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Excitement, drama and a podium finish

A podium finish and a 6th place for Alex Jouannem plus two strong races concluded unluckily for Alex Gaidai are the results from Zandvoort for Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova.

Qualifying 1 & 2

While Jouannem dominated FP1 & 2 and Gaidai was very strong as well early on Saturday, both Tsunami drivers had their qualifying sessions spoiled for red flags and heavy traffic conditions. Q1 was fairly good - but not ideal - for Gaidai, who was 8th fastest with 1'43"164 but was disastrous for Jouannem who couldn't get better than 1'44"364 - the 14th fastest of the session. In Q2, Jouannem had traffic problems again and couldn't improve his 1'42"311 that was valid for 6th on the grid. Gaidai's best lap (1'43"321) was the 12th fastest time.

#13 Oleksandr Gaidai: *"In both qualifications I was simply unlucky. In Q1 there was a red flag on my fastest lap but when the wheels cooled down it was impossible to show the same pace. I could have been five to seven tenths faster but I can say that I'm satisfied with my position. In Q2 we had red flag on my fast lap. When I went out, in the middle of my fastest lap, I found heavy traffic again".*

#47 Alex Jouannem: *"the red flag destroyed my session in Q1. After we re-entered, I found some slower cars. In the remaining 5 minutes I didn't have spare time to let them go, so I did my best laps in the traffic with very slow cars in between. In Q2 I had to face a lot of traffic as well, so I couldn't show my real potential".*

Race 1

A tricky race right from the start. A nasty collision, in which were involved Van de Grijspaarde, Van Kuijk and Carlos Rivas, brought the safety car on track. The race was not restarted - as the race director should have done - and the green flag was given only after 12 minutes because the straight line needed to be cleared from damaged cars and debris. After that, everything rolled superbly for both Tsunami drivers, who gained positions at least till the very last lap. Alex Gaidai, started from 8th, was running smoothly in 6th place and 1st among gentlemen drivers, showing a very strong pace. Alex Jouannem climbed from 14th to 11th after the entry of the safety car and up to 7th, right behind his Ukrainian team mate. The Tsunami duo had a nice fight in the last two laps but didn't take the flag in a parade: Gaidai did a mistake in the last lap, blocked his wheels and finished on the gravel, where a little stone damaged his radiator. Jouannem finished the race - won by Mathieu Jaminet - in 6th position and 1st among the Benelux drivers.

#13 Oleksandr Gaidai: *"at the very last lap I was fighting for P5 overall and 3-4 corners before the finish I made a little mistake, maybe because I felt Alex's pressure, blocked the wheels and went off to the gravel. I tried to finish but in the last corner went off again".*

#47 Alex Jouannem: *"I had a good start, managed to gained 1-2 positions but I was squeezed between two cars and I got in touch with Rivas without my will. After the restart, I gained different positions up to 7th and inherited the 6th position from Alex, who had an exit".*

Race 1 Classification

1. Mathieu Jaminet; 2. Vincent Beltoise +7"894; 3. Joffrey de Narda +8"566; 4. Julien Andlauer +9"846; 5. Florian Latorre +11"690; **6. Alex Jouannem +16.087"**



Race 2

Alex Jouannem, who started from 3rd row, made it to the podium after a very strong race. The French gained 5th position in the first corner, climbed to 4th in the second lap and managed to finish the race 3rd, while for some laps seemed to be strong for 2nd. Jaminet dominated the second race of the Dutch weekend.

Gaidai managed to climb up to 7th position from P12 at the grid but paid the price of his fight against Carlos Rivas, a fight ignited from the first lap: Alex managed to overtake him on the inside of the famous Tarzan corner and Rivas thought he should take revenge later in the race knocking the Ukrainian out to the back of the field with his Porsche in poor conditions.

#47 Alex Jouannem: *"I made a good start and mid race I was already in third position. Many rivals started to make mistakes because tyres wore out very quickly but I was able to avoid mistakes and keep a good pace. For two laps I gave a fight for 2nd but it was too risky as the tyres immediately began to degrade. I realised that it would be smarter to score points for the 3rd place and this is what I did in the last laps - to defend myself. In the end the car behaved like in the last laps in Spa - I could hardly keep it straight".*

#13 Oleksandr Gaidai: *"Rivas touched me in the first corner after the start but I was positioned well and managed to overtake him. Later he pushed twice from behind, then hit my door. One of the crashes damaged the semi axle and the wheel, so it was very difficult to drive after that. Despite the bad taste left from the race, I am satisfied because I drove well again. I liked the schedule of the weekend, it was compact and without waiting between events. And this track is very interesting".*

Race 2 Classification

1. Mathieu Jaminet; 2. Julien Andlauer +7"252; **3. Alexandre Jouannem +8"132**; 4. Florian Latorre +8"758; 5. Vincent Beltoise +13"236



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