



## Pepene and Soederlund ruled the pursuit free

**10th September** - Also in 2017 Trento, Monte Bondone and the new circuit of Aldeno have assigned the 2017 titles of the Fis Rollerski World Cup. The last stage, a pursuit free along 19 km for the senior male category and 13 km for the senior ladies and junior, has been characterized by four amazing races in photo finish. Winners of the day the Romanian Paul Constantin Pepene followed by the Andorran athlete Irineu Esteve Altimiras in the senior male race, while for senior female gold medal for the Swedish Helene Soederlund over the Russian Svetlana Hvostunkova. Finally, in the junior category double victory for Sweden with Gabriel Strid in first position and Hanna Abrahamsson in second place.

Sweden has also gained the World Cup for nations, while the crystal cups for category have been conquered by the Swedish Robin Norum and by the Slovakian Alena Prochazkova, and for the junior category by the Italian brothers Francesco and Chiara Becchis.

Going on with pursuit, Paul Constantin Pepene took his "revenge" over the Andorran champion Irineu Esteve Altimiras with an excellent time of 1h10'28", followed by Irineu Esteve Altimiras and the Swedish Robin Norum at the third place after 31 seconds.

In the female challenge, three athletes have finished the race at the photo finish but the victory has gone to the Swedish Helene Soederlund, followed by the Russian Svetlana Hvostunkova and by the other Swedish Sandra Olsson. The time of the trio has been of 50'03". Among the juniors, success for Gabriel Strid over Francesco Becchis, third place for the Latvian Raimo Vigants.

In the junior female the gold medal has been conquered by the Swedish Hanna Abrahamsson, followed by Chiara Becchis and Alba Mortagna (Ita).

## Altimiras, the champion of Monte Bondone

**9th September** - Monte Bondone was the stage of the Uphill in classic technique, the second race of this Rollerski World Cup organized by the Asd Charly Gaul Internazionale and Apt Trento, Monte Bondone, Valle dei Laghi.

A big success for the Andorran champion Irineu Esteve Altimiras, who beat the big favorite Paul Constantin Pepene from Romania. In the senior ladies race, victory for the Swedish Helene Soederlund and Sara Olsson, first and second respectively. For the junior category Italy ruled the scene with two podiums: in the male race Luca Curti preceded the World Cup leader Francesco Becchis, while in the female category the favorite Chiara Becchis gained the gold medal followed by Laura Colombo.

In the 8,5 km long race in classic technique, Esteve Altimiras registered an excellent time with 33'04", winning for only 5

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seconds over Paul Constantin Pepene. Third place for Robin Norum (Swe) with 1'18" followed by Patrica Hogiu (Rou), Matteo Tanel (Ita), Sergio Bonaldi (Ita) and Alberto Dalla Via (Ita),

In the 4,7 km ladies victory for two Swedish athletes: Helene Soederlung, gold medal with 21'51" and silver for Sandra Olsson after only 45 seconds. Third place for the Russian Svetlana Hvastunkova with 49"8, fourth position for Sandra Schuetzova (Cze) after 59 seconds and fifth place for Lisa Bolzan (Ita) after 1'30".

In the junior male category (4,7 km) Luca Curti from Italy won with an excellent time of 19'05", followed by Francesco Becchis (Ita) after 16 seconds and Gabriel Strid (Swe) after 28 seconds. In the female junior race another big success for Italy with Chiara Becchis with the time of 22'57", followed by Laura Colombo after 21 seconds. Third position for Hanna Abrahamsson (Swe) after 47 seconds.

## Emanuele Becchis, the King in Trento

**8th September** -The last weekend of the World Cup has started with the victory of Emanuele Becchis. Today the athletes competed in the ko sprint in the heart of Trento along a 165 meters long track between Corso 3 Novembre and Via Santa Croce. Becchis, born in 1993 and current world champion of the specialty, won over Alessio Berlanda, the athlete from Trentino, in the final for the first and second place.

An excellent result for the 38 years old aged champion, who did an amazing job in the semifinal, beating the Norwegian Jostein Olafsen, who got the best time in the qualifications and gained the third place of the podium.

While in the senior ladies category, the World Cup leader Alena Prochazkova won for a few inches over the Italian Gaia Vuerich from Predazzo, with the twins Lisa and Anna Bolzan in third and fourth position. In the junior race, a big success for the Italian athlete Alba Mortagna, who won a head-to-head challenge with the Norwegian Julie Henriette Arnesen, while the final for the third and fourth positions was won by the Swedish Hanna Abrahamsson, followed by Chiara Becchis.

In the junior male category, gold medal for the Latvian Raimo Vigants, silver and bronze for the Italian Francesco Becchis and Mattina Armellini. Tomorrow the second stage of this World Cup with the individual uphill race in classic technique towards Monte Bondone.