabrice Gordon, in a Peugeot 306 Maxi, remain in the lead with a total time of 1:32'00".4. In second place, 37'9 behind, is the Pole Maciej Lubiak, who shares the Porsche 911 with co-driver Grzegorz Dachowski. Awaiting the final special stage, the lowest step of the podium is occupied by the Belgian duo Freddy Loix and Pieter Tsjoen in a Toyota Corolla WRC, 2'57.4 behind. Among the drivers competing in the Sanremo rally – which counts in the Italian Historic Car Rally Championship – "Il Valli", with Stefano Cirillo as co-driver in a BMW M3, consolidated his lead by winning the stage and finishing, after nine special stages, at the top of the standings with a time of 1:22'04".9. Behind them, 14.4 seconds behind, were Elio Cortese and Ciro Lamura in a Subaru Legacy 4WD Turbo; third in the provisional standings ahead of the nearly 25-kilometre Rezzo stage – the longest stage on the race programme – were Enrico Volpato and Samuele Sordelli, who started the competition in a Ford Escort RS, 3 minutes 26.3 seconds behind.

In the Coppa dei Fiori, a Sanremo rally reserved for regularity drivers, at the end of the first day and after six special stages, Fabio and Paolo Verdona, in a Peugeot 309 GTI, lead the 'Media 60' classification, followed by Marco Leva and Paolo Casaleggio in a Lancia Delta Integrale. In the "Media 50" class, Vittorio Catanzaro and Anna Maria Beneduce in a Honda Civic are provisionally in first place, ahead of the Swiss crew Christian and Elena Bonnet in an Alfa Romeo Giulietta TI.

OVERALL CLASSIFICATION '9 - CARPASIO - VILLE S. PIETRO (COLLE D'OGGIA) (14,70 KM)'

OVERALL: 1. DELECOUR-GORDON (Peugeot 306 Maxi) in 1:32'00.4; 2. LUBIAK-DACHOWSKI (Porsche 911) gap 37.9; 3. LOIX-TSJOEN (Toyota Corolla WRC) gap 2'57.4; 4. ZIPPO-ARENA (Subaru Impreza GT) gap 3'28.9; 5. TISCHNER-CARL (BMW M3 E30) gap 3'33.2; 6. SCHIPPER-KRIEGER (Subaru Impreza GT) gap 4'37.6; 7. PRYCE-FURNISS (Ford Escort RS1800) gap 5'00.7; 8. RING-DEASY (Subaru Impreza GT) gap 8'30.9; 9. GRAHAM-GRAHAM (BMW M3 E30) gap 9'11.3; 10. VAN DER SMEEDE-BERK (Ford Escort Cosworth) gap 11'51.5;

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