



SANREMO, 16-17-18/10/2026



Is speaking French the 41st Sanremo Historic Rally

A commanding victory for the French Delcour, who beat Poland's Lubiak and Belgian Loix, who finished ahead of 'Zippo', the best of the Italians.

SANREMO, 17 October – The Marseillaise anthem rang out on the arrival platform at Pian di Nave in Sanremo to celebrate the victory of François Delcour, who shared his Peugeot 306 Maxi with Fabrice Gordon. The French driver finished 56" ahead of Poland's Maciej Lubiak in a Porsche 911 co-driven by Grzegorz Dachowski; third place on the podium went to the Belgian Freddy Loix, co-driven by Pieter Tsioen in a Toyota Corolla WRC, 3'07"0 behind. Just 19"9 short of the podium was the best of the Italians, Andrea "Zippo" Zivian, co-driven by Nicola Arena, who returned to rallying after a year's absence and was back behind the wheel of a Subaru after four years.

This year's event was a tale of two halves, with Delcour and Lubaik splitting the eight special stages on the first day of competition, winning four each and finishing 29.6 seconds apart. Everything changed on the second leg, on Saturday, when number 1 Jari-Matti Latvala, co-driven by the Japanese Tomiya Maekawa, took the lead. The Finnish champion, who had struggled on the first leg due to his limited familiarity with the stages in western Liguria, demonstrated his class by winning the two special stages held in the Imperia hinterland. However, this was not enough for him to climb back up the standings, as he had been penalised ten minutes for failing to report to the final time control on Friday evening and had then left today's service park seven minutes late (a 1'10 penalty). A double penalty that saw him drop to tenth place overall. It was a disappointment for the Italian contingent to see Lucio Da Zanche and Daniele De Luis retire in the Ghimbegna stage – whilst in fifth place – after their Porsche 911 went off the road, though the crew was unharmed. Also forced out of the race on the same stage were Alessandro Gino and Corrado Bonato, who broke the gearbox of their BMW M3 whilst running in the top ten. Having restarted this morning, they finished 22nd overall. Of the 37 starters, 26 completed the race.

Victory in the Italian section went to "Il Valli", with Stefano Cirillo in the right seat, who took the lead at the wheel of his BMW M3 following Da Zanche's retirement. The Swiss driver won all the subsequent special stages, ultimately beating local driver Elio Cortese – co-driven by Ciro La Mura – in a Subaru Legacy 4WD Turbo by 23.02 seconds. Third place went to the winner of Group 3, the acrobatic Enrico Volpato, with Samuele Sardelli, in a Ford Escort RS. Behind him, in fourth place, was the returning Alessandro Gino, who was entered in both the European and Italian historic races. Of the 36 drivers who started in the Italian section, 25 finished.

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OVERALL FINAL STANDINGS EHRC: 1. DELECOUR-GORDON (Peugeot 306 Maxi) in 1:49'23.0; 2. LUBIAK-DACHOWSKI (Porsche 911) gap 56.0; 3. LOIX-TSJOEN (Toyota Corolla WRC) gap 3'07.0; 4. ZIPPO-ARENA (Subaru Impreza GT) gap 3'26.9; 5. TISCHNER-CARL (BMW M3 E30) a 3'59.2; 6. PRYCE-FURNISS (Ford Escort RS1800) gap 6'01.0; 7. RING-DEASY (Subaru Impreza GT) gap 9'42.8; 8. GRAHAM-GRAHAM (BMW M3 E30) gap 10'55.1; 9. KARLOWSKI-STENGL (Opel Ascona 400) gap 13'40.8; 10. LATVALA-MAEKAWA (Toyota Celica ST185) gap 13'56.4

OVERALL FINAL STANDINGS CIRAS: 1. 'IL VALLI'-CIRILLO (Bmw M3 E30) in 1:39'55.8; 2. CORTESE-LAMURA (Subaru Legacy 4Wd Turbo) gap 23.2; 3. VOLPATO-SORDELLI (Ford Escort Rs) gap 4'29.1; 4. GINO-BONATO (Bmw M3 E30) gap 6'29.1; 5. BIANCO-BARBIERO (Porsche 911) gap 6'50.9; 6. ROSSI-ARMAND (Renault 5 Gt Turbo) gap 10'33.2; 7. CIANI-VERNA (Lancia Rally 037) gap 10'34.7; 8. COLLURA-MAROCCO (Lancia Delta Hf Integrale) gap 11'16.2; 9. FERRARI-SORIANI (Porsche 911) gap 11'16.6; 10. LOZZA-FIORENDI (Opel Kadett Gsi) gap 13'30.9

OVERALL FINAL STANDINGS CIRASC: 1. 'ZIPPO'-ARENA (Subaru Impreza Gt) in 1:38'22.4; 2. GAGGERO-MOIRANO (Opel Corsa Gsi) gap 10'54.9; 3. FRANCHINI-CALUFETTI (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6) gap 13'54.1; 4. DELFINO-PIERANI (Opel Corsa Gsi 16V) gap 14'15.6; 5. MARIOTTI-TRICOLI (Ford Escort Cosworth) gap 15'33.1;

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