

Amateur Andrea Solimè claims first career win with Andrea Palma

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo's inaugural night race delivers a feast of action

Misano, May 5, 2013. Yesterday's qualifying session for round three of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo at Misano was a prelude to a captivating first for the series as it raced into the night at Misano World Circuit Marco Simoncelli. While Andrea Amici picked up from where he'd left off in Monza by claiming pole, the race delivered a far less anticipated outcome in a thrilling finale in the dark.

While Adrian Zaugg lost out to Amici in the dying minutes of qualifying, the early stages of the race marked a complete reversal with Amici defending strenuously from the efforts of the hard-charging Zaugg. Despite the Italian battling fiercely with Zaugg, they opened up a gap of around 3 seconds per lap in the early stages of the race over the remainder of the field, and by lap five, the Bonaldi driver eventually found his way into the lead, and stretched out a small cushion over Amici which he took to the pit window.

Behind them in the unfamiliar floodlit darkness, series leader Cédric Leimer suffered an unprompted spin that pushed him to the tail of the field, along with Touring Auto's Leonardo Geraci, who was adjudged to have been the innocent party in a coming together with Composit Motorsport's Alessandro Bonacini.

As the driver change-over approached, front runners Zaugg, Amici, Palma and Automobili Lamborghini Racing Team Germany's Marcel Leipert stayed out long to lap 16. Once the pit window had closed, Andrea Amici appeared to have been the beneficiary, taking the lead from Zaugg's team-mate Federico De Nora, but a puncture and a return to the pitlane consigned the Imperiale driver down the order, and Andrea Solimè took up at the front of the field, pursued by another amateur, Marcel Leipert. In a mature drive to the line that belied the 23 year old's relative lack of racing experience, Andrea Solimè brought home a popular debut win at his local race for Autocarrozzeria Imperiale.

Solimè's delight was almost matched by that of German racer, Marcel Leipert - the sometime driver instructor on the infamous Nordschleife - who felt that with a few more laps that he would have been able to challenge for the win. And the third happy ending was that of Cédric Leimer, consigned to the back of the field yet managing to rebuild his race to finish on the last step of the podium. Poleman Andrea Amici eventually rounded out his race behind Federico De Nora in fifth.

Fast Facts

- As well as racing in the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo, Alessandra Brena is having a busy weekend at Misano also contesting the CIEA Green Hybrid Cup
- Of our four new drivers in Misano, Andrea Palmer in car #27 qualified highest on the grid in P4
- Reigning champion Cédric Leimer competed in his first night race & finished on podium
- Laurent Jenny maintained his 100% amateur podium record this season
- Greatest gains over grid slot included Achim Winter (7 places), Tomáš Král & Erwin Stückle (6 places)
- Adrian Zaugg set the race's fastest lap at 1:39.260 at an average speed of 153.270km/h

Meet the Drivers

Tomáš Král, the Gravity Charouz driver of car #88 can be more commonly found on the ice as a professional goalkeeper in the Finnish Mestis league playing for Tutoon. Tomáš originates from Plzeň in western Bohemia in the Czech Republic, the home town of the world-renown beer. As a full-time professional athlete, Tomáš approach to motorsport is highly impressive and he claimed six places off the grid to finish race one in the top ten despite his relative lack of motorsport experience.





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Qualifying Quotes

P1 Andrea Amici #54, Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.

"I felt very comfortable yesterday during the practice sessions and we did a good job today in qualifying too. I made a little mistake with the first set of tyres and I also found a bit of traffic but I had an excellent lap on the second set. The fact that a few raindrops started to fall and the temperature slightly decreased probably helped us. Despite the rain, I pushed to the limit and managed an almost spotless lap. I am really satisfied to be starting the night race from pole and, although it isn't my first night race at Misano, it will be an amazing experience to compete in the Lamborghini Gallardo 570."

Race Quotes

P1 Andrea Solimè #27, Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.

