

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

PRESS RELEASE

## **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti 2020**

### ***The first stage is over, Mocerì-Dicembre on top***

Cortina, 24 July 2020 - Leaving **Cortina**, the competitors launched themselves towards the **Giau Pass**, greeted by a dense fog which unfortunately excluded part of the wonderful panorama. The most adventurous dared to face the constant rain that accompanied the morning in a convertible car, fully experiencing the original spirit of the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti**. A rich and challenging day, 50 time tests and 2 mean tests, for an event of great importance, not only in the sports scene, but also for its usefulness for the purpose of a full economic and social recovery in the country, together with the other stages of the **Campionato Grandi Eventi ACI Sport** of which constitutes the first stage.

At the end of the day, Giovanni Mocerì and Valeria Dicembre with the **1939 Fiat** are the race leaders with **189.04 penalties**, followed by Gianmario Fontanella and Annamaria Covelli with the **1939 Lancia Aprilia at 240.47 penalties**. Third place with **248.43 penalties** and great fun for Antonino Margiotta and the second driver Vincenzo Bertieri, with **the 1947 Volvo PV444**, *"a challenging, beautiful route, we weren't bored at all... it's the first race after the lockdown, we have removed the rust!"*.

The **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti**, unlike its origins, is no longer a pure speed race, it is today a revival event and classic regularity race, it is therefore the most orderly and constant pace to dominate this type of competitions. *"Whoever goes faster does not win, but who is more precise wins"* remembers Alberto Aliverti, first driver of the **Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS Zagato** during a stop in **Piazza dei Martiri in Belluno**. His car, with which he alternates driving with Stefano Valente, is **91 years old**, but he does not seem to be, brakes and tires are certainly not those of modern cars, especially in the wet that accompanied the competitors for most of the day; the attentions and skills required of the pilots are remarkable. Today the crew has accumulated **349.59 penalties**, obtaining sixth place in the day's classification.

A general appreciation at the end of the day was observed among the participants towards the course, the linear and well-spaced tests, together with the capable facilitation of the race officials allowed the competition to run smoothly, allowing the drivers to enjoy the pleasure of driving, immersed in the Dolomite landscape that bewitches for its great beauty, a territory certified by UNESCO as a world heritage site.

Ilaria Carturan, second driver of the **1969 Mini Cooper Innocenti**: *"Some difficulties this morning in the average test, we lost the windscreen wiper, a test with many curves, in the wet, at times delicate to manage, but overall a good challenge, well balanced."* With Michele Laforteza first conductor, his team finished eighth in the first stage with **410.67 penalties**.

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No problem on the other hand from the rain for Luca Patron and Alberto Scapolo, with the **1925 Bentley 3 Liter Speed** now fourth in the general classification with **305 penalties**. The crew composed by Osvaldo and Andrea Peli on the **1934 Fiat Balilla Coppa d'Oro** follows with **308.20 penalties**. Race well managed also by Himara Bottini, top driver in its third edition, paired with Luca Di Giusto on the **1969 Porsche 911**, obtained the sixteenth in the general classification with **604.24 penalties**.

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