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At the Rally delle Palme, halfway through the race, Varetto scores a hat-trick

BORDIGHERA (IM), 18 October – Following the first lap of special stages in the race programme, Marco Varetto and Vittorio Bianco are leading the standings in the 27th edition of the Rally delle Palme – a race counting as the sixth and final round of the Coppa Rally Zone-2 – as they pull into the service park in first place, in a Škoda Fabia RS, with a time of 22'16"4. The Turin-based driver took command by winning the first special stage and remained in the lead thereafter, going on to win the next two as well. The second place, 12.7 seconds behind, goes to Francesco Aragno, driving a sister car, who – with Giancarla Guzzi providing pace notes – secured three second places in as many special stages. Rounding off the halfway podium, which consisted entirely of Škoda Fabias, were Patrizia Sciascia and Anna Tomasi, third, 23.7 seconds behind the leading crew, having recorded two third places and one fourth. Hot on the heels of the leading trio are two further crews driving cars from the Czech car manufacturer: in order, Flavio Brega and Sauro Farnocchia, fourth, just under 10" behind, ahead of Claudio Vona and Simone D' Agostino, fifth with a more substantial gap. Sixth place went to Maurizio Rossi, co-driven by Giorgio Genovese, at the wheel of a Lancia Ypsilon HF.

The second session gets underway at 15.11, when the green light will be given for the first competitor to start the 10.28-kilometre San Romolo – Ghimbegna stage.

OVERALL STANDINGS AFTER 3 SS: 1. VARETTO-BIANCO (Skoda Fabia RS) in 22'16.4; 2. ARAGNO-GUZZI (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 12.7; 3. SCIASCIA-TOMASI (Skoda Fabia) gap 23.7; 4. BREGA-FARNOCCHIA (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 33.2; 5. VONA-SIMONE (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 1'03.6; 6. ROSSI-GENOVESE (Lancia Ypsilon) gap 1'05.7; 7. MILANO-COTTELLERO (Lancia Ypsilon HF Integrale) gap 1'10.3; 8. GANGI-FARFALLA (Lancia Ypsilon) gap 1'24.6; 9. DELROSSO-MATTIODA (Skoda Fabia Evo) gap 1'28.9; 10. GODINO-CATROPPA (Skoda Fabia Evo) gap 1'30.3

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