



PIRELLI TRIUMPHS IN THE MEMORIAL BETTEGA WITH GIGI GALLI AND THE PEUGEOT 307 WRC

The Lombardy driver wins an extremely tense final against Gardemeister's Citroen Atkinson's Subaru-Pirelli third. Cavallini (also Subaru-Pirelli) wins the Italian WRC

Milan, 17 December 2006 – A year after his victory in the Mitsubishi Lancer, Gigi Galli has done it again. The Livigno's rally ace, Italy, dominated the Memorial Bettega, beating Toni Gardemeister. Driving a Peugeot 307 WRC in the assertive livery of **Pirelli** and prepared by Bozian, Galli won three of the five heats against a single success of the Finn. The Peugeot on **P Zero** tyres also broke the stage record, further confirmation of the superiority demonstrated by the Italian driver and the latest evolution of the **P Zero K6** fielded at Bologna by **Pirelli Competizioni**. Factory Subaru driver Chris Atkinson deservedly took third place on the podium.

Also on **Pirelli** tyres was Toscana driver Tobia Cavallini, who won the Trofeo WRC Italia at the wheel of a Subaru Impreza WRC and – crowning a great weekend for the Milan tyre manufacturer – another two victories were scored on **Pirelli** by Anton Alen in the Subaru Impreza Cup and Tonino Tognana in the Historic Rally Show with a fabulous Lancia Rally 037.

*"I am delighted with this second consecutive success at Bologna", said an emotional Galli. "After the optimum results achieved in the Peugeot 307 WRC on **Pirelli** in various rounds of the world championship this year, winning the Memorial Bettega is always very pleasing. The **P Zero K6s** gave me a tremendous amount of traction on both the loose and asphalt, which was most certainly not the surface for which they were developed, further proof of their quality. As far as I am personally concerned, I hope this victory will earn me a valid programme for 2007, like the one **Pirelli Competizioni** quickly put together this year for me".*

Mario Isola, Rally Manager of **Pirelli Competizioni**, observed, *"The notable qualities demonstrated by the tyres **Pirelli** fielded at Bologna were able to make the difference against the competition and not only in the WRC segment, but also on Group Ns, which are derived from normal production – as well as the potent and always spectacular Group B cars. **Pirelli's** commitment does not stop with the end of the competitive year, however, because our tyres will be racing again on 6 January, having been selected by numerous entrants in the extraordinary Lisbon-Dakar marathon".*

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