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Veronika Widmann and Yannick Baechler fastest in qualifying in Pila (ITA)

Optimal weather conditions, illustrated postcard scenarios and a lot of healthy competitive spirit, today, in Pila (Valle d'Aosta; Italy) for the day dedicated to qualifying for the final stage of the Ixs European Downhill Cup and first indicative feedback on the favorites for the victory that, starting tomorrow, from 12.30, they will compete on the adrenaline-pumping, difficult, technical and spectacular track 'du bois'.

At the starting gate, located at 2700 meters at the arrival of the Chamolé chairlift, 254 riders showed up, representing 29 nations (Germany, Greece, Switzerland, Finland, Italy, Czech Republic, Belgium, United States of America, Holland, Spain, Ireland, Canada, Bulgaria, Israel, Great Britain, Hungary, Austria, Estonia, Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, New Zealand, Argentina, France, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, South Africa, Slovakia).

The best performances in the Elite were recorded by the Swiss couple, separated by less than a second, formed by Yannick Baechler (3'47 "345) and Lutz Weber (3'48" 327), with third the brilliant blue Stefano Introzzi (3'50 "271). Then, the Finnish Onni Rainio (3'51 "116) and the New Zealander Matthew Walker (3'51" 900). In the feminine, clear supremacy of Veronika Widmann (4'30 "088) from Alto Adige, preceding the Swiss duo Lisa Baumann (4'33" 372) and Ramona Laura Kupferschmied (4'40 "452).

In the Under 19, the bronze of the World Championships, silver at the Europeans and absolute Italian champion, Davide Cappello (3'56 "122) lost less than half a second to the German Henri Kiefer (3'55" 672), with the British Jack Piercy third (3'58 "553). In women, the Swiss Emma Iten (4'51 "242) precedes the Bulgarian Denitsa Tosheva (8'01" 942).

In the U17s, first and third best performances went to the Italians Christian Hauser (3'53 "922) and Lorenzo Mascherini (4'00" 296), tricolor hegemony interrupted by the place of honor of the Canadian Dane Jewett (3'59 "310). In the women's field, the US Teagan Heap (4'59 "090) precedes the Dutch Minu Stoffers (5'04" 309) and the Greek Evelina Zafeiri (5'11 "630).

In the Pro Masters, the European category champion, Paolo Alleva (4'18 "369) scores the second performance, behind the German Benjamin Herold (4'16" 869), with the third time of the Belgian Jelle Hemelsoen (4'20 "153).

Sunday 11.09 * race office 8:30 am

official training 8 - 10

runway closed from 12 to 12:30

continuous training 10 - 11

final from 12:30

top training 11 - 12

(master - u17 - u19 elite man

(80 elite man - 10 elite women

elite women * superfinal 30 elite man)

5 master - 8 u19 man)

awards ceremony