Leimer reasserts his championship bid as co-driver Piguet takes the chequered flag

Sunday 23 September 2012 Nürburgring, Germany. The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo is at the Nürburgring this weekend for rounds nine and ten of the 2012 European series. Race 1 was won by Dimitri Enjalbert & Bernard Delhez, while Saturday also marked a Lamborghini victory in the GT1 category for the Peter Kox/Stefan Rosina partnership in a Reiter Engineering Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4. Peter Kox/Marc A. Hayek also claimed pole in the Blancpain Reiter Lamborghini in the Blancpain Endurance Series.

When the track activity had concluded yesterday, MotoGP legend Valentino Rossi took to the Nordschleife in a Lamborghini Gallardo LP 570-4 Superleggera. After 21kms of one of the world's most challenging circuits, he professed that the 325 km/h Superleggera was 'superb' and that he'd had a 'brilliant experience driving an amazing car on an amazing track.'

Beyond the festival of racing at the Nürburgring, in the Italian GT Championship at Mugello, the Imperiale Lamborghini of Davide Stancheris took pole in the GT Cup.

Race 2, Sunday

With the race intensifying at the top of both the Amateur and PRO-AM tables, race 10 was to strike a decisive blow when Bernard Delhez (Dimitri Enjalbert), one of the key challengers in the PRO-AM title race and Roberto Tanca (who is partnering the leading Amateur driver, Leonardo Geraci) tangled on the approach to the notorious Nürburgring turn one, taking both cars out and sending out the safety car for the first two laps of the race.

Yesterday's pole man, Adrian Zaugg emerged from the turn 1 incident in the lead, with the everpresent Cédric Leimer 1.2s behind. In a distant ninth place was Andrea Amici, who had dropped down the field avoiding the crash on the opening lap. On lap 3, the safety car returned to the pitlane and the South African quickly pulled away from the other drivers. Five laps into the race Zaugg was leading Cédric Leimer by 1.2 seconds. Moments later, Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team UK driver Duncan Cameron crashed and was fortunate to avoid oncoming traffic as car #4 spun across the track before the British driver exited the retired car unharmed.

The pit window opened on lap 8 and it was Leimer who decided to come in early. Amici, still trying to make up some of the ground he lost, set a fastest lap that stood unchallenged to the flag, and he hauled himself back up into seventh place. Zaugg pitted from the lead after nine laps and a large group of cars, including Amici and Piancastelli, came in lap later. Amici pulled out in front of Piancastelli and rejoined in third, behind race leader Zaugg and second placed Julien Piguet who had taken over driving duties from his Autovitesse team-mate, Cédric Leimer.

For the next four laps, a dramatic battle unfolded for the lead between Zaugg and Piguet. The South African was unable to shake Piguet off and after 12 laps, the gap between the two drivers had been reduced to just two tenths of a second. But as the leading pair fought, Andrea Amici kept putting in fast laps and he rapidly closed in on the two leaders.

The fight for the lead intensified and became a three-way fight with Amici, but Piguet seemed unable to pass Zaugg, despite taking a look twice into turn 1. Going into lap 17, with time inching away Zaugg and Piguet went into the first corner side-by-side, but it wasn't until turn 3 that Piguet managed to definitively claim the lead. Amici immediately made an attempt at a follow-through move, but Zaugg blocked his attack and kept the Italian behind him.

Finally ahead of Zaugg, Piguet began to pull away, leaving the South African to defend P2 from Amici behind him. In the end, Piguet cruised to a unchallenged victory and Zaugg held Autocarrozzeria's Amici at bay in third place. Louis Wager, driving for the Lamborghini Dealer Team Germany was the first amateur home in only his second Super Trofeo race meeting, and Jens Dralle brought the #1 VIP car home in P10.



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1st, Julien Piguet (Cédric Leimer), #63, Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter It was a very exciting race and Cédric completed a very strong first stint, of course it was important to avoid all the problems in the first corner. We concentrated on making sure we completed a good pit stop after the problems we had yesterday, which we managed to do. I started my stint on open track, then after two laps, Zaugg rejoined after his stop. I was quicker than him, but I didn't want to take too many risks to overtake him. Eventually I choose my place to get past, at the slow corner, turn 4, and once I was past, I led the race home to the flag.

