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Rovera still in title chase

Accidents and safety car deployment decided the results of both Carrera Cup Italia races in Mugello. With a heroic finish in 4th on Saturday and a victory on Sunday, Tsunami RT driver Alessio Rovera managed to keep his hopes alive for the 2017 title before the summer break.

Race 1: Unlucky Rovera misses a deserving podium

After he started from 3rd behind Quaresmini and Fulgenzi, Rovera had a contact with Cazzaniga in the first corner but managed to stay attached to the leading duo. When Fulgenzi had a contact with Quaresmini, Rovera paid the price also as he couldn't avoid the "Doberman", damaging the nose of his Tsunami Porsche. Subsequently, Alessio stayed in 4th with his Porsche in precarious state and managed to finish the race, but out of a podium that the Tsunami driver deserved. Lino and Carlo Curti finished respectively 11th and 12th - exactly in the same positions they had started the race - but they were finally classified in 9th and 10th position. Jonathan Giacon, the driver who entered the Tsunami RT with his orange 991 right before Mugello, didn't get to the finish after an exit at the notorious Arrabbiata 2 corner, three laps before the finish. Pera won the race and pulled further ahead in the standings but the happiest person after the race was 2nd Francesca Linossi who became the first woman to step on the podium of a Carrera Cup Italia race.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 1:

Alessio Rovera (#12): *"the contact with Cazzaniga, who had jump started, damaged the nose of my car. After that I tried to control Fulgenzi and Quaersmini and I was sure Fulgenzi would provoke something sooner than later because he wanted to win. When they touched I was right behind and had no space to avoid Fulgenzi, so I crashed on him at full speed destroying the front. After that the car was struggling"...*

Lino Curti (#81): *"I am unlucky because I did a good start and right in the first lap I started losing oil and the car was not manageable anymore. I went off, returned on track and then it took me 2-3 laps to clean the tyres and regain positions. But it was very late".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"I am not happy because with so many cars out of the race ahead of us, we should have finished in a better position. Right from the start I didn't have a good feeling with the car and after the first half of the race I did a mistake at the Arrabbiata 2 corner and lost 2-3 positions".*

Jonathan Giacon (#14): *"I had a good start and managed to overtake some drivers from the outside towards the first corner but right after there was a white car losing water and it got so slippery behind, so I lost a lot of time but I managed to climb up to 6th. Three laps before the flag I lost everything in Arrabbiata 2 and my race was over there".*

Race 1 Classification: 1. Riccardo Pera, 14 laps in 33'31"615 at 131,410 km/h; 2. Linossi +0"264; 3. Pellegrinelli +1"624; 4. **Rovera +2"226**; 5. De Giacomi +2"499; 6. Mercatali +2"690; ... 9. **Curti L. +4"375**; 10. **Curti C. +5"307**; ... 15. **Giacon +3 laps**

Race 2: Rovera announced winner after Pera gets 5" penalty

The Sunday race of Mugello proved a Scottish shower for both PCCI classification leaders. In the end it turned sour for winner Pera and sweet for 2nd Rovera who was given the victory after the podium. The deployment of the safety car - following the accident between De Giacomi and Linossi - arrived after Rovera managed to take the lead from gentlemen Mercatali and De Giacomi, who had started from first row. The safety car gave the opportunity to Pera to get attached to Rovera and pull out a clean overtaking move in the end of the Mugello straight and take the win. Rovera had left the racetrack inconsolable to be notified that Pera was given 5" penalty for having overtaken De Giacomi under yellow flags. Smiles turned back to the Tsunami RT, also thanks to the remarkable race Jonathan Giacon did. Starting from 15h, the flying Italian managed to take the flag in 6th. Brothers Lino and Carlo Curti finished 11th and 13th respectively but Carlo was in the end classified 12th for the 5" penalty given to Reggiani for overtaking under yellow flags.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 2:

Jonathan Giacon (#12): *"I had a fairly good start and found a little bit of traffic in the first corner but I managed to improve my pace. At the restart after the safety car I lost precious time before regaining my pace and mix with the group ahead. The car was good and I am happy about it. Tsunami is a nice team and I feel good here right from the first race".*

Lino Curti (#81): *"This was a weird race in which I lost positions, I regained them, I did one of the fastest laps (in class) and in the end, trying for the 3rd position, I braked late and lost one more position. So I finished in 5th".*

Carlo Curti (#18): *"I am a little bit happier today because I did very few mistakes. Also I pulled out a pass against Selva in the ultimate lap and gained one more position for the penalty given to Reggiani - who had passed both Lino and me under yellow flags. I look forward getting back at the wheel!"*

Race 2 Classification: 1. **Alessio Rovera, 14 laps in 30'04"846 at 146,465 km/h**; 2. Quaresmini +2"058; 3. Pera +2"680; 4. Cazzaniga +2"748; 5. Pellegrinelli +5"619; 6. **Giacon +12"989**; ... 11. **Curti L. +15"795**; 12. **Curti C. +19"973**;

Porsche Carrera Cup Italia takes its summer break after Mugello and will return in action on September 9-10th at Imola, the first of three final rounds of the series. Alessio Rovera will have to cut a 23-point gap from PCCI leader Riccardo Pera.

Official PCCI 2017 classification: <http://www.carreracupitalia.it/ita/stagione-classifiche>

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