



SANREMO, 16-17-18/10/2026



It's Palm Sunday in Bordighera

Bordighera, 18 October – Whilst the Sanremo Rally continues with its second – and decisive – day of special stages, everything is ready in Bordighera for the start of the 27th edition of the Rally delle Palme, a race counting as the sixth and final round of the Coppa Rally di Zona-2 – with a coefficient of 1.5 – and for the Michelin Trophy Italy. Varetto-Bianco and Aragno-Buzzi are once again expected to battle it out for the top step of the podium, both in Škoda Fabia RS cars; following their thrilling battle at the Rally della Lanterna, they are sure to be the main protagonists in the duel in the shade of the palm trees. The dark horses are Brega-Farnocchia, also competing in a Škoda Fabia RS, and Rossi-Genovese, making their debut in a Lancia Ypsilon HF. Also worth watching is the performance of Patrizia Sciascia from Liguria, at the wheel of a Škoda Fabia, with Anna Tomasi as her co-driver.

Fifty-six crews are waiting to leave the starting platform to tackle the first stages along the route's total length of 244.53 kilometres, divided into three special stages – Bignone, Vignai and Bajardo – to be repeated twice, making a total of 63.65 timed kilometres.

The crews are due to return to Bordighera at 7.05 pm to take to the podium once more and celebrate the winners. Looking at the ACI Sport Zone-2 standings, it is quite clear that all the battles are still to be decided and the results remain uncertain. Whilst the overall winner of CRZ-2 holds a comfortable lead over his rivals, the battle for second and third place is wide open, with many drivers still in contention for a place in the Lucca race final – to the extent that it can be said with a fair degree of certainty that whoever wins at Palme will secure their place in Lucca..

That's how it went last year: 1) Federico Gangi-Andrea Ferrari (Škoda Fabia R5), in 41'23"2; 2) Jacopo Araldo-Lorena Boero (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2), gap 6"7; 3) Fabio Federici-Erika Badinelli (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2), gap 38"4.

All the information on the events' official websites:
www.rallyesansremo.it and www.rallydellepalme.it

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