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Never give up!

Alessio Rovera damaged his car in free practice but thanks to an overnight repair feat by the team mechanics, he saved his second Carrera Cup France weekend with a 2nd place in Race 1 and a heroic 10th (6th for PCCF) in Race 2. Rookie Tommaso Mosca impressed with his speed and left Zandvoort with a 6th (P5 for PCCF) and a 4th place (P3 for PCCF).

The Tsunami RT duo immediately impressed in free practice 1 as PCCF rookie Tommaso Mosca was the fastest, followed by Alessio Rovera. In FP2 both drivers had an accident in the very same lap and the result was a completely damaged suspension for Rovera's car.

The Italian was ready to pack his luggage and skip the weekend but the team committed to do whatever possible to fix the car. The Tsunami mechanics worked all night and early Saturday morning the car was back in shape, ready for qualifying. Alessio pulled out the 2nd fastest time in Q1 and secured a front row start behind pole-setter Julien Andlauer, while Mosca had troubles in the traffic and couldn't make it better than 6th. In Q2, while Tommaso was 3rd fastest, Rovera was prevented from entering the session for a problem on his front wheel and as a result he was destined to start race 2 from the very back of the field.

Race 1

Starting from 2nd, Rovera applied pressure to Julien Andlauer especially in the first laps and he stayed close to the race leader after the safety car employment. But Alessio didn't have a real chance to win, as the French did no mistakes and in anyway it is nearly impossible to overtake in Zandvoort. The front duo created a 4" gap from Hasse-clot in 3rd, while Mosca couldn't overtake Van Splunteren, so he settled in 7th position. The young Italian was finally qualified in 6th, after Guven was given 5" penalty for wrong starting position.

#112 Alessio Rovera: *"my start was good, the problem was that what I gained in reflexes I lost it in spinning as I was on the dirty side of the track. After that, it's so difficult to overtake in this track, it's*

even difficult to stay close to the car in front because you can't see the corners. I tried to disturb Andlauer a bit, expecting for a mistake from his side, but he proved very good".

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"there is not much to say, it was not a nice race".*

Classification: 1. Andlauer 16 laps in 31'04"015 @ 133,09 km/h; **2. Rovera +0"736**; 3. Hasse-clot +4"084; 4. Chevalier +5"928; 5. Van Splunteren +6"458; **6. Mosca +6"834**.

Race 2

Tommaso Mosca was starting from 3rd but lost two positions in the race before regaining them. Safety car was employed twice. The Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova talent from Brescia, was 3rd towards the end but lost his position by an aggressive Xavier Maasen when he touched with Hasse-clot.

Tommaso, though, had a podium finish among PCCF drivers in his second race in the series. From his side, starting from P34(!), Alessio Rovera offered us a great show of relentless attacks and risky - but correct - overtaking manoeuvres to take the flag in 11th overall, 5" behind Julien Andlauer, who dominated in both races. Alessio was finally classified 10th overall for the disqualification of a Benelux driver.

#112 Alessio Rovera: *"it was a nice race right from the start. At the grid I couldn't even see the lights – it was Andrii [Kruglyk, the team manager] who told me 'red-red-green' on the radio. I did a good start and immediately gained 4-5 positions. After that I could overtake at least 1-2 cars in every lap. The second safety car helped because regrouped us. I finished 6th for the French PCC so we didn't lose too many points. I am only sorry because we could have made it much better if I hadn't that accident. But considering the car's situation on Friday, it's all right!"*

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"I did a mistake at the start and lost two positions that I regained immediately. The rest of the race was quite good, just a little bit of chaos with the safety car, after which Maasen overtook me when Hasse-Clot pushed me a bit and we touched in the corner – I could do nothing actually. I am quite satisfied with my driving".*

Classification: 1. Andlauer 16 laps in 31'36"740 @ 130,79 km/h; 2. Guven +0"331; 3. Maasen +1"054; **4. Mosca +1"486**; 5. Van Splunteren +2"042; 6. Derdaele +2"434; ... **10. Rovera +5"093**

After a hectic month with four consecutive racing weekends for Carrera Cup Italia and France, Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova takes a small break and will be back in action on June 1st for the third round of the PCCI at the historic circuit of Monza.

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