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FORMAUX-JAMOUL (FORD FIESTA WRC) AMONG WRC, BLOCK-GELSOMINO (FORD ESCORT COSWORTH) LEAD THE MYTH, BIANCHINI-PAGANONI (LANCIA 037) AMONG HISTORIC, BATTIATO-BATTIATO (LANCIA FULVIA HF) HERITAGE STARS: ALL 2020 RALLYLEGEND WINNERS.

SHOW IN THE SHOW AT "LEGEND STARS" WITH MANY CHAMPIONS AT THE START.

A GREAT RALLYLEGEND, WITH THE APPRECIATION OF JEAN TODT AND MICHELE MOUTON

Republic of San Marino. With the prestigious endorsement of Jean Todt, President of the International Federation of Motoring, who wanted to be present in the Republic of San Marino to support Rallylegend, and with the applause of Michèle Mouton, safety inspector for the FIA, who preceded, driven by Bruno Bentivogli, all three stages of the rally and also the Legend Show on Thursday, appreciating and approving the safety structure and organization of the event, an edition of Rallylegend to remember is going to be archived, given also the complicated historical moment we are experiencing. *"We are pleased to be able to offer Rallylegend - commented Paolo Valli and Vito Piarulli, from the button room of the event - despite the complex period and the forced change of date just over a month ago. We wanted to be here and we want to thank the San Marino Government and to the sponsors which believed in this challenge".*

MARCO BIANCHINI (LANCIA 037) LEADS A "HISTORIC" FULLY SAN MARINO PODIUM

Among the "Historic", the real ruler of the whole rally was Marco Bianchini, paired with Giulia Paganoni, who enjoyed pushing hard with the Lancia 037, finishing first, like three years ago, with a consistent advantage over his pursuers. The all-San Marino podium was completed on the second place by Stefano Rosati, with Sergio Toccaceli, on Talbot Lotus, competing every year and also winner in the past at Rallylegend, while on third place we find Loris Baldacci, with Enzo Zafferani, aboard the Porsche 911 Carrera RS.

M-SPORT DRIVER ADRIEN FORMAUX DOMINATES THE "WRC" WITH THE OFFICIAL FIESTA WRC PLUS

In the "WRC" category, victory was never undisputed for the young Frenchman Adrien Formaux, paired with Renaud Jamoul, in the official Ford Fiesta WRC "Plus" by M-Sport team, in his hands for the first time.

"The environment of Rallylegend was fun and engaging - stated Formaux enthusiastically at the end - and a course that was anything but banal, indeed almost all special stages were "real" ones. Driving a "Plus" in the race was exciting and challenging".

He won all the specials of the day, while behind him the driver from Biella "Il Valli", with Cirillo, on the 2016 Hyundai i20 WRC by HMI team, collected another podium at Rallylegend. *"It is not easy to dispute with official drivers and cars, but it is certainly stimulating. Mine is the first place among "humans" ..."* With a last gasp effort in the final test, the Turin driver Enrico Tortone, with Erika Zoanni at notes, and the Ford Fiesta WRC Tamauto undermined the champion Francois Delecour, with Sabrina De Castelli at notes, aboard the Alpine A110 R-GT from the third step of the podium. Tales to tell to grandchildren, for someone who competes very little like Tortone...



KEN BLOCK AND ALEX GELSOMINO, WITH THE FORD ESCORT COSWORTH, AGAIN FIRST AMONG THE "MYTH"

Ken Block and his trusted co-driver Alex Gelsomino, had to work hard in the "Myth" category, to place the Ford Escort Cosworth "Cossie" ahead the splendid Subaru Impreza 555 by Carlo Boroli, with Maurizio Imerito at his side, who was a tough opponent for the American driver. A fight that had alternating phases over the three days of competition, and which found its winner on last stage. Ken Block adds rally victory to Thursday's Legend Show. On the third step of the podium Renato Travaglia, with Nalli at his side, who had not driven the Ford Sierra Cosworth 4X4 on asphalt for over 25 years, while in fourth Rallylegend place we find Franco Cunico, with Gigi Pirollo at notes, with an identical car, who had some problems with the drive shafts on the final day.

ENZO AND LUCA BATTIATO (1972 LANCIA FULVIA HF) WIN RALLYLEGEND HERITAGE

The second edition of Rallylegend Heritage saw, in practice, the domination of Enzo and Luca Battiato from Turin (father at the wheel, son at the notes), on a 1972 Lancia Fulvia Hf, in Marlboro livery. Having taken the lead in the middle of day 1, they never left it until the finish line. Tight fight for second place between Luca Cattilino, with Pesavento at notes, aboard the Opel Kadett GTE of 1976 and Francesco Turrone, with Liverani at his side, aboard a Triumph TR6 of 1969, at the end separated by only one tenth of a second.

