



Ledogar forced out of Carrera Cup Italia lead

RACE **MUGELLO**
10 - 12 JULY 2015

Tsunami RT star returns from Mugello with a P2 in race 1 and a P14 in race 2, after he was pushed out of the track while fighting for the win. Gaidai, after combative weekend brings home a P10 and a P7.



The weekend in Mugello was not positive for Tsunami RT. Bad news for the team arrived on Friday: Team Antonelli's appeal against the race direction's decision to penalise Agostini for driving out of the track in Race 2 of Monza, was accepted. As a result, Agostini - instead of Ledogar - was declared winner. The race director had given 1" to Ledogar for the same reason in Race 1 but Tsunami recalled the appeal for not harming the championship. Agostini was declared winner of both Monza races, even if he actually won only one.

Race 1

Back in Mugello, after a difficult free practice where both Tsunami drivers struggled with car setup, Ledogar was 2nd and Gaidai 5th fastest in qualifying. In Race 1 Agostini took a clear win from Ledogar with the duo leading easily the rest of the field from the start to the flag. Côme attempted a pass in lap one but after that Agostini controlled the race and took the win that gave him the lead in the PCCI standings.

Gaidai finished 10th after an exciting battle for 6th in a pack of five cars. While Alex was trying to overtake Fulgenzi - who did everything to keep his position - he was pushed by Russo and slipped behind Colombo. In the end of the race Alex slipped out to the gravel and re-entered to take the flag 10th.

Ledogar: "We are on the podium but it wasn't easy. Agostini was faster so this is the best result we could have today. We have to make a detailed analysis of the not ideal behaviour of the car. It was hard to compete. Mugello is not my favorite track".

Gaidai: "I am not disappointed but I feel annoyed. The car was set perfectly, but I didn't manage to overtake Fulgenzi. And that contact with Giraudi at the beginning of the race... I can't imagine why he braked so suddenly there".

1. Riccardo Agostini 16 laps in 30'37"213 @ 164,440 km/h; 2. Côme Ledogar +1"025; 3. Gian Luca Giraudi +9"053; 4. Mattia Drudi +21"534; 5. Alberto De Amicis +24"907; 6. Enrico Fulgenzi +35"768; ... 10. Oleksandr Gaidai +37"441

Race 2

Sunday race was even more dramatic. Starting from 5th, Ledogar was catapulted to 2nd in the first corner and started pushing Fulgenzi. The Italian was not as fast but he resisted the attacks by the French in the first four laps. Early in lap 5, Ledogar almost overtook Fulgenzi from the outside on the brakes of San Donato corner. The Italian blocked his wheels on the grass, Fulgenzi's car hit Tsunami Porsche, both cars drifted but Ledogar was the one to finish on the gravel. Côme was pulled out by the marshals' tractor and rejoined the race in last position. Agostini, who was 3rd, took advantage of the incident to lead the race and take his second win of the weekend. Gaidai was 5th after Ledogar's knock out and had a fight with De Giacomi till the performance of his car deteriorated. The Ukrainian did two mistakes in the race and slipped to 7th, which is a real good result considering his starting position. Ledogar took one point from the race with his fastest lap. Fulgenzi was penalised with three position on the start of the next PCCI race.

Ledogar: "I started very good and was competing perfectly. I didn't try to overtake too early and everything was going well till the moment Fulgenzi just took me out. It isn't just stupid, it is dangerous! There will be other races. Today it was me to turn up, and who's next? Now I am happy that I am alive!"

Gaidai: "10-12 minutes before the finish I felt that my car became slower and more difficult to drive. That was the reason of some mistakes that resulted in losing a position from De Giacomi. On the next lap Drudi overtook me absolutely clearly and elegantly, I applaud him. That's why I finished seventh, not fifth"

1. Riccardo Agostini 16 laps in 30'51"057 @ 163,210 km/h; 2. Gian Luca Giraudi +9"438; 3. Alberto De Amicis +10"782; 4. Mattia Drudi +16"608; 6. Alex De Giacomi +17"163; 7. Oleksandr Gaidai +19"108; ... 14. Côme Ledogar +1 lap

Next race for the Carrera Cup Italia is at Spa Francorchamps - Belgium on July 24-25. It will be an international 45' support race of the 24 Hours of Spa main event with drivers from Carrera Cup France and other Carrera Cup participating. Entrants will get 20 extra points, just for joining the race.

The five car pack that spiced up Race 1. Gaidai was fastest there till he was pushed out. The Ukrainian finished the race 10th on the back of the same group of drivers.

Ledogar climbs impressively to 2nd on the first corner in race 2 thanks to an incredible start

The tractor pulls out Ledogar's Porsche after the collision with Fulgenzi. No safety car was used in the race, so the French could not make it on the back of the field and finished 14th.

PCCI 2015 STANDINGS AFTER MUGELLO

Piloti: 1. Agostini 96 points; 2. Ledogar 76; 3. Giraudi 59; 4. Drudi 42; 5. De Amicis 28; 6. Gaidai 20; 7. Colombo 17; 8. Fulgenzi 14; 9. Fontana e Zhang 12

Teams: 1. Antonelli Motorsport (C.P Padova 91); 2. Tsunami RT 72; 3. Antonelli (C. P. Torino) 59; 4. Dinamic Motorsport 43; 5. Ebimotors 31; 6. LEM Racing 25