



EuroLegend Cup 2023: boom at the American Festival of Rome, Autodromo di Vallelunga

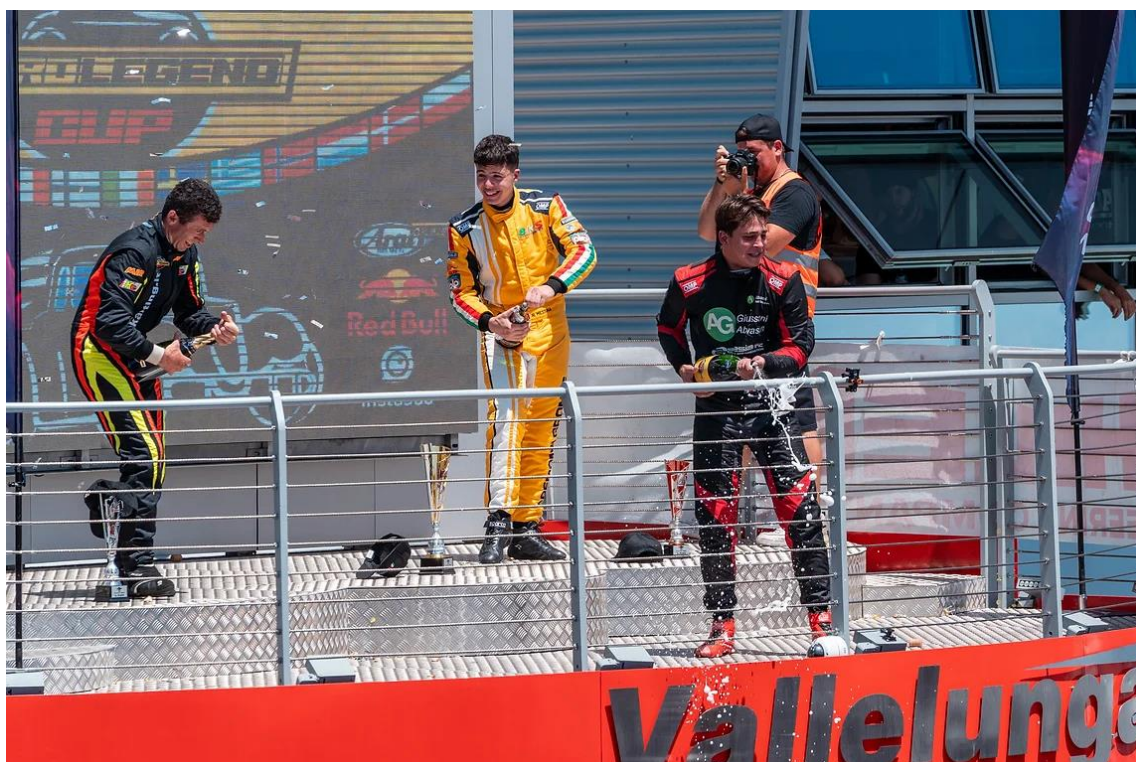
Hot weekend: drivers focused and ready to have fun on the track. Overtaking and braking capture the public's attention: this is the EuroLegend Cup

The EuroLegend Cup's drivers were able to enjoy a temperature not yet inflamed by the sun for qualifying on Saturday morning at 9.30: the qualifying times are all interesting. *Canuti* and *Bonci* push, but the first two rows of the starting grid are *Messina*, *Gaggianesi*, *Giussani* and *Cappelli*.

Round 4 is at 12.50, the heat is the protagonist together with the drivers: full stands for the Italian race of the EuroLegend Cup.

After a good start, the positions are immediately changed. *Gaggianesi* overtook *Messina* and *Cappelli* moved into third place leaving *Giussani* in fourth. *Naska* recovers four positions from twelfth position in the first lap. After just one very fierce lap the protagonists change; *Gaggianesi* commands, followed by *Giussani*, then *Bollini*, *Maselli* and *Naska* in comeback. The battle for first place between *Gaggianesi* and *Giussani* focuses the public's attention. Eight minutes from the end of the race, *Gaggianesi* is back in first place, *Messina* climbs up the positions overtaking *Naska*, *Maselli* goes long on the sand leaving space. The leading group is *Gaggianesi*, *Bollini*, *Messina* and *Giussani*. *Rosario Messina* passes *Bollini* leading to a tussle with *Davide Gaggianesi*, while *Giussani* does not give up and attacks *Bolli*.

Nothing is taken for granted and the race is exciting: the podium is *Messina*, *Giussani* and *Gaggianesi*.





Sunday 9 July, **Round 5** of the EuroLegend Cup at 12.30 is a bit late: the first three rows of the starting grid based on round 4 times are *Messina, Naska, Maselli, Giussani, Cappelli* and *Gaggianesi*. After the start, the tussle immediately breaks out: *Maselli, Messina* and *Naska* almost paired up, *Messina* slides back and *Giussani* is ready for a duel. *Gaggianesi* slips between *Maselli* and *Naska*, *Messina* holds the third place on *Giussani*; *Maselli* makes a mistake and becomes fourth: all this in just the first three minutes of the race!

The leading group is *Gaggianesi, Naska* and *Giussani*: the *Legend #54* seems to have some problems and slowly falls back in the standings; meanwhile *Maselli* takes the *Messina's* fourth place. *Naska* third is overtaken by *Maselli* and fights with *Messina*. *Giussani* unseats *Gaggianesi* from the position and in third and fourth place there is a tussle between *Maselli* and *Messina*. It's a hypnotic race: continuous overtaking and duels that leave all predictions open, pure fun for the public and the drivers! *Gaggianesi* doesn't give up, *Giussani* and *Messina* arrive side by side at the finish line. *Maselli* doesn't want to be left behind and returns to the leading group: in the meantime, new skilled fighters are added by *Bonci*, who signs the fastest lap, and *Bollini*. Unfortunately *Naska* slipped to eighth position. On the ninth and last lap everything is still open between *Giussani, Maselli, Gaggianesi* and *Messina*; the arrival's order in a final head-to-head is *Giussani, Gaggianesi* and *Messina*.





Round 6 of the **EuroLegend Cup** at 16.00, on the grid we find *Bonci, Maselli, Bollini, Cappelli* in the first two rows. As we have become accustomed to the **EuroLegend Cup**, the match is always open and full of emotions: the positions change quickly and the overtaking is the protagonist.

Gaggianesi attacks *Bonci*, closely followed by *Bollini*. *Naska* from ninth to sixth in comeback on *Messina*, who is in seventh place. But everything is in flux: *Gaggianesi* with a super braking takes the lead of the race: we are only halfway through the race and all the drivers are focused on the victory.

Messina fighting with *Naska* comes out and comes back losing positions, but *Alberto* will also have to pass *Bollini* and *Verdi* to get back to sixth position. At the head of the race is *Gaggianesi*, *Maselli*, *Bonci*, *Giussani*, *Cappelli*. The battle for second place is on between *Bonci* and *Giussani*, but the whole race is still very animated. *Giussani* takes second place and starts the fight with *Gaggianesi*. The leader spins and *Giussani* becomes first and a contact between *Verdi* and *Bollini* leaves *Naska* in third place under the checkered flag.

The podium is *Giussani*, *Bonci* and *Naska* and the **EuroLegend Cup** confirms itself as a dynamic and fun event for everyone: drivers and the public!

See you after the summer on August 26th and 27th
at the Autodromo Most in the Czech Republic!