2nd Adrian Zaugg, #3, Bonaldi Motorsport

Yes, my initial pace was not so bad, but after the pit window, it seemed as if the Leimer/Piguet car had better traction, particularly in the first and last sectors, so we perhaps got as much as we could from today. I'm happy with two podiums, I'm happy for the team and thanks to them.

3rd Andrea Amici, #54, Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.

It was a good race, I started well and was up to second, but I had to take avoiding action when the crash happened at turn one. I dropped to ninth, but I gained places once the safety car has gone in and through the pit stops, I was up to third and had recorded the fastest lap time. But in the closing stages, I couldn't find more performance as I was suffering from oversteer as the tyres were going off. So although the championship situation is difficult, I will be pushing in Navarra for race wins.

Notes to editors:

The 2012 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo season began in April, featuring the Lamborghini Super Trofeo: a lightweight version of the Gallardo LP 560-4. The Super Trofeo has a reworked chassis and a power output of 419 kW (570 hp) from its V10, Iniezione Diretta Stratificata engine. The race car features Lamborghini's permanent four-wheel drive, making the Super Trofeo the only single make, all-wheel drive motorsport series.

Lamborghini is partnered by the luxury Swiss watchmaker Blancpain, the series' title sponsor, creating a perfect partnership between two prestigious and highly-innovative brands.

One of the world's largest tyre manufacturers and sole OEM supplier to Automobili Lamborghini, Pirelli partners the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series. With a successful motorsport heritage across rally, sports cars and Formula One, Pirelli will be the strategic partner of the series for the fourth season in succession. With a history built on high performance tyres, Pirelli is a world leader in both original equipment and the aftermarket, with 24 factories in 12 countries around the world.

The one-make racing series visits circuits across Europe, as drivers compete at the wheel of 570hp V10 Lamborghini Super Trofeo race cars.

Lamborghini and Blancpain have also announced the launch of a new series in Asia for 2012. The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo made its debut in Sepang, Malaysia, on 26-27 May 2012 and following the second round at Fuji on 14-15 July 2012, continues with races in China.

The 2012 series is being shown on major broadcaster, Eurosport. This agreement allows the series to reach all 59 countries, including Italy, covered by Eurosport, with its reach of 129 million households. The Eurosport coverage includes a oneminute teaser shown on the Sunday of each race weekend on "Motorsport Weekend" magazine, followed by a 26-minute summary, highlights and interviews aired on the following Tuesday evening. A 1 minute highlights edit of the races at the Nürburgring will be broadcast September 25th on Eurosport, while the 26 minute highlights will be shown on September 25th at 23.30 CET on Eurosport (repeated the following day at 0800hrs CET on Eurosport 2).

2012 Calendar

The European calendar forms part of the Blancpain Endurance Series:

14 - 15 April 2- 3 June 30 June - 01 July 26 - 28 July **22 - 23 September** 13 - 14 October Monza (ITA) Silverstone (GBR) HTTT Paul Ricard (FRA) Spa-Francorchamps (BEL) Nürburgring (DEU) Navarra (FSP)

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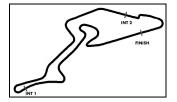
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Nurburgring FIA, Length: 5148 m Air temperature: 10.7°C Track temperature: 13.6°C Weather condition: Dry

