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**Porsche Carrera Cup France, Races 5 & 6, Dijon
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Rovera saves a tough weekend for Tsunami

An outright win and a second place in two action packed Dijon races bring Alessio Rovera back on track in the Carrera Cup France title chase. This was the kind of good news the Ukrainian team really needed this weekend, since a serious accident in qualifying at Mugello sent Tommaso Mosca to hospital with a fractured lower leg.

It was the first of two weekends during the season in which Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova splits in two to give the battle in both Italian and French Porsche Carrera Cup series. Team fortunes were mixed like never before this time as a victorious campaign in France was in contrast with a serious accident in Italy.

Rovera makes his comeback in Dijon

The news coming from Dijon were a relief for everybody in the team. Alessio Rovera was not the fastest in qualifying - he actually qualified in 3rd for Race 1 and in 2nd for Sunday's Race 2 - but he demonstrated all his fighting spirit and his cold blood attitude to take the maximum points possible from both races.

On Saturday's race Alessio was fighting for a podium finish in a packed group that was following Julien Andlauer, who was leading the race till the moment a puncture forced him to return to the pits. Rovera also survived some tough moments, especially when he had a contact with Hasse-Clot. In the end, the Italian managed to finish 2nd behind Turk driver Ayhancan Güven who took his maiden victory.

On Sunday, on a half-wet, slowly-drying Dijon track, Alessio managed to take the lead from pole-setter Andlauer in the very first corner and keep the 2017 Champion behind throughout a 30-minute spine-tingling fight. This has definitely been one of the best races in Rovera's impressive Carrera Cup career.

#112 Alessio Rovera: *“Saturday’s race was good and it brought us points for the Championship while Andlauer - a strong rival – had a puncture. It was a tough moment when Hasse-Clot had a touch with Guven, got a puncture, lost control of his car and hit me. I had a slight damage on the left side of the car but didn’t lose my pace. Race 2 was also a hard fight. I started really well but I didn’t have Andlauer’s pace, who was on a dry setup. So I focused to keep him back and I managed it. I’m really happy because this wasn’t a good weekend for the team in Italy, but we finished in an amazing way. So thanks to all the mechanics and Paolo - our engineer!”*

Mosca crashes in Mugello

In the 5th round of the 2018 Carrera Cup Italia in Mugello, 18-year old Tsunami talent Tommaso Mosca escaped with a broken leg from a serious accident in qualifying. The Italian driver crashed on Stefano Stefanelli’s Porsche, which was standing still at the outer kerb of the San Lorenzo corner under a cloud of dust. Both drivers were immediately transferred to the Medical Center and later in the hospital of Florence for further tests and both are well - apart Tommaso’s operated lower leg.

Initially shocked but later relieved, the team continued working with Alex De Giacomi. The Tsunami gentleman driver also had an up and down weekend: he took the flag 3rd in his class in the first race but couldn’t replicate the same in the Sunday race for a tyre puncture in the penultimate lap. Alex stands second in the Michelin Cup classification. Simone laquinta and Gianmarco Quaresmini took a win each in Mugello but Alessio Rovera still remains the standings leader despite having missed the last PCCI round.

#67 Alex De Giacomi: *“I am not happy for the first race because we had the pace, the car was perfect but throughout the race I had Pastorelli in front of me closing in every corner. For Race 2 I have no words, from the third lap I started having problems with the rear left tyre and then, all of a sudden, under yellow flags, the tyre lost pressure immediately. I am mostly sorry about the team, for all the work they have done all these days”.*

After a long summer break, Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova will be back in action on 7-9 September in Vallelunga - 6th and penultimate round of the Italian Carrera Cup - and in Magny Cours for the 4th (of totally 6) racing weekend of the French series.

On behalf of all our team members, we would like to wish to our driver Tommaso Mosca and to Stefano Stefanelli “in bocca al lupo” - as they say in Italy. We wait for them to be back in action even stronger and the soonest possible!

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