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Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 5 & 6, 1 - 3 June, Monza

Rovera crashed out, single podium for Mosca

A weekend that started in the best way for the Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova drivers, finished disappointingly for Alessio Rovera, who was crashed out of race 1 and missed the second race of the weekend. Mosca finished both races in 2nd but in race 2 he received a 5" penalty and was classified 5th. Strong but unlucky racing weekend for our Michelin Cup driver Alex De Giacomo who left Monza with a podium finish.

In Saturday's qualifying, Alessio Rovera pulled out the fastest ever lap in a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup – a remarkable 1'49"449 - and was followed by Tommaso Mosca who lapped in 1'49"676. A glorious front row start for the Tsunami duo in the first race of the weekend was the preview of a triumphal finish for Tsunami RT, while De Giacomo was only 5th fastest among Michelin Cup drivers.

Race 1

A glorious start from pole position for Tsunami RT driver Alessio Rovera finished in disaster. Alessio dominated the first part pulling out the fastest race lap to built a safe gap till the safety car entered the track. Under the race restart, Rovera accelerated in slight delay and was caught on the straight line by laquinta. The two drivers with Fulgenzi on the left side arrived together in the first chicane and there, laquinta, after a slight contact with Fulgenzi, made a clumsy move to the right, lost control and collided violently with Alessio, sending him and Fulgenzi on the wall, on the left side of the track. Both drivers got out of their Porsche without injuries but Rovera's car was beyond local repair.

Bertonelli and Mosca took the lead of the race after the second safety car and both went straight on the first chicane, while fighting for the race lead. The Tsunami driver gave it all to win in the remaining two laps, but he was pushed out by Campana in Roggia corner and took the flag in 3rd but was classified in 2nd after the penalty given to Campana for the incident between them. Podium finish in the Michelin Cup for Alex De Giacomo (P3) who took the flag in 8th overall.

#1 Alessio Rovera: *"In the restart after the safety car, exiting the Parabolica corner I saw yellow flags and SC signs, so I thought that the safety car might stay for one more lap. So the others arrived next to me. In the first chicane, laquinta applied the brakes very early and as he saw Fulgenzi on the outside. He probably lost it and I am sure he didn't believe I was so close – he turned right, which was a crap move! We didn't need this".*

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"my start was bad but in the first laps I was faster than the drivers in front. After the restart of the second safety car I could make it in the first chicane but it was Bertonelli who obliged me to go straight. After that, it was Campana who made a stupid move".*

Classification: 1. Bertonelli 14 laps in 30'15"638 @ 160,8 km/h; **2. Mosca +0"802**; 3. Quaresmini +1"025; 4. Segù +2"186; 5. Ronnie Valori +3"786; 6. Mardini +5"304; 7. Pastorelli +6"052; **8. De Giacomi +6"165**;

Race 2

Sunday's race in Monza was pretty dramatic as well. Mosca from 5th at the grid had a failed start, lost two positions and he fought hard to regain them. After the second safety car, the Tsunami driver was 3rd behind Bertonelli and when the Dinamic driver had a puncture, Tommaso climbed in 2nd behind Quaresmini. For a lap he looked strong to go for a win but he preferred to secure his place and be 2nd on the podium. After the race, Tommaso was given 5 seconds for stopping and restarting in the formation lap before taking his place at the grid.

The race proved unlucky for Alex De Giacomi who did an amazing start and climbed to 5th – from 8th at the grid. Unfortunately he was pushed and spun in the first chicane early in the race and was left at the back of the field. Driving strongly, Alex climbed in 11th overall - 4th among the Michelin Cup drivers with a pace that definitely deserved win in his class.

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"we started pretty bad as usual and after that we climbed a bit with some overtaking manoeuvres. After the safety car, I was in 3rd position till the moment Bertonelli had a puncture. After that, I continued in second till the end. Better a podium finish than trying and committing a mistake. As for the penalty I received, I consider it senseless but I have to respect it".*

Classification: 1. Quaresmini 16 laps in 31'39"286 @ 175,7 km/h; 2. Campana +2"471; 3. +5"022; 4. Valori +5"362; **5. Mosca +6"703 (5" penalty)**; 6. Mardini +11"234; ... **11. De Giacomi +21"417**;

Despite his regrettable weekend, Alessio Rovera still leads the Carrera Cup Italia followed closely by teammate Tommaso Mosca. Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova leads the Teams classification while Alex De Giacomi is 3rd in the Michelin Cup. After a small break next week, the Ukrainian team will be back in action on June 15th for the fourth round of the PCCI in Misano.

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