

**Media Release #03.2017****June 5th, 2017****Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 3 - 4, Misano.**

Rovera back on top!

With an outright win, a 2nd place and his first ever pole position in the Carrera Cup, Alessio Rovera left Misano having done a serious comeback in the title chase. Great improvement shown by Gonfiantini and brothers Curti, the other three drivers of the Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova.

In the Qualifying for race 1 a brilliant Alessio Rovera took his first ever pole position in the Carrera Cup Italia for Tsunami RT, having lapped 0.263" faster than Riccardo Pera who booked the P2 next to him on the first row. *"I am very happy because I haven't been on pole since 2013!"*, said Alessio in the end of the Q2 session. Brothers Lino and Carlo Curti were respectively 11th and 17th fastest in Q1 but happy with their performance. The fourth Tsunami RT driver in Misano, Matteo Gonfiantini, had his best lap cancelled for not respecting the track limits. The Italian teenager was only 14th at the grid of the first race.

Race 1: Rovera from pole position to second on podium

Starting from pole position, Alessio Rovera seemed to control the situation in the first part of the race, while Riccardo Pera was following from close without pushing. Halfway through, the Tsunami RT driver seemed to lack pace and Pera, taking advantage of a small mistake on the 'Tramonto' corner, took the lead of the race and kept it till the flag. Matteo Gonfiantini had a strong maiden race in Carrera Cup Italia taking the flag in 8th. Lino Curti finished the race 11th overall and stepped for the first time on the Michelin Cup podium in 3rd, having showed a decent pace throughout the 28' race. Carlo Curti finished in 15th without dramas involved.

What Tsunami RT drivers said after Race 1

Alessio Rovera (#12): *"In the first few laps the car was good but soon I started having grip problems on the rear and I couldn't drive as I would like. Pera surprised me making his move because I had kept a large line. After he overtook me I couldn't keep his pace, he was simply very fast today".*

Matteo Gonfiantini (#25): *"I was stressed at the start but I did a good start and then I did some overtaking moves. Later I lost a bit of pace but I relaxed and improved again a little bit. In the end I was close to Pellegrinelli and Giacon but slower cars delayed me and I couldn't push them for 6th".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"I had a good start and in the first laps I was keeping the pace of the group in front of me but soon I started having tyre problems and the car was drifting too much. I struggled a lot and though I am not happy with my position, I gained a lot of experience".*

Race 1 Classification: 1. Riccardo Pera, 19 laps in 31'18"050 at 153.914 km/h; 2. **Alessio Rovera +3"149**; 3. Quaresmini +7"116; 4. Fulgenzi +8"385; 5. Cazzaniga +12"725; 6. Pellegrinelli +21"563; 7. Giacon +22"438; 8. **Matteo Gonfiantini +25"590**; ... 11. **Lino Curti +41"697**; ... 15. **Carlo Curti +49"760**

Race 2: Rovera wins convincingly from 5th at the grid

On Sunday morning, Alessio Rovera started from 5th with his main rival Pera just behind him. Both drivers showed their supremacy and in the first 3-4 laps they overtook everybody in front to lead the race and take the flag in 1-2. But this time it was Rovera who took the win, his first in 2017 and one that brings him back in the fight for the title. Strong race for Tsunami young gun Matteo Gonfiantini who took the flag in 7th after some hard fought battles. More points in the overall standings and second podium in a row in the gentlemen's class for Lino Curti. His brother Carlo took the flag in 11th, his best result so far this year.

What Tsunami RT drivers said after Race 2

Alessio Rovera (#12): *"I am really happy. I had a very good start and in the first 3 laps I went leading the race. After that we just needed to create a gap from Pera and don't make any mistakes. The Team has provided me a perfect car and I would like to thank them for this. We are going to have more fights in Vallelunga!"*

Matteo Gonfiantini (#25): *"I'm quite satisfied. I did a good start from P8 to P6, but in the first laps I did a mistake trying to overtake Fulgenzi and as a result I finished P10. Then I regained up to P7! Sadly I did that mistake because my feeling is that my potential was a bit higher"*

Lino Curti (#81): *"I am happy! A nice race with many fights and I have improved from race 1 and here is my second podium. Thanks to yesterday's podium finish, Porsche has given me a car to drive as a gift! I am ready for Vallelunga hoping to further improve".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"Spectacular race, better than the first, even if I lacked some tenths for fighting with the group in front of me. I am ready for Vallelunga even if it is not a circuit I like".*

Race 2 Classification: 1. **Alessio Rovera**, 19 laps in 31'10"934 at 154,5 km/h; 2. Pera +0"725; 3. Pellegrinelli +5"268; 4. Fulgenzi +5"456; 5. Quaresmini +7"709; 6. Giacon +16"779; 7. **Matteo Gonfiantini +18"527**; 8. Mercatali +36"724; 9. **Lino Curti +37"039**; ... 11. **Carlo Curti +43"473** ...

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