



Magny-Cours, a real test for Gaidai

The Tsunami RT driver was not as fast as in Spa but he took a podium in his class and inaugurated a new technique that will definitely maximise his performance in the near future.

RACE **MAGNY-COURS**
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Gaidai on the grid of Magny-Cours under a fantastic - and pretty rare for the region - sunshine.

Irina Kolomeitseva watching carefully Alex Gaidai while he preparing for the next race.

Lindland 1st, Lapierre 2nd and Alex 3rd on the gentlemen's podium of the second race in Magny-Cours.

PCCF 2015 STANDINGS AFTER MAGNY-COURS

Drivers (overall): 1. M. Jousse 109 points; 2. J. Gounon 101; 3. M. Jaminet 94; 4. S. Palette 87; 5. J. Pla 85; 6. V. Beltoise 79 ... 11. O. Gaidai 47

Gentlemen drivers: 1. C. Lapierre 141 points; 2. R. Lindland 130; 3. O. Gaidai 109

Gaidai went to Magny-Cours a month after Spa where he had demonstrated maturity and great speed. In the two races of the weekend the Ukrainian took one podium in the gentlemen class.

In the double qualifying session on Saturday morning, Gaidai couldn't outperform his rivals in category B, neither get a top 10 position on the grid. He was 11th overall (2nd in cat. B) in Q1 and 13th overall (3rd in cat. B) in Q2.

Gaidai had a difficult **Race 1** on Saturday with various incidents and as a result he took the flag 14th overall and 4th among gentlemen drivers. Alex lost a position from Monti at the start, then slipped on the outside and Lindland passed him. The two gentlemen drivers collided subsequently on a right corner and the Norwegian spun. Alex continued struggling with the balance of his car but he kept following Lapierre. The Ukrainian lost his chances for a podium in category B when Perfetti kicked him from the back and Alex spun. Maxime Jousse took a comfortable win in front of De Narda and Gounon.

In **Race 2**, Gaidai took the flag 11th but he was promoted to 9th thanks to the 30' penalty given to Maroc for dangerous driving and to the exclusion of Cougnaud for technical infringement. Alex did a good start and after lap 2 he started attacking Lapierre. But safety car entered the track and wiped out Gaidai's advantage to Perfetti, who was following the Ukrainian. As a result Alex missed the opportunity to fight with Lapierre and Lindland because after the restart Perfetti hit Gaidai's rear wing and this cost him two seconds, while the Italian had a spin. By the end of the race the Tsunami RT driver tried to catch up Lapierre, who went off track for a while, but there was not much time left.

Maxime Jousse dominated the second race of the weekend in front of Gounon and De Narda. Thanks to his double win in Magny-Cours, the Loeb Racing driver is the provisional leader of PCCF 2015.

Gaidai quotes

Qualifying 1 & 2

"There was a small problem with the handling, so we are going to find out the reason - it could be either car setup or my driving style. But the behaviour of the car was not perfect and it influenced the result. In any case, the race will be long so we just have to correct everything and start!"

Race 1

"I can say it was not the best race I have done. I made a mistake, the car slide off to the outside, dirty part of the track, I stopped accelerating, and Roar Lindland overtook me. I returned my position, but with a touch, and Lindland spun. And then Perfetti attacked me, and he overtook me also with a touch, while I was spinning. After that I overtook Varela, but the next group was already 5 seconds away, the race was nearly over, and I had no time to change the situation. I was fighting with the car during the whole race. After qualifying we changed the settings, in some ways it became better, but the overall feeling is still bad. All I could say to the engineer, I've said, now it's his job".

Race 2

«Yesterday we've changed all dampers and the feeling of the car was better. I'm in a good mood after the race. This is only the second race when I was braking with my left foot, so I'm eager to see the telemetry and check my progress»

Tsunami RT moves to Vallelunga circuit near Rome on September 11-13th for the fifth round of the 2015 Carrera Cup Italia.