Sunday 23.9.2012 10:45

		Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1	63	C.Leimer/J.Piguet	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:10.648		132,8	10	2:04.862	148,4
2	3	A.Zaugg	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:12.319	1.671	132,7	7	2:05.013	148,2
3	54	A.Amici	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:12.515	1.867	132,7	8	2:03.930	149,5
4	20	N.Piancastelli/D.Durante	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:56.419	45.771	130,8	12	2:04.688	148,6
5	2	L.Wagner(AM)	Lamborghini Dehler Team Germany	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:09.216	58.568	130,3	9	2:06.895	146,0
6	12	J.Lhoste(AM)/P.Barou(AM)	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:10.170	59.522	130,3	9	2:07.149	145,8
7	88	P.Charouz(AM)/A.Varvaroussis(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:10.528	59.880	130,2	12	2:06.072	147,0
8	77	J.Knoll(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:17.546	1:06.898	129,9	17	2:07.205	145,7
9	5	E.Stueckle	Lamborghini Dehler Team Germany	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:58.025	1:47.377	128,3	8	2:08.776	143,9
10	1	J.Dralle/M.Fasanetto	Automobili Lamborghini	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:59.915	1:49.267	128,2	10	2:06.884	146,1
11	19	L.Jenny(AM)/H.Leimer(AM)	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	50:21.799	1 LAP	128,8	9	2:06.255	146,8
12	80	L.Gorini/R.Charawi	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	51:37.661	1 LAP	125,6	11	2:07.199	145,7
13	22	M.Zucchi/A.Cola	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	51:48.421	1 LAP	125,2	5	2:10.242	142,3
14	66	J.Urban(AM)/M.Urban(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	51:56.515	1 LAP	124,9	8	2:07.036	145,9
15	99	J.Perina(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	52:09.253	1 LAP	124,4	17	2:11.702	140,7
16	55	A.Barcak(AM)/R.Hordossy(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	20	52:05.020	2LAPS	118,6	16	2:08.943	143,7
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	4	M.Edmonds(AM)/C.Duncan	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Tea	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	5	14:30.288	17LAPS	106,5	5	2:11.871	140,5
	11	A.Mame(AM)/M.Zanardini(AM)	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	3	13:50.041	19LAPS	67,0	2	6:08.045	50,4
	69	B.Delhez(AM)/D.Enjalbert	Touring Auto 2000 SRL	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	1	4:11.336	21LAPS				
	72	R.Tanca(AM)/L.Geraci(AM)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	1	4:11.803	21LAPS				

Fastest lap of the race. Car 54 driver Amici on lap 8. Time 2:03.930, average speed 149,5 km/h. Subject to final scrutineering!







PRO-AM Drivers Classification Classifica piloti PRO-AM														
Rank	Name, Nation	Total	Race1	Race2										
1	Cedric Leimer, CHE	118	10	10	15	12	12	8	12	12	12	15	0	0
2	Dimitri Enjalbert, FRA	99	12	5	12	10	8	12	15	10	15	0	0	0
2	Bernard Delhez, BEL	99	12	5	12	10	8	12	15	10	15	0	0	0
3	Andrea Amici, ITA	98	0	0	10	15	15	15	10	15	8	10	0	0
4	Matteo Zucchi, ITA	67	4	8	8	8	10	10	8	6	0	5	0	0
4	Alberto Cola, ITA	67	4	8	8	8	10	10	8	6	0	5	0	0
5	Adrian Zaugg, CHE	52	0	0	5	5	6	0	6	8	10	12	0	0
6	Nicolo' Piancastelli, ITA	37	5	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0
7	Stefano Comini, CHE	30	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Julien Piguet, FRA	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	15	0	0
9	Gianluca Carboni, ITA	20	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Baran Zdenko, SVK	17	3	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Davide Durante, ITA	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0
12	Mike Edmonds, UK	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	5	0	0	0
13	Roberto Seveso, ITA	11	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Piergiorgio Capra, ITA	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
14	Lee Cunningham, UK	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
14	Erwin Stueckle, DEU	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	0
15	Davide Stancheris, ITA	9	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Nima Khandan-Na, UK	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
17	Jan Stovicek, CZE	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Cameron Duncan, UK	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
19	Eugenio Amos, ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





