



REVIEW MONZA 30 MAY - 1 JUNE 2014

Alex in his best ever form at Monza

Gaidai finished 8th and 5th respectively in the two races held at the Italian Temple of Speed for Porsche Carrera Cup Italia 2014.



Alex Gaidai demonstrated driving maturity more than anything else in Monza, last weekend, for the second round of the Porsche Carrera Cup Italia. The Tsunami RT pilot didn't fight for the podium as he had done at Misano but he avoided serious mistakes, skipping possible accidents on the first chicane, where he could have damaged his Porsche. In the end, the results at Monza, especially in the second race, are more than positive for pilot and team.

Gaidai had a nice battle with De Amicis in the second race at Monza.

Qualifying

In the Qualifying practice for the first race Alex was 7th fastest (1'52"896) as he couldn't get the maximum when his tyres were at 100%. Four pilots broke the 1'52" barrier. Giraudi snatched the pole from Cairoli with 1'51"709. The two Antonelli pilots were followed by Liberati and Postiglione on the grid.

Race 1

Alex Gaidai started from 4th row (7th) and pressed hard Melnikov during the first laps but was not fast enough on the straight to pass. A small mistake on the first chicane, where Alex for a moment lost the rear of his Porsche relieved Melnikov and gave the opportunity to Berton to pass Gaidai for 7th.

In the end, the Ukrainian pilot was not satisfied with his result, but at least he avoided the accident on the first chicane after the start: *"in the first corner"*, said Alex, *"Ilya Melnikov came to me aggressively and I decided to let him pass, preferring to protect my car. But after that I found no opportunities to overtake him"*.

Giraudi won the race after a fantastic battle with Cairoli who lost the second place from Postiglione. Gaidai arrived 8th to the checker flag which was his best ever result in Monza. So far.

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Race 2

The Tsunami RT pilot started from 8th. On the first chicane he was blocked dangerously by Salikhov (14) and the two cars touched. Salikhov seemed to have touched with Roda as well who finally spun in the middle of the chicane. Alex lost a position because of the situation but found the way to chase and finally overtake De Amicis on lap 8. Since then Gaidai kept a fast pace, defended well de Amicis and took the flag 6th overall without committing any errors. Oleksandr tried to chase Berton for 5th but was not possible. *"I could do better than this if it was not for the incident on the first corner"*, said Alex right after but everybody in the team was happy with our pilot's performance. Postiglione won the race in front of Liberati and Cairoli.

After the race both Berton and Liberati were investigated by scrutineers. On Monday there was a verdict for both pilots.

Berton's Porsche was found lower than the allowed (3 mm) on the front left corner and the pilot was excluded from Race 2. So Gaidai is officially classified 5th for the specific race. Liberati's car was not underweight as suspected but the ballast was not sealed. Ebimotors Team was fined 1000 euros for this.

Alex was pretty satisfied with his race on Sunday: *"today I am pleased with myself. It is always easier for me attacking than defending, especially in a duel with a really fast pilot. I often can't keep the concentration for all 30 minutes of the race - not speed, but concentration. But today I managed, I kept Alberto de Amicis behind me and made a new best result for me at Monza. It was a good step for future improvement"*.

Next round for the Porsche Carrera Cup Italia is at Mugello on July 12th-13th 2014.



Gaidai was in a good mood and improved throughout the weekend at Monza.

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Session	Overall	Personal best lap	Best Lap (overall)	Remarks
Qualifying	7th	1'52"896	1'51"709	Setup was good but grip was not perfect
Race 1	8th		1'52"962	Close encounter with Melnikov on the first corner
Race 2	5th	1'53"571	1'53"098	Finished behind Berton who was excluded after