"I can't stop smiling and pinching myself. My racing career only began last year and we already secured a podium in Monza in the amateur category. But managing an overall race win so soon with many experienced and fast drivers is amazing. Having done it in Italy, my home country, makes it even more special. I want to thank my team-mate, Andrea Palma, who's helped me a lot this weekend and he also had a strong drive. Our strategy was to take good care of the tyres and that allowed us to set pretty fast times towards the end and manage our advantage. I want to thank everyone at Autocarrozzeria Imperiale for their work and support. Tomorrow will be a tough race and even more so if it rains as predicted because I've never driven on a wet track. But this is tomorrow; now it is time to savour this moment."

P2 Marcel Leipert #22, Automobil Lamborghini Racing Team Germany

"This was my first time racing in Misano and finishing second is a fantastic result. In fact, it is my best finish in the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo. But I believe that, with a couple more laps, we had the pace to win the race. A night race is trickier as you can't really see the apex of the turns and setting braking references is a lot more difficult. During the race I also had to be careful with the brakes and there were a few contacts between cars so I am very satisfied that we managed to avoid all of them and finish on the podium. Hopefully we can build on for tomorrow."

P3 Cédric Leimer #63, Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter

"This was my first night race and it was a good experience, although I still prefer to race with daylight. The race itself was pretty hard because I lost the rear of the car and spun on the first lap losing several positions. Luckily, I didn't hit anyone and I could rejoin without damage. However, I had to play catch up and it was tough, both because of the high temperature and humidity, but also because of the tyres. They weren't in the best condition from the beginning and having to recover, push and overtake finished them off towards the end. So given the circumstances, I am very satisfied to be on the podium again."

The weekend's second Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo race takes place at 15:30hrs CET

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Notes to editors:

The 2013 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo season marks a significant progression for the series, featuring its first night race, an-all new Lamborghini Gallardo LP 570-4 Super Trofeo and the prospect of a World Final, drawing together the best racing from the European, Asia and US series.

The new Gallardo takes a significant step forward following extensive aerodynamic re-profiling of the surface geometries and the addition of adjustable aerodynamic devices, including an all-new ten-position rear wing.

The net benefit of this significant aerodynamic upgrade is 120% improvement in aerodynamic efficiency over the Gallardo's 2012 model. With re-modelling of brake ducts, the new Gallardo LP 570-4 Super Trofeo achieves a 50% improvement in thermal performance with improved front brake cooling, while better balance and dynamic performance is achieved by increasing downforce by 128kg in low downforce set up and 160kg in high downforce trim.

The season's racing will run alongside the Blancpain Endurance Series and a select round of the Italian GT Championship at circuits across Europe, and the home series will also 'host' the first World Final in Vallelunga in November.

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 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Asian Series enters its second season in 2013, commencing on May 3 in Zuhai, China. 2013 also marks the debut season for Super Trofeo in the USA, with the inaugural race partnering the GRAND-AM series in Mid-Ohio on June 14.

The 2013 series is again 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 one-minute teaser shown in "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.

2013 Calendar

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. A World Final, drawing together the best of the racing from the US, Asian and European series will take place in Vallelunga in November.

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

Vallelunga World Final 23/24 November

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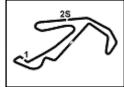












Misano World Circuit 4.226 m

Misano Racing Weekend 04-05 Maggio 2013 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo - Classifica Qualifica

