



# Bike Village

CROSS COUNTRY RALLY  
| WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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## And the winner is..... Cyril Despres

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Wonderful Sardegna Rally Race. Great missions requires great heroes. And this time Cyril Despres made something very similar to a masterpiece. Only yesterday we were supposing that Matteo Graziani and David Casteu could attack the leader in a sort of "joint venture". One day after we have to admit that Despres made a real good job.

The story of the last of 5 days of the Sardegna Rally Race can be summarized in a final knock out. Despres won the first special test showing a strong character associated to his already known talent. To his competitors Despres lets only the illusion of an open race. Graziani made today a ridiculous mistake, and Casteu was not able to change nothing. The final result of the Sardegna Rally Race remembers the great rallies of the story of this adventure. The race still open until the very last day, then a big smash and a big gap between the competitors on the podium.

Yes, the podium. The french on the first step, then Matteo Graziani and Francisco Lopez. Nothing to be discussed about the way used by Despres the race. Some mistakes at the beginning, a little problem with his trip computer two days ago, the uncertain situation at the end of the yesterday stage. Then the masterpiece: special tests, stage and rally. All together in a final, exciting day, in the last 300 kilometers of a route the riders will remember for a long, long time.

And this is the "victory" of the organizers, Antonello Chiara and Gian Renzo Bazzu, the protagonists of the entire project of Bike Village. And, of course, the victory of the Sardinian Island, the true scenery of a true rally.

Not only a Race, but also a World Championship, that needs a diversification in seven classes. Class PR1: Manuel Lucchese; class PR2: Matteo Graziani; class SP1: Massimo Chiesa, class SP 2: Jakub Przygonsky; class EX1: Luca Manca; class EX2: Cyril Despres; class Quad: Andreas Solinas.

Thank You, and i hope to see you next year, for a bigger Sardegna Rally Race.