



This guy and Tsunami RT are the champions!

RACE **MUGELLO**
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Ledogar was knocked out of race 1 violently by his rival but dominated race 2 in Mugello. Titles will be decided in court but Tsunami RT and its French driver proved to everybody who is No 1 this year.



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The Carrera Cup Italia 2015 finished the way it had started in Monza: with drama. The last two races of the season were dominated by Tsunami RT driver Côme Ledogar, who won dominantly the last race of the season. The Saturday race was stigmatised by an ultimate clash on the track between the two title candidates and a long investigation in the Race Director's room. Mugello showed who is No1 on the track but couldn't declare him a champion. The result of Saturday's race and the PCCI classifications for drivers and teams are sub judice and have to be cleared in the Italian courts.

Qualifying

Côme Ledogar was easily promoted to Q2 and was fastest until the very last seconds of the session when the lap shown by Riccardo Agostini moved Tsunami RT driver from pole to 2nd position on the grid for just 0,054 sec. Gaidai preferred starting as late as possible his attempt in Q1 waiting for the track to dry but unfortunately his strategy didn't work perfectly. Given that lower parts of the track stayed wet, it was still slippery all over and the Ukrainian could not get better than 12th on the starting grid.

Race 1

Ledogar started from 2nd and attacked immediately Agostini in the first laps. Then seemed to settle for 2nd but restarted attacking his rival later in the race like a bull. In lap 13 the big drama came: the French managed to outperform his rival at the San Donato corner despite he was on the external line. In the middle of the corner, with Côme clearly ahead, the Italian hit the Tsunami Porsche and started pushing it intentionally out of the line obliging Ledogar to a desperate spin. Agostini stayed leading the race and the French restarted furiously from fourth and they took the flag 1st and 4th respectively. The incident was set under post race investigation and the podium ceremony for the overall winners was omitted. After a lengthy investigation a 2" penalty was given to Agostini that rearranged the race classification: Fulgenzi 1st, Drudi 2nd, Ledogar 3rd and Agostini 4th. Team Antonelli appealed the penalty and Tsunami also presented an appeal, considering the penalty ridiculous for the severity of the incident and not corresponding to the points lost for our driver. The race classification and the resulting classification will be determined before a court (sub judice). The stewards decided that the starting order of race two would be according to the actual finish of race 1. Gaidai did a very strong race. He started 12th, immediately overtook Kasai and De Amicis and later Russo and after a fantastic battle with De Glacomi he finished 8th.

Ledogar: "I am very angry because the other driver spoiled my race for one more time. This is not a fair game..."
Gaidai: "Perhaps this is the first race of the season, when I can't find any errors in my driving. Till the end of the race I managed to stay concentrated. I really hope that I can keep these feelings and this philosophy on the following races - and it will be much easier to score points!"

(Race 1 Classification is sub judice)

1. Enrico Fulgenzi 16 laps in 30'27"792 @ 165,287 km/h; 2. Mattia Drudi +0"641; 3. Côme Ledogar +0"789; 4. Riccardo Agostini +1"477 5. Stefano Colombo +2"436; 6. Gian Luca Giraudi +5"801; 7. Kevin Giovesi +9"851; 8. Oleksandr Gaidai +14"000;

Race 2

Ledogar started from 3rd and attacked immediately Giraudi and Colombo who were starting in front of him. The French managed to take the lead in the first corner with a clear move to Giraudi and after that he transformed his Saturday disappointment to a glorious performance. Côme won the race dominantly 9,7" ahead of Mattia Drudi and 16,8" ahead of Kevin Giovesi who was 3rd on the podium. The Tsunami RT star celebrated the win as if it was the title and he was right. His fighting spirit and his performances in Mugello demonstrate who is the real 2015 champion independently of the court verdict. Gaidai did an heroic race as well. Starting 8th he managed to overtake Agostini - who was starting 6th - and kept him behind for the 2/3 of the race - giving real hopes for the title to his team mate. Unfortunately, Alex spun for a small mistake on braking and was left behind, so Agostini gained his position. In the last lap, Gianluca Giraudi - a genuine gentleman driver - stoically decelerated to leave his young teammate pass to 4th position which will prove enough to give him the title (for 1 point) if the result of Saturday's Race 1 is confirmed by the court. But according to unofficial PCCI classifications, **Tsunami RT is the Champion Team of the Italian Porsche Cup 2015!**

Ledogar: "For me It doesn't matter if I take the title or not, we are the champions and we showed this in the last race of the year - this is what I said to myself when I took the flag. For me, winning this race and listening the french national anthem in front of my team members and a cheering, supporting crowd is the real title".
Gaidai: "I managed to show today that our team should be respected and one should fight with us on the track and not to try to deceive us. It was the man's and driver's protest against unfair decisions, and it is a good point that I wanted to put in the season - first of all, for myself".

1. Côme Ledogar; 2. Mattia Drudi +9"711; 3. Kevin Giovesi +16"802; 4. Riccardo Agostini +21"382; 5. Gian Luca Giraudi +21"904; 6. Alex De Giacomi +22"220; 7. Alberto De Amicis +22"378; 8. Andrea Russo +22"838;



Agostini intentionally pushes Ledogar out of the San Donato corner in race 1. The incident was investigated by the race director and the Italian was given a ridiculous 2" penalty, that was appealed both by Tsunami RT and Antonelli teams.

Côme overtakes clearly Gianluca Giraudi - a real gentleman driver - on the first corner of race 2.

Alex Gaidai overtook and kept behind Riccardo Agostini for 20' in race 2. The Ukrainian spun from 5th and the Italian finished 4th thanks to the gesture of his teammate Giraudi.

"For me, Côme is the champion!", Tsunami RT owner Irina Kolomeitseva said for her driver's superb performance.