

**Media Release #06.2017****September 11th, 2017****Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 9 and 10, Imola.**

Rovera selected as a candidate for Supercup 2018.

A convincing victory and a finish in 4th at Imola kept title hopes alive for Rovera despite Pera still leads the standings with a considerable margin. The Tsunami RT driver has already been nominated to represent Italy in the International Scholarship Shoot Out, the final stage for selected Porsche drivers from all around Europe, one of which will get the ticket to enter Porsche Mobil1 Supercup in 2018.

Race 1: Rovera immediately takes the lead and wins

Alessio was disappointed after the Saturday qualifying for race 1 for not having outperformed his young rival Riccardo Pera for the pole position. Still, the Italian kept up the good spirit and promised to make an early overtake move in the race and win. Alessio honoured his promise early in the race, right before the very first corner and took the lead. After that the Italian driver of Tsunami he was in a league of his own to the checkered flag, taking a convincing victory and an additional point for the fastest lap.

The race was not as rewarding for Curti brothers, Lino and Carlo - in 13th and 14h respectively - but at least they both had some interesting battles to remember at the back of the field.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 1

#12 Alessio Rovera: *"it was a really good race all the way. I managed to create a gap, keep a constant pace, and control the race. When you create a gap of 2-3 seconds, you drive well, you use brakes less, that's why I could make some really fast laps".*

#81 Lino Curti: *"we had many battles but at the very back of the field. This race was like my qualifying - I couldn't materialise what I wanted before the race".*

#18 Carlo Curti: *"I did a good start and immediately overtook Lino in Tamburello but soon we got messed in chaos and we lost time in the first lap. Lino overtook me again and in the very last lap we*

tried to take on Zannini but we didn't have enough time. I am positive because I managed to pull out some good laps but I am not happy with my position".

Race 1 Classification: 1. **Alessio Rovera**, 17 laps in 30'10"788 at 165,912 km/h; 2. Pera +6"369; 3. Fulgenzi +10"946; 4. Cazzaniga +11"917; 5. Pellegrinelli +22"217; 6. Quaresmini +22"732; ... 13. **L. Curti +39"603**; 14. **C. Curti +40"024**;

Race 2: Pera increases his gap to Rovera

The Sunday morning race was declared wet and started behind the safety car, a choice that crunched a great part of its original 28' duration. Starting from 6th exactly behind his fellow title contender Pera, Alessio Rovera managed to climb up to 4th till the end, while his rival took the flag in 2nd, increasing slightly the gap between the two in the title chase.

Quaresmini, who had started from pole, managed to take his first win in the Carrera Cup Italia. Lino Curti took the flag in 9th and 2nd in the Michelin Cup but was downgraded to 11th (4th in class) after he received a 5 for a contact with Selva, late in the race. Lino's brother Carlo finished the race in 13th, unfortunately sealing a strong driving performance with a costly mistake.

Imola was not as beneficial for Rovera's title chase but it was a rewarding weekend for him and his future career. The Tsunami RT talent was nominated by Porsche Italia as the driver who will represent Csrreca Cup Italia in the International Scholarship Shoot Out, the final competition between talented drivers under 26-year old for the 200,000 euros award - the ticket to enter the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup as an official Porsche junior driver. You can make it, Alessio!

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 2

Carlo Curti (#18): *"this was my first race under the rain. The car was very performant with perfect setup, thanks to team and engineer. I maintained a constant pace throughout the race but I did a silly mistake in the penultimate lap that cost me several positions. But I am delighted by Ale's selection!"*

Race 2 Classification: 1. Quaresmini, 11 laps in 23'41"810 at 136,725 km/h; +2"170; 3. Fulgenzi +9"269; 4. **Rovera +10"908**; 5. Jacoma +16"879; 6. Pellegrinelli +23"831; ... 11. **L. Curti +43"815**; ... 13. **C. Curti +1'01"590**

Porsche Carrera Cup Italia will return to action at Mugello circuit for the second time this year on September 30th - October 1st. The 6th round of the season for the Carrera Cup Italia will be the highlight of the Porsche Festival 2017 programme, which is expected to attract thousands of Porsche fans in Tuscany. Alessio Rovera follows Riccardo in the PCCI standing with a 22-point gap he is determined to challenge in the remaining 4 races of the season.

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

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