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Porsche Carrera Cup Italia, Races 1 & 2, Imola

Mosca and Rovera dominant at Imola

The 18-year old talent and the 2017 Carrera Cup Italia champion - both racing with the Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova colours - are the winners of the first two races of the Carrera Cup Italia 2018.

Last weekend was extremely rewarding for Tsunami RT. Two outright wins, one for rookie Tommaso Mosca and one for 2017 PCCI Champion Alessio Rovera, a second podium for Mosca (3rd in Race 2) and another podium in the Michelin Cup for wounded gentleman Tsunami driver Alex De Giacomi, are the trophies the Ukrainian team brought back home from Imola.

It was a triumphant 2018 premiere for Tsunami RT - Centro Porsche Padova, despite the weekend started with struggles in the Qualifying sessions, where Mosca was 3rd fastest and Rovera - who will not follow the Italian but the French Carrera Cup this year - was only 5th.

Race 1

In Saturday's afternoon race the safety car was called twice on track and stayed there for almost half of its 28'. With the green flag Bertonelli was leading Fulgenzi and Mosca. When he had an exit, he was overtaken by them. It was right after, when Mosca made the move at Tosa corner, when Fulgenzi went wide. So the new Tsunami talent took the lead to win his first ever Carrera Cup race in his debut in the series!

Rovera also showed his prowess in overtaking during the race. Alessio was going for 3rd after an overtaking move against Sergio Campana but he was pushed out by him in the last corner to take the flag 7th. After the race, Campana was disqualified and other drivers given 25" penalties, so Rovera was classified 4th and was confident for Race 2 since he could start from 3rd - thanks to the inverted grid for the first six of Race 1. As for Alex De Giacomi, he managed to drive decently and take the flag in 4th place in the Michelin Cup, despite a recent fracture in his left hand.

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"We can say it has been an annoying race because of the safety cars but I enjoyed it so much in the end. We touched a bit with Fulgenzi and he accused me later for that but I did nothing wrong. As we know from kart racing, whoever is on the outside can't make it first. I want to thank my team for all the support and for this success".*

#1 Alessio Rovera: *"It has been a troubled race with many contacts in between but I enjoyed it. I was 3rd in the end after I overtook Campana on the Variante Alta corner and then he crashed on me on the Rivazza corner".*

#67 Alex De Giacomi: *"This time it was much better especially with my wrist - I didn't feel so much pain in the race like previously. If it was not for the second safety car I would be in a higher position. I am very satisfied".*

Race 2

Starting behind Bertonelli and Mardini, Rovera managed to take the lead in the very first lap, he created a safe gap and took the flag gloriously 1st, reminding everybody who is the 2017 Carrera Cup Italia champion. Mosca, from 6th climbed immediately to 5th and up to 3rd in the seventh lap. He gave a fight for 2nd but stayed 3rd and celebrated with his teammate a double Tsunami podium, which is actually triple, since Alex De Giacomi, managed to finish 3rd in the Michelin Cup exhausted after a literally painful race.

#1 Alessio Rovera: *"this race was a redemption for me, at least we pulled out a positive result and now we go fully charged for the first Carrera Cup France race at Spa. The car was fine and easy to control from start to finish. I prepared immediately myself for an overtake and applied pressure to Bertonelli to pass him on Tamburello, where he entered fast and went a little bit wide".*

#19 Tommaso Mosca: *"Third place and a good race! I struggled a bit in the end but the car was good. I didn't manage to make it to second, I did a mistake in the last corner behind Bertonelli, finished slightly on the gravel and lost metres that I couldn't gain in the remaining laps".*

#67 Alex De Giacomi: *"I couldn't do it any more, I felt so much wrist pain in the end of the race, especially on the kerbs, where you need to control the steering wheel".*

Next weekend Tsunami RT goes to Spa - Francorchamps for the first racing weekend of the Carrera Cup France, where Alessio Rovera will make his debut. The next round for the Italian Carrera Cup is programmed in two weeks at Paul Ricard, France.

You can see the final classifications of the Imola races in the following link:

<http://www.carreracupitalia.it/ita/gare/stagione-2018/imola-6>

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