	AM Drivers Classification													
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			Mo	Monza		stone	P.Ricard		SPA		Nurburgring		Navarra	
Rank	Name, Nation	Total	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2
1	Leonardo Geraci, ITA	124	12	15	10	15	15	15	15	15	12	0	0	0
	Roberto Tanca, ITA	90	12	15	10	15	6	8	12	0	12	0	0	0
3	Aristotelis Varvaroussis, GRE	83	15	10		10	8	6	0	12	0	10	0	0
3	Petr Charouz, CZE	83	15	10	12	10	8	6	0	12	0	10	0	0
4	Laurent Jenny, CHE	75	0	8	6	12	12	12	4	5	10	6	0	0
	Mirko Zanardini, ITA	67	10	0	-	6				6			-	0
5	Andrea Mame', ITA	67	10	0	5	6	10	5	10	6	15	0	0	0
6	Herve Leimer, CHE	55		8	6	12	4	0		5	10	6	0	0
	Jan Urban, CZE	53			8	3	5	10	5	0	6	4	0	0
8	Jakub Knoll, CZE	50	6	12	15	5	0	1	1	0		-		0
	Jerome Lhoste, FRA	50	0	6	0	0		4	8	10				0
	Philippe Barou, FRA	44	0	0	0			4	8	10	8	12		0
10	Milan Urban, CZE	42	8	4	0	0	5	10	5	0	6		Ŭ	0
	Louis Wagner, DEU	27		0	0	0	-	0		8	1	15		0
12	Andrej Barcak, CZE	19	0	0	-	0	3		2	4	5	2	0	0
	Richard Chlad jr., CZE	12	0	0	8	3	0	-		0	0	0	0	0
-	Patrik Hes, CZE	12	0	0	0	0	-	3	2	4	0	_	-	0
	Oliver Mayer, DEU	11		0	0	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0
	Siegfried Venema, DEU	10		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Andreas Segler, DEU	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
-	Leonardo Gorini, ITA	9	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5	_	0
	Raed Cherawi, EGY	9	-	0	0	0	0	0	-	0		5	-	0
	Henry Fletcher, UK	8		0	4	4	0	_	_	0	-	_	-	0
	Jake Ratterbury, UK	8		0	4		0	0	0	0	0			0
-	Josef Zaruba, CZE	8		0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	-		0
17	Bronislav Formanek, CZE	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





18	Robert Hordossy, CZE	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0
19	Baran Zdenko, SVK	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
19	Jiri Perina, CZE	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
20	Michel Mhitarian, FRA	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Patrick Louis, CZE	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Tomas Kral, CZE	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Piergiorgio Capra, ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Vittorio Zoboli, ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Davide Durante, ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





	PRO-AM Teams Classification														
	Classifica Team PRO-AM														
			Мо	Monza		Silverstone		P.Ricard		SPA		Nurburgring		/arra	
Rank	Team	Total	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	
1	AutoVitesse Garage R. Affolter	120	10	10	15	12	12	10	12	12	12	15	0	0	
2	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL	118	8	12	10	15	15	15	10	15	8	10	0	0	
3	Touring Auto 2000 SRL	104	12	8	12	10	10	12	15	10	15	0	0	0	
4	Bonaldi Motorsport	92	15	15	8	8	8	0	8	8	10	12	0	0	
5	Automobili Lamborghini UK	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	0	0	0	
6	Gohm Motorsport	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	
7	Heico-Gravity-Charouz Team	12	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	G2 Racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	





	AM Teams Classification														
	Classifica Team AM														
			Monza		Silverstone		P.Ricard		SPA		Nurburgring		Nav	/arra	
Rank	Team	Total	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	Race1	Race2	
1	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL	126	12	15	12	15	15	15	15	15	12	0	0	0	
2	Heico-Gravity-Charouz Team	108	15	12	15	10	8	10	8	12	8	10	0	0	
3	AutoVitesse Garage R. Affolter	98	0	10	10	12	12	12	10	10	10	12	0	0	
4	Bonaldi Motorsport	91	10	6	8	8	10	8	12	6	15	8	0	0	
5	G2 Racing	30	8	8	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	
6	Gohm Motorsport	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15	0	0	
7	Automobili Lamborghini UK	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	Touring Auto 2000 SRL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	