# XIXe 2016 RALLYE MONTE-CARLO HISTORIQUE

# Le QUOTIDIEN

*Daniele Perfetti* and *Ronnie Kessel*, behind the wheel of their Berlinette Alpine A110 1600 S, win the XIX edition of *Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique*.
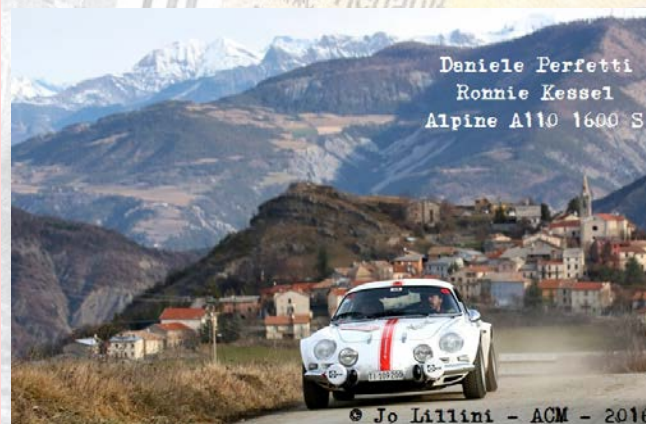 The final leg was up to its reputation… After the 100 kilometres of the regularity tests last night, it's a discrete but steady crew who got on the first step of the podium in the *Principality of Monaco*.

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Since the very first kilometres of the Regularity Test number 1 (**Sospel / Moulinet / Col de Turini / La Bollène** – 52.81 km) we knew it was going to be a rough night. The leading crew for the last five regularity tests **Mozzi / Biacca** and their followers **Hasler / Blondeau** had the same number of points and the lead of the race remained unchanged with a 26 points gap between them. However, behind them, the gap reduced with a regularity test victory for the crew of **Durand / Chol**, 2nd last year and a second position for **Aghen**'s and **Cumino**'s Lancia Fulvia that enabled them to take the third position in the general classification (as in 2002).

In the second and last regularity test (**Lantosque / Coaraze** – 47.22 km), the thick fog cost their place to the Lancia crew, leading so far. Their tyre choice was completely inadequate and they ended this stage at the 158th position, 92th in general classification. **Hasler**, 14th, contained the damages and had a glimpse of his victory. But he didn't count on the strength of a crew that, thanks to their 4th position in this stage, managed to jump on the highest step of the podium. **Daniele Perfetti** and **Ronnie Kessel** therefore enabled an Alpine-Renault A110 to win for the second time **Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique**, two years after the Monégasque **Gérard Brianti**'s victory, at the time sided by… **Sébastien Chol**.

For the anecdote, we'll note that the last Regularity Test was won by **Sébastien Chardonnet / Christian Van Hecke**, followed by **Raymond Durand / Sébastien Chol**.



Daniele Perfetti
Ronnie Kessel
Alpine A110 1600 S

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On the final podium, just behind the winners, stands the Opel Kadett GT/E driven by J**ean-Luc Hasler** and **Sylvain Blondeau**.

The Opel outstrips the Italians **Gianmaria Aghem** and **Diego Cumino** and their Lancia Fulvia Coupé 1200.

The curtain comes down tonight on this XIX edition of **Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique**, marked by unusual road conditions: entirely dry roads with no snow.

It should be noted that during the eight days of race, with fourteen regularity tests, nineteen crews won at least one regularity test. All along, we have seen seven different leaders. The winner of the Rally won the very last sector.

All the crews and officials gathered at 8:30 p.m. in **Salle des Etoiles** of **Sporting Monte-Carlo** for the Closing Dinner and the Awards Ceremony.

Jean-Luc Hasler
Sylvain Blondeau
Ford Escort RS2000 Mk2

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Gianmaria Aghem
Diego Cumino
Lancia Fulvia Coupé

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## *Final Ranking*

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| 1 | PERFETTI Daniele/KESSEL Ronnie | ALPINE-RENAULT A110 1600 S | 1533 pts |
| 2 | HASLER Jean-Luc/BLONDEAU Sylvain | FORD ESCORT RS2000 Mk2 | à 86 pts |
| 3 | AGHEM Gianmaria/CUMINO Diego | LANCIA FULVIA COUPE 1200 | à 102 pts |
| 4 | DECREMER Michel/ALBERT Yannick | OPEL ASCONA 400 | à 130 pts |
| 5 | DURAND Raymond/CHOL Sébastien | OPEL KADETT GTE | à 333 pts |
| 6 | ARENGI BENTIVOGLIO Fabrizio/TORLASCO Maurizio | PORSCHE 911 | à 352 pts |
| 7 | FUCHEY Philippe/HAYEZ Christophe | PORSCHE 911 SC | à 413 pts |
| 8 | BOUTERIN Laurent/FINE Christian | FORD ESCORT RS2000 Mk2 | à 446 pts |
| 9 | JORGENSEN Jens/JORGENSEN Kristian | ALFA-ROMEO ALFETTA GTV | à 452 pts |
| 10 | LEITHAUSER Philipp/MUELLER Marcus | DKW F12 | à 467 pts |
| 11 | ELENA Daniel/CAMPANA Olivier | VOLKSWAGEN GOLF GTI | à 512 pts |



Daniel Elena
Olivier Campana
VW Golf GTI

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First Monégasque crew



Giordano Mozzi
Stefania Biacca
Lancia Fulvia 1600 HF

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They could have won!