

**Media Release #04.2017****June 26th, 2017****Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 5 - 6, Valllunga.**

Valllunga bittersweet for Tsunami RT

With a convincing win in Race 1 and an unfortunate incident that provoked his early retirement in race 2, Alessio Rovera left Rome with bittersweet feelings and in P2 in the PCCI standings. Two podium finishes for Lino Curti in the gentlemen class and signs of improvement for his brother Carlo Curti.

In the Qualifying for race 1 on Saturday, Alessio Rovera snatched the pole position with a remarkable 1'35"986 - the fastest ever lap in a 991 Porsche and the single one under the 1'36" barrier all weekend. Alessio was 0,3" faster than Quaresmini in the tricky circuit that lies at Campagnano di Roma, 30 kms from the Italian capital. Lino Curti didn't manage to enter Q2 - despite his good performance in free practice - and qualified in 12th, while his brother Carlo was only 16th on the grid.

Race 1: Hat trick - pole, fastest lap and win - for Rovera

Starting from pole position, Alessio Rovera created a safe gap in the first laps and controlled the race from flag to flag, taking a convincing win, 4" ahead of 2nd Fulgenzi. With Riccardo Pera in 4th, Rovera closed the gap in the PCCI standings dramatically and proved to be the man to beat in race 2. Lino Curti showed remarkable progress and took the flag in 9th overall and 3rd in the gentlemen class after a good fight with De Giacomi. Carlo Curti spun on the corner preceding the Valllunga straight and had to retire with a damaged car after an unavoidable crash with Zannini. Tsunami mechanics had to work till midnight to fix the car for race 2.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 1:

Alessio Rovera (#12): *"I am very happy because it was a perfect race with a fantastic start and the car was incredible in the first laps. I controlled all the race since I had an advantage but it was not easy at all from inside".*

Lino Curti (#81): *"I am happy! Ninth is my best ever result, this race was another small step ahead. I could have made it with De Giacomi (to overtake him) but he was closing the lines and I didn't want to take risks for P2 in the Michelin Cup. I had a very good pace throughout the race".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"I had fun in the race and did pretty good times close to the front group of Lino but towards the end I started having tyre issues and unfortunately I spun at the Roma corner and Stefano Zanini couldn't avoid me, so he crashed on me. It's a pity but it is an experience as well".*

Race 1 Classification: 1. **Alessio Rovera, 19 laps in 31'17"242 at 148,842 km/h;** 2. Fulgenzi +2"970; 3. Quaresmini +8"090; 4. Pera +8"862; 5. Cazzaniga +10"009; 6. Giacon +20"233; 9. **Lino Curti +31"128;** ... **Carlo Curti - DNF - Best Race Lap: Alessio Rovera 1'37"**

Race 2: Rovera crashes with Cazzaniga - Pera wins

Starting from 6th on Sunday morning, Alessio Rovera was in full attack by the time the safety car returned to the pit lane. The Tsunami driver from Varese pulled out the fastest lap with fresh tyres and then started applying pressure to Cazzaniga. The battle for 4th place resulted in a contact between the two Italians in the last corner and because of this Rovera was obliged to retire due to a broken radiator. It was a costly DNF, since Rovera's major rival for the title, Riccardo Pera, won the race and remains first in the standings with a 17 points gap.

Race 2 of Vallelunga gave to Lino Curti his best ever result in his fresh PCCI career: Lino took the flag in 8th and celebrated joyfully his P2 in the gentlemen class. Carlo Curti, after a good start faced tyre issues but managed to finish the race in 12th.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 2:

Alessio Rovera (#12): *"After the safety car went out, with new tyres and a good pace I managed to pull out the fastest lap and then I could overtake Giacon. After, I approached Cazzaniga, who was slower everywhere, and tried to overtake him. At the last "Roma" corner I was entirely inside him but he tried to force me even there. So we touched and the radiator was broken. Race over"...*

Lino Curti (#81): *"The race was good. We managed to climb one more step - from 9th overall to 8th and 2nd in class. We lack a bit for winning the class and today we had a nice battle with De Giacomi up to the photo finish. I pushed the car a little bit more but I enjoyed it".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"Race 2 was not good. I did a good start and I stayed with the group with certain risks in the long corner, where a car spun in front of me. But after some laps, I had again tyre problems, so I had to recover my pace. We now look forward to Mugello".*

Race 2 Classification: 1. Riccardo Pera 16 laps in 29'47"981 at 131,6 km/h; 2. Fulgenzi +0"303; 3. Quaresmini +3"37; 4. Cazzaniga +6"219; 5. Giacon +10"584; 6. Pellegrinelli +10"584; 7. De Giacomi +16"952; 8. **Lino Curti +18"310;** ... 12. **Carlo Curti +35"994 - Alessio Rovera DNF, best race lap: 1'37"564"**

Busy racing programme for Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova in the upcoming weeks: next weekend, the Ukrainian - San Marino based - team will be in Dijon for the 3rd round (Races 4 & 5) of the Carrera Cup France and on 15-16 July is the 4th round (Races 7 & 8) of the Carrera Cup Italia in Mugello.

Official PCCI 2017 classification:

<http://www.carreracupitalia.it/ita/stagione-classifiche>

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