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THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND BAHRAIN DOMINATE THE LADIES CUP. SATISFACTION FOR ITALY AS WELL

The athletes from the two middle eastern countries occupy the first six places in the individual rankings and the first two steps in the team rankings, where Italy wins Bronze medal.

An expected supremacy, especially since they were the big favourites and the most eagerly awaited. The female riders from the UAE and Bahrain have lived up to the expectations and deservedly won the first places in the individual and team rankings of the H.H. Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Endurance Cup, a race with only female competitors, the first in the world.

The first to cut the finish line of the eagerly awaited 126 km CEIO2* race was Al Suwaidi Afra Khalifa with Rivergum Drifter. The young lady from the UAE with bib number 22 completed the five loop track in 5:06:51 at an average speed of 24,637 km/h.

The same United Arab Emirates placed its athletes on the third and sixth positions as well: Ali Aya Abdulla Redha Ishaq with Quersick Niellans, third, with number 11 a little over two minutes behind her compatriot winner, and Al Khafajy Alia Kazim Mohd with Exclusiva, sixth, with nr. 8.

On the second place and the first among the female riders from Bahrain is Al Khalifa Sh. Najla Bint Salman with Salahdin du Lauragais with number 12, while the fourth and fifth positions were occupied by Albenghadeer Aldoseri Dana Ali Ahmed with Taktik de Luluma, number 58, and Fakhrawi Manal Majeed with Pegase d'Altus, with bib number 57.

To break the supremacy of the two Asian countries was the Spanish Gonzalez Guardia Eulalia (no 47) who crossed the finish line seventh. Behind her a couple of Italians: Avitabile Irene with Bormane de Pipobul (62) and Fedeli Barbara (49) with Mojira Fatha. Tenth a German, Arnold Sabrina with Syriana la Majorie.

Great satisfaction for Italy for winning the third place in the team rankings as well, behind (as if by chance) the UAE and Bahrain. The Italian team won the Bronze medal thanks to the timings of Avitabile Irene, Cassoni Anastasia and Fondi Adele.

We do not even have time to catch our breath and get rid of the adrenaline accumulated during this magnificent day, made difficult only by the intense rain in the morning, as the first of the three CEI races scheduled in the program and valid for the H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Endurance Cup will start tomorrow at dawn, at 05:00 precisely.

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