

Tsunami RT

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Porsche Carrera Cup Italia 2019
Round 5
Autodromo Vallelunga



Tsunami RT catches 4 podium in 4 races at Vallelunga

After the bittersweet weekend at Mugello, the 5th round of Porsche Carrera Cup Italia 2019 season ends in a fantastic way for Tsunami RT: Enrico Fulgenzi gets a 2nd and a 1st overall place, while Alex De Giacomi finishes 2nd and 3rd in Michelin Cup



Race 1

Both Enrico Fulgenzi and Alex De Giacomi have a really good start during the first race in Vallelunga: the #17, in fact, immediately gains 2nd place overtaking Diego Bertone, while the #67 makes his way through the middle field catching the 13th position and maintaining his 2nd place in Michelin Cup.

The race is intense: Fulgenzi chases the race leader Cerqui, while De Giacomi not only maintains his podium in Michelin Cup fighting against Laurini, but also gains 11th position due to Bertonelli's penalty. Time flies by, and unfortunately both the Tsunami RT drivers aren't able to catch their opponents: Enrico Fulgenzi and Alex De Giacomi have to settle for 2nd place (overall for the #17, in the Michelin Cup for the #67), and so Tsunami RT can celebrate with a well deserved double podium!



Enrico Fulgenzi #17 (2° | +1"470)

"It's a great 2nd place! It doesn't taste as a victory, that's for sure, but it's however a very good result. We ended behind Alberto Cerqui: he drove perfectly today, so I have to congratulate him. We had almost the same pace, but he didn't give me the opportunity to gain those 5 tenths that were fundamental in order to attack him. It was a great fight, because it reminded me the 2013 season of PCCI, when I won the title: we often duelled on track even in that year, and so fighting against him has a special flavour. It's nice to compete with Alberto after 6 years! Now it's time to focus on Race 2, because we have to catch another great result tomorrow"

Alex De Giacomi #67 (12° | +31"919)

"It was a positive Race 1. The car was enjoyable to drive, and even if we started in the middle-field we managed to avoid contacts with other drivers and so we could set our race pace. I think that we are suffering a little bit too much due to our absence in the latest test: I had to get used to race again because my last race weekend has been the one in Mugello, so I think that this have costed us some time. However, a 2nd place is a great result, and we have positive feelings even for Race 2"

Race 2

Enrico Fulgenzi and Alex De Giacomi have an excellent start even in Race 2: the #17, 5th on the grid, immediately gains 4th place behind Patrick Kujala, while the #67 manages to maintain his 11th place fighting in the middle field.



With De Giacomi defending his third place in Michelin Cup, Enrico Fulgenzi is simply unstoppable: the #17 shows no mercy in attacking Patrick Kujala, who makes a mistake due to the pressure put by Fulgenzi. Kujala, in fact, brakes too late and hits Jaden Conwright – who was running 2nd –, and so the Tsunami RT driver can start his chase to Simone Monaco. The driver of AB Racing is simply unarmed in front of Fulgenzi's fury: the #17 overtakes him in a few corners and so, after minus than 5 laps, he leads the overall standings. Tsunami RT, however, doesn't have too much time to celebrate: Alex De Giacomi is unfortunately hit from behind by Mendez, and after a spin he's undeservedly sent back in the standings. While the #67 tries to fight back, Enrico Fulgenzi is unstoppable in the front of the field: the #17 creates a reassuring gap between himself and his opponents, and the late Safety Car (called on track due to Bertonelli's mechanical failure) certifies a wonderful victory for him and for Tsunami RT! Last but not least, even Alex De Giacomi sprays champagne: the #67, in fact, catches a 3rd place in Michelin Cup even if he knows that his race could have been better without other driver's mistake.



Enrico Fulgenzi #17 (1°)

"This is a wonderful victory, the one that every race driver dreams about. It's difficult to win when you start from pole, and it's even more difficult when you start 5th like we did today. We knew that the car was great, and the key moment has been the triple overtake made at the beginning. When I took the lead I had a qualifying pace, but I started to believe in our victory only when my opponents became smaller and smaller in my rear mirrors. Today we could have been stopped only by another tire issue, but we have been stronger and so I have to thank the whole Tsunami Racing Team: they gave me a perfect car throughout the whole weekend"

Alex De Giacomi #67 (14° | +39"186)

"Unfortunately this wasn't the best race for us. We had the potential to catch a good result, but I was hit by another driver: I fell down in the standings, and for me was very difficult to come back on top. We ended in 3rd position in Michelin Cup, but I'm definitely not happy"

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