

## 34° GRAN PREMIO NUVOLARI September (19) – 20 – 21 – 22

# TRIUMPH FOR THE VESCO -VESCO CREW IN A 1935 FIAT 508 S

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The **34th edition of the Gran Premio Nuvolari** ended today with the victory of the Italian crew no. **51 formed by the couple Andrea Vesco - Roberto Vesco, winners of nine Gran Premi Nuvolari, at the wheel of a splendid 1935 FIAT 508 S.** The top drivers fought to the last, demonstrating concentration, coolness and technical expertise in what was a race fought to the last hundredth of a second alongside the best Italian and foreign regulars, characterised by some changes to the route during the third stage in Emilia-Romagna, due to the bad weather wave of the past few days that caused extensive damage.

This edition saw the participation of seven female crews and thirteen under-30s, the latter demonstrating that a **generational change** is beginning to take place in the historical motoring enthusiasts and gentleman drivers who will be the drivers of tomorrow aboard the cars of yesterday.

'It was a very **beautiful and challenging race**; we fought until the very end and won this coveted prize for the tenth time; we have already won the Millemiglia and the GP Nuvolari was one additional goal this year and we achieved both. The adversaries were very good, we had fun, and we were also very committed, because we couldn't make any mistakes, neither we nor our most bitter adversaries, the Argentinians, who came second. It was my father who passed on this passion and competitive spirit to me, and I started racing at a very early age,' says **Andrea Vesco**.

Second place was occupied by crew **no. 32 of Tonconogy-Ruffini**, husband and wife from Argentina, who had already won second place on the Mantua podium in 2017 at the wheel of a **1931 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS Zagato Spider** with which they competed as if in a duel to the hundredth of a second with the winning pair. Third place went to **crew no. 9** at the wheel of a **1927 Lancia Lambda Spyder** made up of the **Fontanella-Covelli** duo, two close-knit and experienced drivers from Piacenza.

In fourth place was the **Erejomovich-Garcea** duo (no. **21**), in a **1929** Alfa Romeo 6C **1500** SS, and fifth place went to the young under-30 **Barcella-Rossoni** crew no. 79. driving a **1938** FIAT **508** C.

The event was well attended, with **300 crews from all over the world** selected by a special commission, testifying to the enthusiasm generated by what is considered **one of the most beautiful races in the world**. The myth of the Great Tazio lives again thanks to the numerous gentlemen drivers who share the values of the Mantovano Volante,

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such as **sporting spirit**, **courage**, **passion** and the emotions of an extraordinary journey on board real masterpieces of history, mechanics and design.

There were **numerous countries representing all continents** (Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Luxembourg, Holland, Hungary, the United States, Great Britain, Austria, Belgium, Uruguay, Argentina, Japan, Monte Carlo, the Republic of San Marino, Russia, Sweden, Mexico, Australia) and **35 car manufacturers competing**, from the Italian Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Lancia, Ferrari and Fiat, to the British Jaguar, Aston Martin, Bentley and Triumph, the German Mercedes, BMW and Porsche to the French pursangs signed by Ettore Bugatti. This year, **85 pre-war cars** (manufactured between 1923 and 1946) took part in the event.

**The presence of numerous cars from the 1950s was also significant;** more than 100 participants raced the Grand Prix in cars of the Ferrari, Jaguar and Porsche makes.

This edition saw the confirmed presence of partners **Red Bull**, **Finservice Group**, **Locman**, **Penske Cars** and **Wannenes**, along with new entry **General Topics SRL** established pharmaceutical company with its **Closebax SD Shampoo**, thanks to which the "Nuvolari" reaffirms some of its fundamental characteristics: **the spirit of sporting competition**, **historical celebration and touring**.

**Be Traced** with its monitoring platform has been a technical partner of the Gran Premio Nuvolari since 2019 by offering its real-time GPS tracking solution for vehicles participating in the event, ensuring safety and effective coordination.

#### Gran Premio Nuvolari Green

The organization of the Gran Premio Nuvolari has always been sensitive to environmental sustainability, embarking for years on a path aimed at safeguarding people and the territory. The first "Gran Premio Nuvolari Green" initiative was developed in 2020 and included the planting of trees to offset the amount of CO2 emitted by the circulation of historic cars. Starting this year, an additional activity is planned to limit the use of plastic bottles: ecological tritan water bottles will be distributed to each crew, all organizational staff and the media. During the stage starts in Mantua, Modena and Rimini, drinking water dispensers will be placed for use by all participants.

#### Gran Premio Nuvolari 2024: 34° edition's details

Attendance: 300 confirmed crews at the start, from all over the world.

**Period of admission of cars:** from 1919 until 1981. In addition to a representation of modern Grand Touring cars.

**Route:** This 34th edition offered a route of around **1.100 km** through the beauty of central and northern Italy, passing through the picturesque landscapes of Lombardy, Veneto, Trentino, Emilia-Romagna, Marche, Tuscany and Umbria.

The event, conceived and organized since 1991 by Mantova Corse, will be held in compliance with F.I.A, F.I.V.A. and A.C.I. Sport regulations, with special attention to the safety protocols of the National Sports Federation.

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