

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Night Race in prospect

Misano marks the series' first dark start in a home race & start of Lamborghini's Italian GT Championship campaign

02 May 2013, Sant'Agata Bolognese. Following a compelling start to the season in Monza, Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo action remains in Italy for its second race weekend of the new season - and with a race at 2120hrs on Saturday, it marks the first venture into night racing in the series' history.

The 2013 calendar also takes Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo to the Misano race circuit in the coastal province of Rimini, just some 160km south-east of Lamborghini's spiritual home in Sant'Agata Bolognese, near Bologna, making rounds three and four of the series 'home' fixtures - all the more important in this, the 50th anniversary year of the establishment of one of the most alluring and fabled automotive marques.

Misano is a circuit of some provenance, now over forty years old, but having been progressively extended and modernised over the decades and now boasting 4.226kms of the artificial lighting on 17 generator-equipped lighting towers to provide the required lighting to stage night racing.

Misano has become a popular two-wheeled venue with its 75,000 spectator capacity, and recently underwent a name change to commemorate the young Italian MotoGP star Marco Simoncelli. Once upon a time, the circuit was run in an anti-clockwise direction, but today the clockwise circuit hosts the GP Aperol di San Marino e della Riviera di Rimini Moto GP race in September, as well as a full catalogue of single-seater, endurance and truck races.

Squadra Corse Inaugurated

Over the course of the Misano weekend, Lamborghini President & CEO, Stephan Winkelmann, will formally inaugurate Squadra Corse, the identity under which Lamborghini will be making a distinct and clear commitment to motorsport. Squadra Corse encompasses all aspects of sporting engagement with Lamborghini, from track experiences through to single-make racing in Lamborghini Super Trofeo series in Asia, US and Europe to an enhanced commitment to professional GT racing and Misano is the venue for the Lamborghini Academy in the days leading up to the race weekend.

Misano will also mark the start of the Italian GT Championship, a seven round series in which Giorgio Sanna & Giacomo Barri will campaign a Reiter Engineering Lamborghini Gallardo FL2 GT3, another key programme running under the Squadra Corse banner.

Mr Winkelmann will outline the rationale and strategy for Squadra Corse in a press briefing at the circuit, as well as report on some early successes in 2013, including a debut win for the new Gallardo GT3 race car at Zolder in the FIA GT series, as well as the expansion of the Super Trofeo format to the USA.

A Full Grid

After record start to the season, the Misano grid includes 20 starters, with the notable changes for #10, the Imperiale car of Matteo Zucchi who will be partnered by Roberto Seveso, who made his Super Trofeo debut in 2011. Elsewhere on the entry list, the hard-charging German, Marcel Leipert, will run solo in Misano for the new Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany and Alessandra Brena will partner her Italian countryman, Piergiorgio Capra.

The Championships

The man of the moment in Monza was most definitely the Swiss driver Laurent Jenny, who after looking competitive through all the practice sessions went onto a maximum points haul over the course of the two races in the amateur class. Bonaldi's Andre Mamé & Mirko Zanardini will be looking to claw back the six point deficit to Jenny, while Leonardo Geraci holds a slender lead in the chase behind PRO-AM points leader, Cédric Leimer. Jenny & Leimer's strong showings in Monza have resulted in Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter heading both teams' championships after the first round.



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Meet Alessandra Brena

At every race weekend for the remainder of the year, we'd like to introduce you to some of the remarkable driver and team stories that make up the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo.

For Misano, there can be no better starting place than Alessandra Brena, the 17 year old from Bergamo who is racing for Autocarrozzeria Imperiale. Despite her tender years, Alessandra has raced and rallied extensively, so much so that alongside her Lamborghini commitments at Misano, the youngster will also contest the 2013 Green Hybrid Cup, one of the series she has previously excelled in.



Prior to her first race at Monza, Alessandra prepared in the ARC simulator in Pavia and used the experience well to open her Super Trofeo campaign. Her lap times on her Lamborghini debut were comfortably inside the top ten in the first race and she advanced six places off the grid before the driver change in her first stint of the weekend. Unfortunately, shortly after the driver change, an accident following a puncture saw her team-mate Oscar Ortfeldt crash heavily, which forced the #36 Imperiale car into retirement for the remainder of the weekend.

Unlike Monza, Alessandra comes to Misano with some experience of the track. "Although I don't really enjoy the circuit that much, I do know it, so I have some advantage over the first race, where my track experience was limited to what I learnt in the simulator. However, it will be my first time night racing, but that's something I am looking forward to," she said ahead of the weekend.



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Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Europe Round 2: Misano

Friday May 03

15:00 - 16:00 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Free Practice 1
 18:00 - 19:00 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Free Practice 2

Saturday May 04

15:50 - 16:30 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Qualifying
 16:40 - 17:00 Campionato Italiano Gran Turismo Qualifying 1
 18:00 Address by Stephan Winkelmann, President & CEO Lamborghini Village
 19:10 - 19:30 Campionato Italiano Gran Turismo Qualifying 2
 21:20 - 22:10 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Race 1
 24:00 Media update distributed - summary, quotes, results (ENG, ITA, DEU)

Sunday May 05

09:05 - 09:55 Campionato Italiano Gran Turismo Race 1
 13:05 - 13:55 Campionato Italiano Gran Turismo Race 2
 15:30 - 16:20 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Race 2
 18:00 Media update distributed - summary, quotes, results (ENG, ITA, DEU)

Race Calendar for 2013

In Europe, the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo will again partner the Blancpain Endurance Series. A night race will be held for the first time in Misano, over a three-day race weekend alongside the Italian GT championship hosted by ACI/CSAI.

