

**CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 23 - 26 LUGLIO 2020**

PRESS RELEASE

**Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti 2020**

***Let's start!***

Cortina, 24 July 2020 - Wet start this morning from **Cortina D'Ampezzo** for the crews of the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti 2020**. The cars left the **Miramonti Majestic Grand Hotel** to parade through **Corso Italia**, in the heart of the Queen of the Dolomites, without however the usual queuing in compliance with current anti COVID-19 regulations.

The **1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS Zagato** driven by Alberto Aliverti flanked by Stefano Valente opened the competition, followed by the other crews of top drivers, welcomed not only by the enthusiasm of the fans, but also by a rainy day that will add even more difficulties for the crews competing against the chronometers of the official timekeeper **Allemano**. The enthusiasm shown by the bystanders, as well as the joy of the participants to be able to drive the cars in a competition of such international importance after a prolonged mandatory stop, fully repays the efforts made during the last months by **AC Belluno, ACI Sport and ACI Storico**. The support of the **municipalities of Belluno and Cortina and of the Province of Belluno**, patrons of the event, of the official partners, **ACI Global Servizi and Sara Assicurazioni**, of the sponsors **UBI Banca, OMR Automotive, Tiemme, Camozzi and Rangers**, and suppliers of water and wine, **Acqua Fiuggi and Cantine Santa Margherita** was also a cornerstone of this event.

The crews are headed for **Belluno**, then the stop in **Pedavena** for the lunchbreak, before starting the return journey to enter **Cortina** and parade again along **Corso Italia at 6pm**, thus concluding this first stage in the **Belluno** area.

Great attention for the **1939 Fiat 508C** by Giovanni Mocerì and Valeria Dicembre, in defense of the title in the **Campionato Italiano Grandi Eventi ACI Sport**, already winners of the last edition of the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti**. This year, numerous contenders are competing for the final victory, among them the **1934 Fiat Balilla Coppa d'Oro** driven by Osvaldo and Andrea Peli, the **1937 and 1939 Lancia Aprilia**, respectively driven by Sergio Sisti with Anna Gualandi and Gianmario Fontanella flanked with Annamaria Covelli.

Eyes also on the **1969 Mini Cooper Innocenti** driven by Michele Laforteza and Ilaria Carturan, the **1947 Volvo PV444** of Antonino Margiotta and Vincenzo Bertieri and the **1960 Porsche 356B**, by Giuseppe Nobis and Paola Mambrina, and the **1966 Porsche 911**, driven by the only woman among the top drivers, Himara Bottini, with Carlo Di Giusto for the Ruote Classiche crew.

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Convertibles such as the **1957 Lancia Aurelia B24S** driven by the President of the Automobile Club d'Italia Angelo Sticchi Damiani with Paola Valmassoi, also present on the Dolomite tracks, are indomitable in the rain.

The adventure in the world of competitive historical regularity for the **Fondazione Gino Macaluso per l'Auto Storica** has also officially started, with the **1963 Aston Martin DB5**, with the number 007 on the license plate, paying homage to the secret agent who drove this model on the big screen. Not James Bond behind the wheel this time, but a female crew, composed of the **President of the Foundation, Monica Mailander Macaluso**, and RAI journalist Maria Leitner, who chose the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti 2020** for this important competitive debut.

The participants continue to proceed along the path of the first stage, the rain that is still incessant although not torrential adds difficulties, but safety remains guaranteed by the providential presence of the **ACI Global Servizi** vehicles.

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