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**Porsche Carrera Cup France, Races 7 & 8, Magny-Cours**

**Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 11 & 12, Vallelunga**

## **A weekend of mixed feelings for Tsunami RT**

**While Alessio Rovera strongly performed in Magny-Cours, Tommaso Mosca, even if he immediately proved the fastest man in Vallelunga, was not 100% fit for the two races of the weekend.**

In the first racing weekend following the summer break, Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova split in two for a second time this season to compete in both Italian and French Porsche Carrera Cup series, with Alessio Rovera racing in Magny-Cours and the Italian duo of Tommaso Mosca and Alex De Giacomo in Vallelunga.

The challenge was double for the Ukrainian team: to keep Rovera in chase of the PCCF title and provide Mosca the best possible conditions in his comeback from the Mugello accident, where he broke his lower leg.

### **Rovera 6th and 2nd in Magny-Cours**

Julien Andlauer dominated both weekend races, starting from pole position in both. Rovera's best laps was cancelled on Saturday for exceeding track limits, so he had to start Race 1 from the back of the field. Pulling out some courageous overtaking manoeuvres, the Italian from Varese managed to climb up to 6th in the race, which was interrupted and restarted after an accident in the first laps. It was a damage limiting effort by the Tsunami driver.

Alessio qualified in 2nd for the second race on Sunday. He started very strong but was never a real threat for Andlauer, who was always a bit faster. So Alessio drove maturely to secure 2nd place, a result that keeps him in the title chase.

**#112 Alessio Rovera:** P2 was the best result we could bring here today because Andlauer was too fast. The next races in Barcelona and Le Castellet will be very tough. I know Paul Ricard very well and I am sure we will be very competitive towards the end of the season”.

### **Mosca very fast but not fit enough in Vallelunga**

In the 6th and penultimate round of the 2018 Carrera Cup Italia in the Roman circuit of Vallelunga, Mosca impressed everybody with his performance on Friday and especially on Saturday. Tommaso was always the fastest overall - snatching pole position with a record lap - 1'33"510. But the stewards committee cancelled all his lap times in qualifying because Tommaso was found not wearing his fire-proof underwear trouser - as is strictly obligatory - and he was ordered to start race 1 from the back of the field.

In race, the 18-year old talent performed some brilliant overtaking manoeuvres and climbed up to 7th behind Daniele Cazzaniga. When Mosca attacked his rival from the inside, the two cars made a contact and as a result, the Tsunami driver was given 25 seconds penalty, which threw him from 6th down to 15th position in the race classification.

In his fight for the Michelin Cup, Alex de Giacomi took the start and remained in 2nd throughout the 28' race, a position that didn't seem to satisfy him in the end.

Following race 1, Mosca realised he was not 100% fit, so he decided together with the team to skip the Sunday race and concentrate on his physiotherapy till the final weekend in Imola next month.

As a result, Alex De Giacomi remained the only Tsunami driver in Vallelunga and in the second race he stepped again on the Michelin Cup podium. He was 3rd this time but not so happy since his rival Mardini mathematically secured the 2018 title after finishing in front of him, in 2nd.

**#19 Tommaso Mosca:** *“The weekend started well, we have always been the fastest in the track. We were first in free practice, in Q1 and Q2. It was my mistake in the qualifying but for me the penalty was very severe. The race started well, I was faster than anybody in every lap (we also did the fastest lap of the race) and then it was that contact with Ghinzani's car that spoiled all the work we had done”.*

**#67 Alex De Giacomi:** *“there is nothing to say about this weekend. This is not our year. The car, the team and the mechanics worked very well but we should now think about next season”.*

Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova will be back in action on 28-30 September in Barcelona for the 5th and penultimate round of the Carrera Cup France.

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