



Ledogar shines in Misano and is back in the title race!

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Thanks to his victory, a P2 and a pole in Misano, Come Ledogar closes the gap to the standings leader and goes to Mugello to fight for the championship. A fruitless but combative weekend for Gaidai.



Tsunami RT driver Côme Ledogar arrived to Misano with a 28 point gap to Agostini and left the circuit with a pole, a victory, a P2 and a fastest lap. The gap in the standings is significantly reduced to 11 points and everything will be decided in the last round in Mugello. The Misano weekend left no good memories to Alex Gaidai: in race 1 the Ukrainian lost several positions for a small mistake while he was fighting for P6 and in the second race he had two punctures and a conflict with Fulgenzi that cost him 20" penalty.

### Qualifying

Côme Ledogar impressed everybody clinching the pole position and 2 valuable points in his first ever outing in Misano. The French lapped 1'36"958 - a record for Carrera Cup - and was followed by Colombo and Drudi, while his major rival for the title Riccardo Agostini was only 4th on the grid of race 1. Alex Gaidai couldn't get the perfect lap, faced more traffic problems and as a result was only 12th in Q1 with 1'38"880. Ledogar described Misano as "cool circuit".

### Race 1

Ledogar finished 2nd and Agostini 4th, so the point gap between the two was reduced to 20 points. Côme kept his position at the start but felt the pressure from Colombo - a tyre mark on the driver's door is clear evidence, after they collided in the second corner. After that, when the Tsunami driver slipped out of track, Drudi overtook him as well. Later on he had a thrilling battle with Drudi for 2nd and when the Italian teenager made a mistake, Côme regained P2. Gaidai did a good start, overtook several competitors and was 8th fighting in a lgroup for P6 when he had a spin. Combative to the end, Alex took the flag 12th.

**Ledogar:** "I did an average start. We had chosen a low tyre pressure that made it very difficult for the first laps to keep the position but then the car worked really good. I made a strong pressure on Drudi waiting for his mistake and he made it in one corner, so I was there ready to overtake".

**Gaidai:** "Three of us were fighting for 6th: Bonacini, Zhang and me for almost half race. But then in the last corner my car slipped, I suppose for an overheated rear wheel but it was 90% my fault. I am very upset: it's the third race in a row with no points".

**1. Stefano Colombo 16 laps in 29'43"940; 2. Côme Ledogar +0"774; 3. Mattia Drudi +2"292; 4. Riccardo Agostini +13"081; 5. Aku Pellinen +13"485; 6. Alessandro Bonacini +20"977; ... 12. Oleksandr Gaidai (Tsunami RT) +42"478**

### Race 2

At the start Ledogar - who started from 5th - gained a position and soon came 3rd behind Agostini and Drudi. The trio lead the pack by far but Agostini didn't have the pace, so Drudi and Côme passed. Halfway, Ledogar overtook Drudi on the left Quercia corner and dominated the race till the flag to take his second win of the season. On the podium, there were the same drivers as on Saturday but in different order with Côme 1st this time, Drudi 2nd and Colombo 3rd. The French star who was with his father and family friends in Misano was delighted back in the Tsunami tent. Thanks to his victory, the gap to Agostini was reduced to 11 points and as a consequence title hopes in the team are alive again. Alex Gaidai couldn't hide his disappointment for the Sunday race despite his joy for his team mate.

**Ledogar:** "It was a really crazy race. I'm really happy for this win but the pressure was great because the level of my rivals was very high. The most tense moment? From the start to the finish - I had so many emotions, it was a very intense race. Having driven here for the first time and win the race - I think I've done a really good job, didn't I?"

**Gaidai:** "The start was good, I overtook two rivals, reached Giraudi and overtook him too. What happened next, it would be better to find out on Fulgenzi's onboard video. It looked as if he cut off a corner and started to push me off the track. At that point, the most important thing in a corner is to keep accelerating, or the car will spin. I decided that I was driving honestly, why should I let him behave like that? We both spun, and two laps later I had a puncture of the left rear wheel. I came into the pits to replace it, and then - in the same corner - another puncture followed, on the rear right wheel. That was it. But I'm really happy for Côme, his huge 28-point gap from Agostini is now reduced to only 11 points. I'm very pleased with his victory today."

**1. Côme Ledogar 18 laps in 29'42"721; 2. Mattia Drudi +0"131; 3. Stefano Colombo +0"309; 4. Riccardo Agostini +7"203; 5. Aku Pellinen +10"388; 6. Alessandro Bonacini +15"411;**

**Tsunami RT moves to Mugello circuit on October 16-18th for the final round of the 2015 Carrera Cup Italia. A great battle is expected between Tsunami RT driver Côme Ledogar and Riccardo Agostini for the title.**

Ledogar started Race 1 from pole but lost his leadership for a minor mistake. Subsequently, Côme proved stronger in an epic battle with Mattia Drudi and took the flag 2nd behind Colombo.

The Misano weekend was dominated by Ledogar, Drudi and Colombo. Standings leader Agostini had to settle in P4 in both races.

No points at all for Gaidai in Misano. The Ukrainian driver struggled to find a good pace in qualifying, he lost a chance for a P6 finish in Race 1 and he was penalised with 20" for his contact with Fulgenzi in Race 2.

### PCCI 2015 STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 6 - MISANO

**Drivers:** 1. Agostini 165 points; 2. Ledogar 154; 3. Drudi 120; 4. Giraudi 89; 5. Colombo 84; 6. Pellinen 54; 7. De Amicis 52; 8. Fontana 51; 9. Fulgenzi 48; 10. Gaidai 46

**Teams:** 1. Antonelli Motorsport CP Padova 139; 2. Tsunami RT 133; 3. Dinamic Motorsport 100; 4. LEM Racing 80