Monza (ITA)	13/14 April
Misano (ITA)	04/05 May
Silverstone (GBR)	01/02 June
Paul Ricard (FRA)	29 June/01 July
Spa (BEL)	25/28 July
Nurburgring (DEU)	21/22 September

The venue, date and format for a Super Trofeo World Final, bringing together the best of racing from Europe, Asia and the US, will be announced in due course.



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Blancpain Series Sponsorship

The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo will once again enjoy the sponsorship of the premium watch maker, Blancpain.

Founded in 1735 by Jehan-Jacques Blancpain, the watch brand bearing his name is the oldest in the world. Blancpain is currently engaged to the renewal of mechanical watchmaking and to passing on exceptional expertise from one generation to the next through constant investment in human resources, production facilities and research. This approach is its strength and the expression of our long-term vision, even though it goes against the tide of a certain tendency to seek immediate profit.

From the creation of components through to watch design, Blancpain is distinguished by its ability to develop exceptional movements. Over the past seven years, the Manufacture has indeed developed no less than 26 new calibres.

Through its various models, Blancpain preserves its heritage of precision and elegance, while also displaying an innovative and occasionally provocative spirit. Its range encompasses the sportive L-evolution line, the legendary Fifty Fathoms diver's watch, as well as the classic Villeret collection, the high complication from Le Brassus collection and the feminine Women models.

While remaining loyal to its fundamental values, Blancpain quite naturally associates with the world of fine automotive mechanical engineering, since the key values of precision, reliability and sturdiness are required and shared by both cars and watches.

Pirelli

Founded in 1872, Pirelli is the world's fifth largest tyre manufacturer based on revenues. With a presence in over 160 countries, the company now has 22 tyre manufacturing facilities on five continents and employs some 34,000 people.

Having been involved in motor racing since 1907, Pirelli is currently the single tyre manufacturer for Formula 1™ for the 2011-2013 championship seasons and for the World Superbike Championship. This is an important challenge in terms of technological innovation and is a key means of promoting the Pirelli brand.

In 2013, Pirelli underlines its status as the global tyre manufacturer with the biggest commitment to motorsport. In total, the Italian firm supplies 138 different championships across the world, excluding Formula One, both on the road and on the track. One of the most important engagements is the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo, supplied exclusively by Pirelli, which highlights the strong technical collaboration that the two Italian icons have shared since 1963.

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All 2013 season races will be broadcast on Eurosport:

The 2013 series is being broadcast across the extensive Eurosport network, thus reaching all 59 countries - including Italy - in the Eurosport footprint of 129 million households. The Eurosport coverage includes a one-minute 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. The Misano short one minute highlights will be broadcast on 5 May at 24.00 on Eurosport, repeated on 6 May at 8.30 am on Eurosport and the full 26 minute race coverage will be transmitted on 7 May at 23.45 pm on Eurosport and repeated on 8 May at 8 am on Eurosport 2.

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LAMBORGHINI BLANCPAIN SUPER TROFEO
MISANO WORLD CIRCUIT, 3 - 5 MAY 2013
ROUNDS 3 & 4

NR	ENTRANT	DRIVER		TEAM
2	MTech (GBR)	Jason Yeomans (GBR) Mark Nichol (GBR)	AM AM	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team UK
3	Federico De Nora (ITA)	Adrian Zaugg (CHE) Federico De Nora (ITA)	PRO-AM AM	Bonaldi Motorsport
7	Santéloc Racing (LUX)	Taras Polishchuk (UKR) Alessandro Bortesi (ITA)	AM AM	Aviatrax by Santéloc
10	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. (ITA)	Matteo Zucchi (ITA) Roberto Seveso (ITA)	PRO - AM AM	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.
11	Andrea Mamé (ITA)	Andrea Mamé (ITA) Mirko Zanardini (ITA)	AM AM	Bonaldi Motorsport
14	Enrico Dell'Onte (CHE)	Enrico Dell'Onte (CHE) Andrea Gagliardini (ITA)	AM PRO-AM	Composit Motorsport
19	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter (CHE)	Laurent Jenny (CHE)	AM AM	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter
21	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany (DEU)	Erwin Stückle (DEU)	AM	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany
22	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany (DEU)	Marcel Leipert (DEU)	AM	Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany
27	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. (ITA)	Andrea Palma (ITA) Andrea Solimè (ITA)	PRO-AM AM	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.
33	Roberto Sorti (ITA)	Roberto Sorti (ITA) TBD	AM -	Bonaldi Motorsport
36	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. (ITA)	Piergiorgio Capra (ITA) Alessandra Brena (ITA)	AM AM	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.
47	Alberto Viberti (ITA)	Alberto Viberti (ITA) Alessandro Bonacini (ITA)	AM PRO-AM	Composit Motorsport
54	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. (ITA)	Andrea Amici (ITA)	PRO-AM	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.
55	Gravity Charouz Team (CZE)	Achim Winter (DEU)	AM	Gravity Charouz Team
63	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter (CHE)	Cédric Leimer (CHE)	PRO-AM	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter
69	Touring Auto 2000 S.R.L. (ITA)	Leonardo Geraci (LUX)	PRO-AM	Touring Auto 2000 S.R.L.
88	Gravity Charouz Team (CZE)	Tomas Kral (CZE)	AM	Gravity Charouz Team
89	Checco Malavasi (ITA)	Checco Malavasi (ITA) Flavio Pierleoni (ITA)	AM PRO -AM	Composit Motorsport
99	Gravity Charouz Team (CZE)	Jiri Perina (CZE)	AM	Gravity Charouz Team

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