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The Czech Bazant dominates the 14-year-old Xco of Pila, silver for Brafa

The Czech Krystof Bazant dominates from the first to the last meter of the renewed and spectacular track in Pila (Aosta Valley) and wins gold in the 14-year Xco of the European Youth Mountainbike Championship. Intelligent race conduct by Federico Rosario Brafa, awarded silver after a head-to-head with Austrian Valentin Hofer. There could not have been a better debut for the queen specialty of fat wheels, on a day that was finally clear of clouds and temperatures rising sharply.

Immediately high pace, with the Czech Krystof Bazant dictating the pace and expanding the advantage over immediate rivals meter by meter. On the first pass in the finish area, Bazant passes 27 "ahead of the Austrian Valentin Hofer and, in single file, a trio of Italians: Federico Rosario Brafa, Ettore Fabbro - defending the blue colors -, and Mario Campana, of the representative Lombard; the three accuse from the head of the race a delay that varies from 32 to 45 ".

The forcing of Krystof Bazant in the second round does not diminish, and the advantage grows sector after sector; on the second lap the Czech took the advantage over Federico Brafa and Valentin Hofer at 1'01 ", with Ettore Fabbro fourth, chasing a place on the podium, delayed by 5". At just under 50 "a trio composed of Fabian Hoelligl (Bolzano), Mario Campana and the Czech Dominik Kukla.

Identical plot in the third and final lap, with Bazant checking with apparent ease, with his arms raised over the finish line to stop the clock on an overall time of 39'41 ". The fight for the silver medal is resolved in the last kilometer, with the blue Federico Rosario Brafa (40'33 "; at 1'02") preceding by 9 "Valentin Hofer (40'43"). The comeback of an ever domo Ettore Fabbro is not completed, 1'28 "from the winner and, fifth, the South Tyrolean Fabian Hoellrig, 2'03".

The third intense day of competition continues, at 12, with the women's 14-year-old race.

