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Title to be decided in Monza

After a complicated weekend in Mugello, with two damage limitation finishes in P2 and P7, Alessio Rovera is still in chase of the Carrera Cup Italia 2017 title. The Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova driver has reduced his gap from standings leader Riccardo Pera to 13 points, so everything is to be decided in the last racing weekend of the season in Monza.

Last weekend has been a special one for the Carrera Cup Italia in Mugello, since it was not included, as usual, in the ACI Racing Weekend programme but was the major attraction of the Porsche Festival 2017 that was organised by Porsche Italia.

Imagine more than 500 Porsche cars - and some legendary models among them - driving in and out of the Mugello paddock, where spectacular activities (hot laps, parades, technical assessments, virtual reality simulators, a race simulator and gourmet food) were available exclusively for the invitees of the event. The Porsche 911 GT3 2018 spec was also introduced for the first time in Italy.

Race 1: Rovera settles in 2nd after a fight for victory

Fantastic track conditions provided pretty impressive lap times in both qualifying sessions on Saturday afternoon. Rovera was easily 3rd fastest in Q1 and 2nd fastest in Q2 with 1'50"571, only 0,060" behind poleman Gianmarco Quaresmini.

Sunday morning, the Tsunami RT driver did a good start from front row at the grid of the first race, managed to take the lead early in the first lap and seemed to be in control of the race for the next four laps. But the light rain made the terrain progressively more slippery and Rovera paid the price: for a single mistake towards the Bucine corner, Rovera saw Quaresmini taking the lead again. The duo dominated the race, which finished behind the safety car after Lino Curti's accident on the Arrabbiata 2 corner. Still a positive result for Rovera, since Pera, his only rival on the title chase, finished in 4th.

While Lino Curti was getting back from track with his Porsche damaged and his feelings hurt, his brother Carlo was completing probably his best - so far - race this year, taking the flag in 10th overall.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 1

#12 Alessio Rovera: *"I was in control of the race but I did a mistake and lost the lead. After that, I tried to overtake him again but whenever I pushed, I was losing the rear of the car. It's OK, at least we gained some points for the championship".*

#18 Carlo Curti: *"I am really happy because I did a good start and gained positions in the first lap. I overtook Köller and then I stayed behind Lino and Selva. It's a pity the safety car entered the track, because we couldn't do something more towards the end of the race".*

#81 Lino Curti: *"I did a bad start and then I regained my position. It's a pity because I made a mistake on the Arrabbiata 2 corner while I was 3rd in class and 9th overall"*

Race 1 Classification: 1. Quaresmini, 15 laps in 32'29"248 at 145,302 km/h; **2. Alessio Rovera +1"067**; 3. Fulgenzi +6"796; 4. Pera +10"001; 5. Pellegrinelli +10"270; 6. Linossi +10"771; ...**10. Carlo Curti +15"857**;

Race 2: final results decided by Race Direction.

Starting from 5th on the damp tarmac of Mugello, Alessio Rovera had serious issues with Riccardo Pera throughout the first part of the race. His young rival for the title seemed to be a dangerous companion on the track, as he aggressively crossed racing lines and crashed on other competitors. The race was red flagged after Reggiani's nasty crash upside down on the exit wall of the San Donato corner. Competitors were driven to the grid for a second start, where Riccardo Pera was pulled out for a seriously damaged radiator.

Restarting from 5th with only 12' race time left, Alessio Rovera chased a podium finish but he ultimately took the flag in 5th, while Quaresmini was celebrating his second victory of the weekend. But it didn't finish there. Spectators, team members and photographers had to wait hopelessly under the podium for a decision from the race direction.

The decision arrived only after it had got dark and with that, race results and winner's name had changed completely. Pellegrinelli was the declared winner, since six competitors - including Quaresmini, Fulgenzi and all three Tsunami drivers, were given a 25 seconds penalty for not having their cars fully setup when the 5' signal was given before the first start.

As a result, Alessio Rovera was downgraded to 7th but his damage was limited, since his major opponent [Pera] was already out of the race. Despite the messy conditions on the track, Carlo Curti did a brilliant race to 7th overall but he was classified in 9th for the 25" penalty. Lino Curti, who had started the race from the end of the field, managed to enter top 10 after a decent race.

Tsunami RT drivers after Race 2

#12 Alessio Rovera: *"more than a race, this has been a torture. It was not possible to keep my pace because there was always Pera ahead who was trying to make my life difficult or even take me out. So I could do nothing about, overtake him or whatever, only to stay behind. After the restart, I drove very carefully in order to bring back some points".*

Race 2 Classification: 1. Pellegrinelli, 13 laps in 28'28"412 at 143,680 km/h; 2. Quaresmini +12"096; 3. Fulgenzi +14"270; 4. Linossi +21"773; 5. Jacoma +30"858; 6. Koller +36"753; **7. Alessio Rovera +39"136**; ... **9. Carlo Curti +56"401**; **10. Lino Curti +1'41"567**;

The fight for the PCCI 2017 title is still open and will be decided in the last racing weekend of the season, on 21-22 October, at the historic circuit of Monza.

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

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