LEGEND STARS, GREAT SHOW WITHOUT CONTINUITY SOLUTION ...

Show in the show the "Legend Stars", acrobatic driving and plenty of drifts, with 'big' names in rallying such as Miki Biasion and his wife Paola (Lancia Stratos); Ari Vatanen with Fabrizia Pons (Ford Escort Cosworth); Marcello Miotto with Alessandro Verna on the rare Hyundai Accent WRC; Simone Campedelli (Ford Fiesta R5), who on final day was honored by Fabrizia Pons at notes, abandoned by the Ford Escort Cosworth shared, for two days, with the great Ari Vatanen; the always spectacular Manfred Pommer (Audi Quattro); Paolo Diana (Fiat 131 Racing) and Frank Kelly (Ford Escort Rs); "Dedo" with the interesting Renault Clio N5 and Federico Sceriffo, star of drifting, aboard the Toyota GT86 Turbo.

ORGANIZERS... RACING

Paolo Valli and Vito Piarulli are the "inventors" and organizers of Rallylegend. Both with brilliant past in rallies. Paolo Valli has brought his splendid Lancia S4 Martini back into motion for many editions of Rallylegend and takes part in the rally among the Legend Stars. This year also Vito Piarulli dusted off his Lancia Delta Integrale Evo, in the Martini colors and with a remarkable pedigree, twenty years after his debut at the Raab rally, the home race, covering, with great emotion, a few laps of the "The Legend" with Margherita, the eldest daughter. With the youngest, Elisa, he greeted friends and the public on stage before the arrival of the race.

MICHELIN AWARDS THE SHOW

Michelin, one of the main sponsors of Rallylegend 2020, has given away interesting prizes for the crews who made the most spectacular passage on the special stage "The Legend" on Friday.

In the Historic category, the Baldacci-Zafferani crew in a Porsche 911 Carrera RS won the prize for the most spectacular, ahead of Rosati Toccaceli in a Talbot Lotus.

Among the Myth, the Block-Gelsomino crew on Ford Escort Cosworth won, ahead of Travaglia-Nalli on Ford Sierra Cosworth 4X4.





In the WRC category, the Proh-Imerito crew was judged the most spectacular, in a Hyundai i20 WRC, ahead of the identical car belonging to "Il Valli"-Cirillo.

ANTIGUA LEGEND CUP, DREAM HOLIDAY TO FORMAUX-JAMOUL

The Antigua Legend Cup is now a tradition at Rallylegend. A trophy with dream prizes which, using the rules and coefficients of sailing regattas, allows the slowest and fastest cars to compete on an equal level in its particular ranking. The prize is a ten-day dream vacation in the Caribbean for two people. Promoter of the initiative, and also driver loyal to Rallylegend, Carlo Falcone, the "Rally Consul". The victory and the holiday, after careful calculation, went to Adrien Formaux and Renaud Jamoul, the official M-Sport crew.

EBERHARD & CO. VATANEN AND FORMAUX AWARDS

Eberhard & Co., Rallylegend partner and Official Time Keeper for the eighth consecutive year, presented a watch from the Champion V collection to Ari Vatanen, 1981 world rally champion, as a special prize, while another model went to Adrien Formaux and Renaud Jamoul, the official M-Sport duo as "First overall classified crew" at Rallylegend 2020.

SUCCESS FOR THE NEW MARTINI RACING® HERITAGE COLLECTION BY SPARCO AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY AT THE RALLY VILLAGE.

Sparco®, sponsor and official technical partner of the event, presented at Rallylegend, the new Sparco®-MARTINI Racing® Heritage Collection, dedicated to the iconic Pessione livery. From Racing to Performance equipment, passing through Sportswear and Merchandising, the Martini Racing colors, associated with Sparco brand, were the pole of attraction for the fans present. The stand also housed a Lancia Rally 037 Eminence, a Lancia S4 and the products of the gaming line. Thanks to Sparco®, drivers Federico Sceriffo and Simone Campedelli will also be present as brand ambassadors.

FORD PRESENTED THE NEW PUMA ST AT RALLYLEGEND, OPENER AT THE RALLY.

Ford Italy chose Rallylegend for the release at an event dedicated to the public in Europe of the new Ford Puma ST, the first high-performance crossover developed by Ford Performance, which offers the emotions and versatility of the Blue Oval models. A Puma ST was granted to Rallylegend forerunners.

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