



**Team Autocarrozzeria Imperiale**

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### **ITALIAN TEAM AUTOCARROZZERIA IMPERIALE PAY TRIBUTE TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS AS BELGIUM/FRENCH PAIRING TAKE POLE FOR SUNDAY'S FIRST RACE AT SILVERSTONE**

As the Silverstone grid of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series took to the track for practice and qualifying sessions today, all four cars from team Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL stood out with their distinctive livery supporting victims of the earthquake that hit the Emilia-Romagna region last Tuesday. The team, which has its headquarters in Mirandola in the Emilia-Romagna region, will race with the slogan FORZA EMILIA - I NOSTRI CUORI BATTONO PIU' FORTE DEL TERREMOTO ('Our hearts beat stronger than the earthquake') on their cars to support all the people involved in the tragedy.

Making its debut in the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo at Silverstone is Lamborghini Racing Team UK. Delighted to make his series debut during the Diamond Jubilee weekend, together with team mate Jake Rattenbury, driver Henry Fletcher commented: "Silverstone is a great British track, I think one of the best in Europe. We have a Union Jack on the front of our car as a tribute to the Queen this weekend." Fletcher is confident Lamborghini Racing Team UK will be successful in the series. "It was our first time out this morning so we are testing as we go. It's great fun driving the car and the Super Trofeo is a great series. We just need to find more speed and will be pushing hard at the first race tomorrow."



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## Qualifying, Saturday 2 June 2012

The Touring Auto 2000 team repeated their Monza qualifying performance by taking pole position for the first race tomorrow. The car driven by Bernard Delhez and Dimitri Enjalbert (#69) was quick out of the box and already on provisional pole after its first flying lap. Just a couple of minutes before the end of the qualifying session it went out again and managed to lap the Silverstone circuit even quicker, setting a time of 2:06.187. Cédric Leimer (#63) finished the qualifying session in second place, a second and a half behind Delhez, whilst Nicolò Piancastelli qualified in third.

Making his debut in Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo was former GP2 Series and A1 Grand Prix driver Adrian Zaugg. The South African briefly made it into the top three in qualifying, but then had his fastest lap deleted for disrespecting the track limits. Zaugg would eventually qualify in fifth place. The #1 Automobili Lamborghini will start from ninth on the grid, piloted by guest drivers Alberto Sabbatini of Italy's Autosprint magazine and F1 engineer Adrian Newey.

The first race of rounds three and four in the 2012 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series will start at 09.00 tomorrow, with the second race set to start at 4.15 in the afternoon.

### Qualifying results

1. Enjalbert/Delhez (#69) Touring Auto 2000 SRL, 2:06.187
2. C Leimer (#63) Autovitesse Garage R Affolter, 2:07.745
3. Piancastelli (#20) Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL, 2:08.157
4. Zucchi/Cola (#22) Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL, 2:08.535
5. Zaugg/Baran (#3) Bonaldi Motorsport, 2:08.722
6. Mamé/Zanardini (#11) Bonaldi Motorsport, 2:09.122
7. Amici (#54) Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL, 2:09.464
8. Varvaroussis/Charouz (#88) Heiko-Gravity Charouz Team, 2:09.631
9. Sabbatini/Newey (#1) Automobili Lamborghini, 2:09.754
10. H Leimer/Jenny (#19) Autovitesse Garage R Affolter, 2:09.820
11. Knoll, (#77) Heiko-Gravity Charouz Team, 2:09.940
12. Urban/Chlad jr (#66) Heiko-Gravity Charouz Team, 2:10.394
13. Fletcher/Rattenbury (#4) Lamborghini Racing Team UK, 2:10.620
14. Zaruba/Formanek (#99) Heiko-Gravity Charouz Team, 2:11.371
15. Geraci/Tanca (#72) Autocarrozzeria Imperiale SRL, 2:11.608
16. Barcak/Hes (#55) Heiko-Gravity Charouz Team, 2:12.437

## Notes to editors:

The 2012 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo season begins 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 one-make, all-wheel drive motorsport series.

Lamborghini will again partner with luxury Swiss watchmaker Blancpain, who is 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.

For more information visit the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo website [www.lamborghini.com/supertrofeo](http://www.lamborghini.com/supertrofeo). For high-resolution images and further media enquires please contact the media team on [media@supertrofeo.com](mailto:media@supertrofeo.com)

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