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**KEN BLOCK LEADS THE "MYTH", BIANCHINI DOMINATES THE "HISTORIC",
FORMAUX IS FIRST AMONG THE "WRC", BATTIATO FIRST IN THE "HERITAGE":
THESE ARE THE VERDICTS OF THE FIRST DAY OF RACE.
"LEGEND LADIES": THE HISTORY OF RALLY IN PINK**

Republic of San Marino. The traditional night competition opened the competitive hostilities of Rallylegend 2020, with the first verdicts in the various categories.

In the **"Myth"** category the American driver Ken Block, with Alex Gelsomino at his side, 'installed' his Ford Escort Cosworth ahead of everyone, winning three of the four special stages scheduled. His advantage at the end of the day on Carlo Boroli's Subaru Impreza 555, with Maurizio Imerito at notes, is anything but reassuring, about 5 seconds. Third Renato Travaglia with Nalli alongside: the Trentino champion with his Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4 precedes the San Marino driver Marcello Colombini, with Selva at notes, once again very competitive with the two-wheel drive of his BMW M3. Colombini is chased, just over a second behind, by Franco Cunico, with Gigi Pirolo, another multi-titled couple, aboard a Ford Sierra Cosworth 4X4.

The final podium of the first day among the **"Historic"** cars 'speaks' exclusively about San Marino, where Marco Bianchini, with Giulia Paganoni, won all four special stages on his 1983 Lancia 037, scoring more than 31 seconds ahead of Stefano Rosati, with Toccaceli, and his evergreen 1981 Talbot Lotus and over a minute on the third Loris Baldacci, with Enzo Zafferani, aboard a 1975 Porsche 911 Carrera RS.

In the **WRC** category (which also includes Kit Car and R-GT), despite making his absolute debut with the demanding official Ford Fiesta Wrc "Plus" by M-Sport team, the young Frenchman Adrien Formaux did not disappoint expectations, with the faithful Renaud Jamoul at notes, taking the lead from the start and winning all four special stages. His advantage over the 2015 Hyundai i20 WRC of "Il Valli", with Cirillo at notes, is close to the minute, while Francois Delecour, the transalpine champion, former Ford and Peugeot official driver, come to get familiar with the new Alpine A110 R-GT, closes the podium.

The splendid cars with an important historical past at the start in the **"Heritage"** category saw the couple Enzo and Luca Battiato prevail, in the precision challenge with the chronometer, with a 1972 Lancia Fulvia HF, preceding by half a second the 2019 category winner Sandro Giacomelli, with Zancanella, aboard a 1977 Fiat 131 Abarth and 5 "1 over Luca Cattilino's 1976 Opel Kadett Gte, with Pesavento at his side.

"LEGEND LADIES": THE HISTORY OF THE RALLY IN PINK

Fabrizia Pons, is the reference point and example, with her amazing and endless career, for many girls and women co-drivers in rallies. With her, in alphabetical order, **Paola Biasion, Chantal Galli, Umberta Gibellini, Cristina Larcher, Rebecca Lumachi, Alessandra Strocchi, Lucia Zambiasi, Maria Grazia Vittadello**. A large slice of history, but also of current competitions, since some of them are still successfully in full swing, of women's rallies. In a markedly masculine environment, they have managed, from the very beginning of the specialty, to carve out important spaces, both at the wheel and as co-drivers. Rallylegend could but be the location chosen for the first meeting of the **"Legend Ladies"**, a definition "invented" by **Valeria Ravalli** who, despite never having raced, has been and is the pillar of many rallies from the point of view of organizational, logistics and administrative management. *"This year the change of date has unfortunately prevented many from being here - explained Maria Grazia Vittadello, host of this first meeting - but next Rallylegend there will be many of us! ... "*



EBERHARD & CO. WITH RALLYLEGEND FOR AN ADRENALINE WEEKEND

Eberhard & Co. is confirmed as Rallylegend's partner and Official Time Keeper for the eighth consecutive year. A synergy that also includes the presence of Miki Biasion, two-time world rally champion, as Eberhard & Co.'s brand ambassador, who will start among the Legend Stars with a 1975 Lancia Stratos and will meet the fans on Saturday morning, inside the Rally Village for a special autograph session.

*"In this unparalleled historical period - explains **Mario Peserico, CEO of Eberhard Italy** - we decided to confirm our participation at Rallylegend to give a positive signal and great closeness to motor enthusiasts, who will come in large numbers to experience a weekend of pure adrenaline".*

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