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A TOP-OF-THE-RANGE SEASON

*Sangemini-Mg.K Vis-Olmo-Vega completes the first competition season in the **Top 20** list of the **UCI Europe Tour** after taking part in the **world championships in Bergen***

The season that just ended has undoubtedly been extremely successful for **Sangemini-Mg.K Vis-Olmo-Vega** in terms of results, commitment and effort on the part of athletes and of the whole technical staff.

From a competition standpoint, the final part of the season, with the team cycling at the **Road World Championships in Bergen**, has been paramount for achieving its objective for the year.



The Sangemini-Mg.K Vis-Olmo team during the team time trial at the World Championship in Bergen.

Competing in the team time trial at the **World Championships** was indeed one of the Team's goals at the start of the season. **Angelo Baldini** said this just before the race: *"Our team is among the Top 20 on the UCI Europe Tour list with 990 points in total. The team has been consistently successful and always found the right motivation to compete in premium races. We have achieved an important goal and knew that it would not be easy: therefore we all have good reason to be pleased"*.

The outstanding performance by **Gazzara, Totò, Salvietti, Gaffurini, Scartezzini** and **Bernardini**, making it to 14th behind top-ranking World Tour teams against the fascinating backdrop of Bergen, fully confirmed the enthusiastic expectations, enhanced by the satisfaction of being the only Italian team to take part in the Norwegian world-level competition.

Apart from the world championships, it is worth mentioning the outstanding performance of **Nicola Gaffurini**, who ranked after Nibali, Bernal, Visconti and the winner, Martin, at **Gp della Toscana - Memorial Martini**, remaining in the Top Ten also the following week at the **Coppa Sabatini-GP città di Peccioli**.

The last week in the year for professional cycling ends with **Tre Valli Varesine**, the 1.HC class international race, starting from Saronno and finishing in Varese. Also on this occasion, as happened during the "sister" races **Coppa Agostoni** and **Coppa Bernocchi**, the athletes from Sangemini-Mg.K Vis confirmed the successful performances of the season.

The ranking at the end of the year, with the team reaching the **Top 20 of the Europe UCI Tour**, was the other topmost objective for its management; it has been achieved in full thanks to a consistent score average and remarkable results at team and individual level.

The highlights in the season included the first success in the Bosnian race **Belgrade-Banjaluca**.



The team during the time trial at the World Championship.



Nicola Gaffurini riding his Olmo Zerouno TE



The sprint during the Coppa Agostoni

The Sangemini-Mg.Kvis team made both first and second position, with Nicola Gaffurini and Paolo Totò respectively. The Bosnian competition, as it turned out, was a mere prelude to success in the first stage race of the season, the **Tour of Albania**, which was won by an unstoppable **Bongiorno** following the successful performance by **Orrico** at **Gp di Lugano**. This was followed by another achievement, also by **Gaffurini**, who won the prestigious **Coppa della Pace** and ranked second in the Team at the **Tour of Slovenia**. The summer season was complemented by another success: **Gazzara** winning the **Giro del Medio Brenta**.

Generally speaking the team did really well, making it to the top ten in several races, often ranking first among Continental teams at the finish line, in front of some Professional teams on more than one occasion.

The team Manager **Angelo Baldini** was keen to point out the relevance of support provided by **Olmo bikes**, an outstanding technical partner. *"We felt supported and part of a shared project in which Olmo believed right from the start. Throughout the season we had two amazing models at our disposal, namely the **Zerouno Team Edition**, purpose-designed for our team, and **911TE** for time trials. The satisfaction on the athletes' part is the best evidence of the quality and performance level of these bicycles. Their stability and ridability on the various tracks and the highly performing materials chosen for the team always allowed us to face each challenge in the best possible conditions".*

Also Olmo, in the words of **Andrea Farmakakis**, expresses its satisfaction for the season and is already looking forward to other challenges. *"The return to professional cycling – always part of our company's DNA – is part of a strongly forward-looking sport project. Our aim is to grow with this group of young athletes also for the next season. The final great objective is a return to top-level professional cycling with the World Tour races. "*

The team's technical staff and management have already started recruitment negotiations for the next season, whose objective is to repeat and improve the performances and ranking achieved this year.

