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73rd Rallye Sanremo: Andolfi wins, Daprà Italian Champion

The driver from Savona repeated his 2022 success with an all-out attacking performance in the first seven stages and skilful pace management in the final four, getting the better of the young driver from Trentino, Roberto Daprà – who was fast, incredibly fast, yet also cautious, aware that in this edition of the Sanremo he could not push to the limit without risking mistakes if he wanted to claim the Italian title, following in the footsteps of drivers likes Crugnola, Basso and Andreucci

SANREMO, 18 October – Fabio Andolfi has won the Rallye Sanremo for the second time, whilst Roberto Daprà has claimed the title of Italian Rally Champion for the first time. This is the final outcome of the race in western Liguria, which – amid twists and turns and intense competition – remained in the balance right up until the finish line at Pian di Nave in Sanremo. Fabio Andolfi, winner of the rally in 2022, co-driven by the Swiss Marco Menchini, had been the most tenacious and fastest challenger to Andrea Crugnola on the first day, as Crugnola attempted to break away towards victory, before suffering a double puncture this morning which left him without spare tyres and forced him to retire at the exit of the morning's Langan special stage. It was precisely on the stages that saw Crugnola, Vignai and Langan, retire that Andolfi stepped up the pace, taking the lead and arriving at the mid-day regrouping 14.9 seconds ahead of Roberto Daprà, who shared the Škoda Fabia with Luca Guglielmetti, who had moved up to second place by overtaking the Toyota GR Yaris driven by Simone Campedelli and Tania Canton. The driver from Trentino had to manage his pace not only with a view to securing a prestigious result, but also with regard to the Italian Championship, in which he was leading prior to Sanremo and which required him to finish in the top three overall to be mathematically crowned champion. Therefore, Daprà, finishing second, 4.7 seconds behind Andolfi, carried out his task to perfection, consistently finishing amongst the top three fastest on the special stages during the afternoon sessions, keeping the rampant Boštjan Avbelj in check. Avbelj shared the Škoda Fabia with his compatriot Damijan Andrejka; to snatch the title from his rival, Avbelj would have had to win the race outright, and even that might not have been enough in some circumstances. The Slovenian put in a strong performance of his own, after a difficult start when he struggled to find the right rhythm on the challenging and treacherous stages, winning all four stages on Sunday afternoon, before finishing the race fourth, 6.9 seconds behind Andolfi, with Campedelli-Canton slotting in between the two rivals..

Fifth place went to Andrea Nucita, with Alex Guion in the co-driver seat of the Škoda Fabia; Nucita was also the clear winner at the Sanremo round of the Promotion category, which he had previously won. Equally impressive was the performance of Gabriel Di Pietro and Andrea Dresti, who took their Lancia Ypsilon to 14th place – the best result amongst the two-wheel-drive competitors – a title they had already secured in the previous race. The Lancia Ypsilon Trophy was won by Mattia Vita and Alessio Foresto, who spent the whole day chasing Nicolò Ardizzone and Alessio Scartabelli, closing the gap on them during Sunday afternoon's stages, overtaking them on the Ghimbegna stage and maintaining the lead over the next two special stages to finish with a 17.9-second margin. Jean Claude Vallino, co-driven by Sandro Sanesi, dominated the Suzuki Rally Cup standings, taking the lead from the second special stage onwards and finishing 42.3 seconds ahead of his closest rival.

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FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS: 1. ANDOLFI-MENCHINI (Lancia Ypsilon HF) in 1:43'43.0; 2. DAPRA'-GUGLIELMETTI (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 4.7; 3. CAMPEDELLI-CANTON (Toyota GR Yaris) gap 6.0; 4. AVBELJ-ANDREJKA (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 6.9; 5. NUCITA-GUION (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 1'03.1; 6. VAHER-HUSSI (Toyota GR Yaris) gap 1'08.4; 7. JOONA-LINNAKETO (Skoda Fabia RS) gap 4'23.5; 8. INGRAM-OMETTO (Lancia Ypsilon HF) gap 4'42.0; 9. MATSUSHITA-KELANDER (Toyota GR Yaris) gap 4'55.2; 10. FERRAROTTI-GRIMALDI (Hyundai I20 N) gap 5'03.1

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