



THE RED BULL RING AND ALFA ROMEO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EACH OTHER

Alfa Revival Cup. A successful round in Austria



The Alfa Revival Cup race at the Red Bull Ring hit the mark perfectly, offering spectators a spectacular and uncertain race, won by Perfetti after a lengthy pursuit by Praller and Körber. Austria brought new protagonists into the spotlight and confirmed the flawless organisation by Canossa.

The weekend was spent in an enchanting climate, with a huge number of spectators crowding into the grandstands and coming down into the paddocks during the special opening hours, showing their interest and expertise.

The drivers of the **Alfa Revival Cup** were already champing at the bit on Saturday, eager to see how their cars would perform on the celebrated ups and downs of the **Red Bull Ring**. Every driver faces the track with respect and care, making the most of the time available to understand the potential pitfalls of the circuit and prepare their cars for the qualifying rounds on Sunday morning.





In the qualifiers, **Daniele Perfetti**, driving his GTAm 1750 (OKP Alfa Delta Racing Team) confirms his performance in the practice sessions and obtains the category record, with a pole position time of 1.52.149. Right behind the pole-sitter there are the GTAm of **Giovesi-Barbieri** and **Petrone-Barri**, with **Peter Praller** (Formula GT) among the best in fourth position, in his splendid **Giulia Sprint GTA G1 GR.5 1600**.

The race starts with a surprise, as **Kevin Giovesi** (team-mate of **Stefano Barbieri** – Team AMG RS) sneaks up on **Perfetti** at the entry into the first bend and takes the lead. The scuffle during the first lap is worthy of a Grand Prix race and **Fabrizio Sabatini** (team-mate of **Edoardo Caponi** – Jolly Car Squadra Corse) also takes advantage, moving up from the third row to a position right behind the leader. In an attempt to maintain the momentum of the first lap, **Sabatini** makes a mistake and spins his car through 360°, leaving it at the end of the winding procession of Alfa Romeos, with **Peter Praller**, **Mathias Körber** (OKP Alfa Delta Racing Team) and **Francesco Liberatore** (team-mate of **Francesco Zadotti** - Scuderia del Grifone) taking advantage of the confusion caused by the spin. Zadotti, in his **Alfetta GT6 2500**, has an amazing start from eleventh position on the grid.

Perfetti Daniele, **Emilio Petrone** (team-mate of **Giacomo Barri** – Scuderia del Portello), **Peter Bachofen** (team-mate of **Roberto Restelli** – OKP Alfa Delta Racing Team) and **Matteo Kamata** complete the leader board during the first bends.

After the initial shocks, **Giovesi** starts a long-distance duel with his pursuers as he attempts to put more track between them and him, obtaining the first best lap of the race in 1.54.204. **Perfetti** accepts the leader's challenge and, putting the eventful start behind him, begins accelerating hard to overtake **Körber** in a clean manoeuvre, exploiting the empty track to burn rubber and obtain the provisional best lap of the race, at 1.53.648.

The race loses one of its potential leaders on the sixth lap, as **Petrone** is forced to make a pit stop due to a problem with his brakes, with the delayed restart taking him out of the fight for the podium.

Perfetti takes second position on **Praller** on the seventh lap and continues his long-distance duel with **Giovesi**. The fight between the two leaders is played out on a psychological razor's edge, as **Giovesi** and **Perfetti** take it in turns to obtain the best lap, with the pursuer successfully closing the gap and preparing for the final showdown in the second part of the race.

Sabatini also takes his place in the sequence of record laps, with a time of 1.53.463, stubbornly returning to the leader board in fourth position before the pit lane even opens.

A series of changes in driver follows in the tenth lap, between **Petrone** and **Barri**, who continue with the precise objective of further improving the performance of their Alfa cars ready for Monza.

The exciting phase of the pit stops is made even more uncertain by the entry of the **safety car** to recover the **Alfetta GT** of **Stefan Schreiber** (Team Formula GT), which has stopped at a critical point of the track, due to a broken accelerator cable.



Perfetti takes the opportunity to close the gap with leader **Giovesi** and overtakes him to take the lead, immediately after the pit stop.

After the pit lane closes, **Praller** comes up behind **Perfetti** and, with a magnificent second part of the race, **Mathias Körber** moves into third place.

The pit stop phase ends with a 5" penalty on **Praller** and **Florian Schmidhuber** (Alfa Romeo GTAm – Formula GT), due to a time infraction in the pit stop. But the penalty has no effect whatsoever on the final result, as **Praller** holds firmly onto second place, behind **Perfetti** and in front of **Körber**, ahead of an excellent **Roberto Restelli** (team-mate of **Peter Bachofen** - OKP Alfa Delta Racing Team), who skilfully beats **Schmidhuber**, **Caponi** and **Matteo Kamata** (OKP Alfa Delta Racing Team – GTAm) to take fourth place, thanks to an outstanding finish.

In the seasonal début of the Alfa Revival Cup, **Daniele Perfetti** beams as he steps down from the podium to comment on his victory: *"I had the inside lane at the start, but my engine speed was down, so they overtook me at the first climb. After this phase, it became more interesting, as I took back the race with a series of overtakes, in beautiful surroundings and with a perfect car. I love the idea of racing on such fantastic tracks and racing abroad is always an adventure."*

You have had plenty of different experiences. You have raced in one-make championships and with the splendid GT cars. What was it about the Alfa Revival Cup that attracted your attention?

"This is virtually a one-make race and the Alfa GTAm is one of the most enjoyable vintage cars to drive, if not the most enjoyable. It is an honour to race here.

The 'Biscione' is extraordinary and I would advise everyone to come and race at the Alfa Revival Cup".

Peter Praller took second place in his Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GTA G1 Gr.5 1600 in between the extremely fast GTAm G2 TC 2000. *"I had a great race, really hard-fought, particularly at the start. I started well, moving into second place, and I tried my best to win the race, but it stayed just beyond my reach. I fought to keep second place throughout the race and I am very happy with this result. The Alfa Revival Cup is an interesting championship and the one-hour format allows you to compete in a race where you have to manage your tires and work out your strategy."*

The drivers of the **Alfa Revival Cup** now have a four-week break before taking their spectacular cars "home" to Monza, where, 60 years ago, **Autodelta** was founded, as the racing department where the Alfa Romeo cars were prepared to face the world's most exciting racetracks.

The third round will, in fact, be held at **Monza**, the "temple of speed", on **7 and 8 July**, during the exciting weekend of the **FIA World Endurance Championship**.



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Timetable

28-29 April – Mugello Circuit

10-11 June – Red Bull Ring

7-8 July – Monza National Racetrack

9-10 September – Vallelunga Racetrack

21-22 October – Misano World Circuit

Format

One round of 25' of free practices

One round of 30' of qualifying

One race of 60'

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