



Comunicato stampa

Eleonora Patuzzo comes close to victory and places second during the fourth stage of the race. BePink keeps obtaining good results during the Vuelta Ciclista a El Salvador.

Eleonora Patuzzo is stronger than bad luck. She's involved in a fall just ten kilometers before the finishing line, but she still tries to complete the race: during the difficult final sprint she gets an amazing second place.

Today, just like during the last few stages, BePink athletes raced like champions, as a close-knit group. During the fourth stage of today Eleonora completed the work of the whole team. Silvia Valsecchi started the attack three kilometers before the finishing line, but during the last kilometer she was back into the first group of racers.

Perfect communication between all the athletes and their combined experience made it clear that the team needed to attack again: Noemi Cantele tried to do that and it seemed to be working, but just 100 meters before the finishing line the rest of the group reached her.

Eleonora was right there among the group, she raced a perfect yet difficult final sprint and she obtained a great result.

"I knew that today's stage could be suitable for my characteristics. My goal was to try to break away from the group and to form a smaller group during the final sprint. Ten kilometers before the finishing line I was involved in a fall, but luckily I got back up and I reached the rest of the group. Silvia started the action, three kilometers before the end of the race, then Noemi, but she was reached by the group just 100 meters before the end. These two actions made me able to take advantage of the other teams' work. My final sprint was difficult, I got almost stuck in the end, but this is a very important result for the whole team and it makes us more confident with the work we're doing. BePink really is a team, we showed that again during today's race, the team performed perfectly as a whole." Stated a very happy Eleonora Patuzzo after today's stage.

During the second and third stage the team also got good placements. On Saturday Evelyn García ranked fifth, Alena Amialiusik placed eight and Noemi Cantele closed the top ten. On Sunday, during the first half of the stage the team also performed well, Evelyn unluckily had a puncture a couple hundred of meters before the finishing line so she only placed fourth. Noemi placed fifth, after a good final sprint, Alena placed tenth. During the afternoon the second half of the stage, the time trial, took place: Walter Zini's athletes performed well yet again. Evelyn was fourth, Noemi fifth and Alena sixth.

Tomorrow it's time for the fifth and last stage: the last 127 kilometers of this edition of the Vuelta Ciclista a El Salvador, from Santa Ana to Alcadia and to Santa Ana again.

In the general ranking Evelyn places third, the Italian Noemi Cantele is sixth. The young Belarusian athlete, Alena Amialiusik, is also doing well and places ninth.

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