

# Tsunami RT

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Porsche Carrera Cup Italia 2019

Round 2

Misano World Circuit



## Lights and shadows for Tsunami RT under the cloudy sky of Misano World Circuit

Facing the rain that fell during the weekend, Tsunami RT managed to catch a victory and a 2nd place with De Giacomo while Fulgenzi and Marreiros gained important points



### Race 1

Enrico Fulgenzi had a really good start from 2nd place on the grid, becoming 1st before Turn 1. The joy of the #17, however, didn't last so long: Patrick Kujala – who started from Pole – soon overtook the Italian driver, sending him back to 2nd place while in the middle of the field Alex De Giacomo successfully

maintained his 1st position in Michelin Cup and Pedro Marreiros tried to find his way to the podium of the Silver Cup. Nevertheless the asphalt of Misano World Circuit, dry in some sections of the circuit and damp in other parts of it, was not an ally of Tsunami RT's 911: the pace of Enrico Fulgenzi didn't allow him to fight for the podium and sent him out of Top 5, Alex De Giacomo made a mistake that costed him his 1st place in Michelin Cup and Pedro Marreiros – who had to get used to both of the track and the car – that wasn't able to reply the pace showed during qualifying. So, if Fulgenzi had to settle for 7th position and Marreiros finished last, Alex De Giacomo showed some skills as the rain began to fall again: the #67 of Tsunami RT, in fact, duelled for some laps against Luca Pastorelli, until his Slicks betrayed him sending his 911 in 3rd position behind Marco Cassarà. Despite this problem, however, Alex De Giacomo ended in 2nd place due to the disqualification of Luca Pastorelli after the race and so he sprayed the champagne from Misano's podium!



### **Enrico Fulgenzi:**

"I had a really good start – I was first after a few metres – but I soon realised that in the dry section of the track I was faster than Kujala, but in the damp part – which remained damp throughout the whole race – I didn't have a good pace and so I couldn't keep the position. Today we were able to finish 7th, and this was our final position. The positive thing is that we maximize our potential today"

### **De Giacomo:**

*"That's a pity, because during qualifying we showed that our pace was good. In those situations, where there are dry sections and damp sectors, it's always difficult to find the limit. Today we finished 3rd, but we know that we have the potential to reach higher positions and tomorrow we'll work for it"*

### **Marreiros:**

*"It has been the toughest race of my life. It was really difficult for me to drive in those damp conditions. This morning we improved our pace working in the right way, but in the afternoon I don't know what happened"*



## Race 2

Enrico Fulgenzi had a good start from 7th place on the grid, and so he immediately tried to gain some positions at Turn 1: unfortunately there wasn't enough room to pass other drivers, so the Tsunami RT driver wisely decided not to take useless risks. Even Alex De Giacomo had a really good start, catching in a few metres the 1st place in Michelin Cup, while Pedro Marreiros began his comeback from the grid's last row. During the race the portuguese driver aimed at the podium of Silver Cup, the #17 was unable to catch the drivers that were fighting ahead of him and so was Alex De Giacomo's job to keep Tsunami RT's honor high: the #67, who was faultlessly hit by Laurini at the beginning of the race and that ended up in 3rd place of Michelin Cup due to this contact, started a great comeback even with a front splitter damage. Mardini and Cassarà couldn't resist to De Giacomo, who sprayed the champagne for the second time during this weekend and who gained a wonderful victory here in Misano. Unfortunately, Marreiros saw the Silver Cup's podium slip away just for 0.2 seconds, and Enrico Fulgenzi finished 7th not having enough speed to fight against Kujala, Berton and Mosca.



**Enrico Fulgenzi:**

*"It was a difficult race, and unfortunately I wasn't fast enough to catch the drivers who were duelling ahead. So far we have showed a great pace during qualifying, where we have gained or Pole or first row, but during the race I'm still struggling a little bit too much in order to get used to the car of Tsunami RT, always enjoyable to drive but slightly different from my previous ones. We leave Misano quite disappointed, but we earned some points and that's positive. We know that we have to work harder, and with our engineers we have already started to find a way to go faster since the very next race in Imola"*

**Alex De Giacomo:**

*"Today we have finished where we could have been even yesterday, and we have been able to do this even with a damaged front splitter! During the first lap Laurini hit me, and due to this contact I ended up 3rd in Michelin Cup and I had to do a great comeback. My car was quite difficult to drive due to the damage, but despite that we won and so I am really happy for it!"*

**Pedro Marreiros:**

*"Things today went well, despite for me even Race 2 has been challenging due to the high level of other drivers. For the third time during the same weekend I had to get used to the track, that was changing with weather conditions: during my last laps with old tires I have been faster than in the first laps with new ones, and that shows how I just needed to practice more here in Misano. I finished 4th, really close to 3rd place, so I'm really happy even I have to admit that I need to improve and that I have to do more tests. I also want to thank Tsunami RT: they are perfectly organised and they work really well, so I'm glad to have raced with them!"*

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