



Dominant Ledogar leads Carrera Cup Italia

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Ledogar took the pole, a victory and a 2nd place in Imola to take the lead of the Carrera Cup Italia classification. Gaidai pulled out a 5th and an 8th place. Tsunami leads the team standings for the very first time!



Summary: Côme Ledogar was in dominant form in Imola. Thanks to the points he collected from a pole, a victory and a second place, he leads the Carrera Cup Italia classification by 12 points from Riccardo Agostini. For the first time in its history Tsunami RT leads the team standings. The French star was by half second fastest than his Italian opponent in qualifying and was unbeatable in Race 1. He finished the race 6,2" ahead of his mate in the scholarship programme, despite the pack was behind the safety car for the 50% of the laps. Starting from 6th in Race 2, Ledogar managed to pull some inspired moves and climb to 2nd. It was impossible to reach Giraudi who was in great form last Sunday in Imola. The Italian took a deserved win and now he is the 3rd winner in 4 Carrera Cup Italia races this year.

Gaidai had a complicated weekend but showed encouraging signs in both races. In qualifying he was trapped in traffic and was only 12th fastest. Starting from 11th he pulled out two passes and thanks to a good pace he climbed to 5th. Starting from 2nd in Race 2, the Ukrainian driver lead the pack for a while but made a mistake and Giraudi passed. After that Alex couldn't match the Italian driver's pace and stayed 2nd till lap 12. Alex did his best to defend the attacks from Ledogar, Agostini and Drudi but all of them overtook him, so he slipped to 5th. Three laps from the end he was hit by Colombo in the end of the straight. He spun at 240 kmh and lost three positions to 8th.

What Tsunami RT drivers said:

Race 1

Côme Ledogar: "The team did a great job to prepare the car. The race was not easy because it is always hard here in Imola, especially when temperatures are high. I kept my pace and avoided any mistakes in the race".

Oleksandr Gaidai: "After such a fail in qualifying I was thinking over before the race how to start and what to do in the traffic. From the start I overtook two cars and caught on Drudi. There was an opportunity to overtake him but it was very dangerous, so I preferred not to take risks. Two laps before the finish, when I was already 5th, I realised I couldn't reach Drudi and Giraudi, so better 5th than not finishing at all".

Race 2

Côme Ledogar: "The race was hard but most important is we brought nice points to the team. Of all the rivals I had to overtake, I think, Agostini was the most difficult. Giraudi was really fast. Even if the race lasted two laps more I wouldn't get him, he was too far ahead. I am happy I race for the best team of the championship! The car is very fast and I like Imola as always. I think we took what we deserved from the race".

Oleksandr Gaidai: "I did a good start and overtook Da Shen Zhang very quickly. Some time later I slipped a little and let Giraudi pass. For the next 20 minutes I was 2nd and when Agostini attacked me I defended my position. Then Côme overtook Agostini and came behind me. We had agreed that we would not block each other if there was a place on the track where neither of us would lose time. But Côme chose not the best place to overtake. I lost two seconds on it so Drudi came close. During the next two laps I struggled with Drudi but he managed to overtake me. At the end of the race Colombo tried to overtake me, though it was too late to do it, and hit me in the rear wheel. I spun, and here I am in the eighth place, though I was surely to finish in top five. We filed a protest, but it was declined".

Carrera Cup Italia moves to Mugello on July 10-12th for the third racing weekend of the 2015 season,

Ledogar was so dominant in Race 1 that his victory looked easy to everybody but it was not: "I race for the best team of the championship", Côme said in the end of the weekend!

Alex Gaidai was in the lead of Race 2 for two laps and stayed 2nd behind Giraudi for 12 laps.

The two Tsunami RT drivers had their first ever fight in Imola. Ledogar passed Gaidai in Tosa with a decisive move, while the Ukrainian was challenging him on braking. Alex complained that Côme's move cost him 2 seconds.

PCCI 2015 STANDINGS AFTER IMOLA

Piloti: 1. **Ledogar 65 points**; 2. Agostini 53; 3. Giraudi 37; 4. Drudi 26; 5. Gaidai 17; 6. De Amicis, Fontana e Zhang 12; 9. Colombo 9; 10. Fulgenzi 8; 11. Pellinen e Cassarà 4

Teams: 1. **Tsunami RT 60 points**; 2. Antonelli Motorsport – Centro Porsche Padova 51; 3. Antonelli Motorsport – C.P. Torino 37; 4. Dinamic Motorsport 27; 5. LEM Racing 17; 6. Ghinzani Arco Motorsport 16; 7. Ebimotors 15; 8. Heaven Motorsport 8; 9. TAM-Racing 2