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The Norwegian flag is the ideal curtain that falls on the 2021 edition of the European Youth Mountain Bike Championship in Pila (Aosta Valley). The soundtrack of the credits is the Norwegian anthem in honor of Sivert Ekroll, gold in the Xco reserved for 16 years. After a long head-to-head, the silver medal goes to Swiss Loris Hattenschwiler, who overcame Czech Jan Novotny on the last lap of 3.4 km. To report the superb performance of the Swiss Ilian Alexandre Barhoumi, who started far behind in the initial grid. The best blue is Elian Paccagnella, sixth and, 13th, a brilliant Gabriel Borre.

Launch at a frenzied pace, with a dozen competitors taking charge of dictating the pace, led by the Norwegian international Sivert Ekroll (gold in the Team relay) and the blue Elian Paccagnella; the Dutch Jelte Jochems (Team Hobij), the Slovenian national Zan Pahor and the Swiss Loris Hattenschwiler (Swiss National Team), with an excellent eighth Gabriel Borre, defending the colors of the Aosta Valley team on the wheels of the two leaders. At the passage of the first of the four laps, on the finish line is Ekrol (12'02 ") who has a slight advantage, 2", over Elian Paccagnella, 12 "over Hattenschwiler, 31" over Zhan Pahor 42 "over the Czech Adam Bernat , author of a second half of the track of absolute importance. He recovers two positions and is sixth, at 44 ", Gabriel Borre.

At the first intermediate of the second lap, with Ekroll widening the gap against the direct competitors in the gold rush, while Hattenschwiler recovers and overtakes Paccagnella: the two accuse respectively 34 "and 35" of delay from the tread. At 43 "passes the Czech Ondrej Novotny, at 47" Pahor and, in great comeback, at 52 ", the Swiss international Jan Huber; eighth Gabriel Borre. He further increases his advantage in the second half of the Ekroll track, in the finish area in 24'41 ", boasting a 43" margin over Hattenschwiler, 46 "over Paccagnella and Novotny and 1'03" over the returning Swiss national Jan Huber.

Immediately, at the start of the third lap, Paccagnella and Novotny return to Hattenschwiler, with the lead showing no signs of slowing down and keeping their lead intact. At the halfway point, at the timekeeping, Novotny shows up behind Ekroll, who is 44 "behind the leader of the classification, and 47" Hattenschwiler; yields Paccagnella, who is fifth, surpassed also by Huber. At the sound of the bell, Ekroll's advantage rises, settling at 55 "over the Novotny-Hattenschwiler couple, and the feeling that the places on the podium are definitively in the freezer; fourth, at 1'17 ", Jan Huber and, in fifth, author of an amazing third fraction, the Swiss of Pedale Bulloise, Ilian Alexandre Barhoumi, who started from the eighth grid.





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Final round with Sivert Ekroll in total control, and faces the finish line with an overall time of 50'45 ". The battle for the silver is resolved in favor of Loris Hattenschwiler, author of a fast-paced lap, which brings him just 26 "behind the winner, with third, 42", Ondrej Novotny. Wonderful fourth Ilian Alexandre Barhoumi (at 1'07 "), fifth Jan Huber, at 1'21", and sixth the best of the Italians, Elian Paccagnella (at 1'35 "). Second Italian at the finish line, 13a, Gabriel Borre (at 2'50 ").





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Tornata conclusiva con Sivert Ekroll in totale controllo, e si affaccia sulla linea d'arrivo con il crono complessivo di 50'45". La battaglia per l'argento si risolve in favore di Loris Hattenschwiler, autore di un giro a ritmo sostenutissimo, che lo porta a soli 26" dal vincitore, con terzo, a 42", Ondrej Novotny. Splendido quarto Ilian Alexandre Barhouni (a 1'07"), quinto Jan Huber, a 1'21", e sesto il migliore degli italiani, Elian Paccagnella (a 1'35"). Secondo italiano al traguardo, 13a, Gabriel Borre (a 2'50").

