

Tsunami RT

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Tsunami RT finishes in style the 2019 season of Porsche Carrera Cup Italia with two podiums and a stunning comeback

Under a cloudy and rainy sky and after a difficult Saturday, Tsunami RT ends the 7th and last round of PCCI with two trophies and an incredible recovery



Race 1

The three Tsunami RT drivers all have a good start during Race 1: Alex De Giacomi and Gianmarco Quaresmini, both started from the back of the grid, immediately gain some places, while Enrico Fulgenzi manages to follow the leading group. The #1 duels in the middle field, whilst the comeback of Alex De Giacomi has a stop after a few laps: the #67, in fact, makes faultlessly contact with another driver and so he has to retire his car due to a front right

suspension failure. This withdrawal, unfortunately, means that De Giacomi has to give up in his battle for the Michelin Cup title. After just a few laps, even Enrico Fulgenzi has to retire from the championship battle: the #17, in fact, during lap 7 unfortunately hits the back of Bertonelli's car, sending him into a spin. Due to this fact the Tsunami RT driver gets a Drive Through, and rejoins the track in 14th positions: too far from the needed championship points. While Fulgenzi however tries to catch some places, Gianmarco Quaresmini shows a great pace and begins an exciting comeback. The #1, in fact, after some stunning overtakes manages to finish the race in 5th place, catching an unexpected result considering his starting position. Enrico Fulgenzi instead, despite his good pace, has to settle for a 12th place that has a really bitter flavour.



Gianmarco Quaresmini #1 (5° | +15.448)

I'm definitely satisfied! Starting 19th I was cautious during the first part of the race in order to avoid any kind of contact, but despite this I managed to earn some places with a really good start. I struggled a little bit too much in the first half of the race because we were a little bit lower with tire pressure, but when I had no one in front of me and the tires were warmed enough I started to have a really strong pace. I also set the fastest lap of the race, and that's the proof of my growing feeling with this car. Tomorrow we will start from 2nd place, and I think it could be another opportunity to catch a great result!

Enrico Fulgenzi #17 (12° | + 38.883)

This Saturday definitely wasn't our day. I gained lots of places at the start and immediately managed to capture the leading group, but our hopes for a great result were broken in pieces after the contact with Bertonelli. I almost stopped when I noticed to be on the inside, I couldn't disappear, but unfortunately I touched his rear and he spun. Then, due to the Drive Through, I completely lost the chance to win the championship again. It's a shame, I'm really disappointed

Alex De Giacomi #67 (NC)

It was not a great way to finish our saturday. I had a really good start, but during the first few laps I unfortunately made contact with another car and so I broke my front right suspension. With that damage I couldn't continue my race and I was forced to retire, and it's a pity because I think that we could have had the pace to gain places



Race 2

Despite the lack of rain, the tarmac is still wet during the second and last race of the weekend. Gianmarco Quaresmini, 2nd on the grid, has a very good start: the #1, in fact, manages to undermine the first place of Diego Bertonelli, but a small mistake forces him behind the #8 again. Enrico Fulgenzi and Alex De Giacomi have to be more cautious: they both decided to use slick tires, so due to the wet tarmac they can't take too many risks in the first part of the race. The turning point of this Race 2 is lap 6: while Quaresmini still manages to follow Bertonelli, in fact, the track starts to become drier and the slick tires of Fulgenzi and De Giacomi begins to offer them much more grip than the wet tires of their opponents. The #17 and the #67 are simply unstoppable: Enrico Fulgenzi sets an incredible sequence of fastest laps managing to gain 5" per lap from the leading group, and Alex De Giacomi shows an incredible pace that allows him to catch 1st place in Michelin Cup. Time flies away, and while Quaresmini becomes 3rd due to the comeback of Laurini the decisive lap is – obviously – the last one: Fulgenzi overtakes three drivers earning 4th place, while the #1 at the exit of the "Parabolica" tries to catch 1st place thanks to the tough fight between Bertonelli and Laurini. Unfortunately, a little lack of grip forces Quaresmini to lift the throttle, and that's where his 0.025s gap from the leader – that gives him the 3rd place – is made. But it's not a drama: Tsunami RT, in fact, can enjoy the incredible comeback of Enrico Fulgenzi (from 18th to 4th), the overall podium of Gianmarco Quaresmini and the well deserved victory of Alex De Giacomi in Michelin Cup! What a great way to end the 2019 Porsche Carrera Cup Italia season!



Gianmarco Quaresmini #1 (3° | + 0.025)

I'm happy! Today I had a really good feeling with the car, and so I am glad to finish this weekend with a podium. I even managed to earn 1st place at the start, but due to some small mistakes I wasn't able to stay with Bertonelli throughout the whole race. At last turn I knew that I would have the chance to win, but unfortunately I lost grip at the exit and I had to leave the throttle for a while. It's a pity, but I'm however really happy!

Enrico Fulgenzi #17 (4° | + 2.708)

It was a funny race! We started with slick tires even though the tarmac was wet, but we saw some dry sections and so we decided to make a gamble. During the first few laps we struggled, but when our tires warmed up we became the fastest on track. I had really great fun while I was making my comeback, and even though we didn't step on podium it's a very good way to finish a stunning season like this. I would like to thank the whole Tsunami RT and my staff for the support, and I would also like to congratulate Iaquina for his championship win. That's all for this 2019, but from tomorrow we will start to work again: we have to prepare there's the 2020 season of PCCI!



Alex De Giacomo #67 (14° | + 49.775)

Without any doubts this is a great way to end our season! We decided to use slick tires, and our gamble paid off: we had a really strong pace when the tarmac started to dry, and the victory is the result that we deserved for what we showed on friday. We lacked a little bit of constance during this season, but we will be stronger in 2020

Overall standings: 1st S. Iaquina – 140,5 pts. | 2nd P. Kujala – 133 pts | 3rd D. Bertonelli – 133 pts. | 4th J. Conwright – 121 pts. | **5th E. Fulgenzi – 122 pts.**

Michelin Cup standings: 1st M. Cassarà – 98 pts. | **2nd A. De Giacomo – 80,5 pts.** | 3rd B. Mardini – 76 pts. | 4th L. Pastorelli – 57 pts. | 5th F. Reggiani – 42,5 pts.

Team standings: 1st Dinamic Motorsport – 187 pts. | 2nd Ghinzani Arco Motorsport – 139,5 pts. | 3rd Bonaldi Motorsport – 126 pts. | **4th Tsunami RT – 120 pts.** | 5th Ombra Racing – 82 pts.

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