Best Lap: = 1'38.026 - 4,226 km - Avg 155,200 km/h

	No. Driver	Entrant	Team	Car	Class	Time	Gap	Rel. Laps
1	54 AMICI Andrea (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'38.026		17
2	3 DE NORA-ZAUGG	Santéloc Racing	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'38.131	0.105	0.105 21
3	63 LEIMER Cédric (CHE)	Autovitesse Garage R.Affolte	er Autovitesse Garage R.Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'38.491	0.465	0.360 9
4	27 PALMA-SOLIMÈ (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'38.842	0.816	0.351 19
5	22 LEIPERT Marcel (DEU)	Autom. Lamborghini RT Gerr	m Autom. Lamborghini RT Germ.	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'39.126	1.100	0.284 17
6	14 DELL'ONTE-GAGLIARDINI (ITA)	Dell'Onte Enrico	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'39.141	1.115	0.015 16
7	69 GERACI Leonardo (LUX)	Touring Auto 2000 srl	Touring Auto 2000 srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'39.258	1.232	0.117 20
8	11 MAMÈ-ZANARDINI (ITA)	Mamè Andrea	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'39.905	1.879	0.647 20
9	33 SORTI-STANCHERIS (ITA)	Sorti Roberto	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'39.943	1.917	0.038 16
10	10 ZUCCHI-SEVESO	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'40.249	2.223	0.306 19
11	47 VIBERTI-BONACINI (ITA)	Viberti Alberto	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'40.398	2.372	0.149 15
12	89 MALAVISI-PIERLEONI (ITA)	Checco Malavasi	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1'40.518	2.492	0.120 18
13	19 LAURENT Jenny (CHE)	Autovitesse Garage R.Affolte	er Autovitesse Garage R.Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'40.928	2.902	0.410 13
14	2 YEOMANS-NICHOL (GBR)	Mtech	Lamborghini R.Team UK	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'41.325	3.299	0.397 18
15	7 POLISHCHUK-BORTESI	Santéloc Racing	Aviatrax by Saintéloc	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'41.883	3.857	0.558 22
16	88 KRAL Tomas (CZE)	Charouz Racing System	Charouz Racing System	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'42.425	4.399	0.542 10
17	36 CAPRA-BRENA (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'43.011	4.985	0.586 18
18	55 WINTER Achim (DEU)	Gravity Charouz Team	Gravity Charouz Team	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'44.668	6.642	1.657 11
19	21 STUCKLE Erwin (DEU)	Autom. Lamborghini RT Gerr	m Autom. Lamborghini RT Germ.	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'46.895	8.869	2.227 16
20	99 PERINA Jiri (CZE)	Gravity Charouz Team	Gravity Charouz Team	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	1'48.496	10.470	1.601 4

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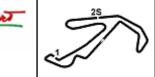
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Race Director: Claudio Garavini









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Misano Racing Weekend 04-05 Maggio 2013 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo - Classifica Gara 1

Laps 29 = 122,554 km - Avg 145,090 km/h - Race Time 50'40.831

	No.	Driver	Entrant	Team	Car	Class	Laps	Time	Gap	Rel. Fastes		stest Lap
1	27	PALMA-SOLIMÈ (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale s	srlAutocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	50'40.831			7	1'40.046
2	22	LEIPERT Marcel (DEU)	Autom. Lamborghini RT Gerr/Autom. Lamborghini RT Germ.		Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	29	50'42.433	1.602	1.602	29	1'41.238
3	63	LEIMER Cédric (CHE)	Autovitesse Garage R.AffolteAutovitesse Garage R.Affolter		Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	51'03.378	22.547	20.945	8	1'40.885
4	3	DE NORA-ZAUGG	Santéloc Racing	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	51'04.414	23.583	1.036	5	1'39.260
5	54	AMICI Andrea (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale srlAutocarrozzeria Imperiale srl		Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	51'07.510	26.679	3.096	8	1'39.491
6	69	GERACI Leonardo (LUX)	Touring Auto 2000 srl	Touring Auto 2000 srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	51'32.519	51.688	25.009	21	1'40.391
7	89	MALAVISI-PIERLEONI (ITA)	Checco Malavasi	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	29	51'32.675	51.844	0.156	4	1'41.063
8	19	LAURENT Jenny (CHE)	Autovitesse Garage R.AffolteAutovitesse Garage R.Affolter		Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	29	51'33.493	52.662	0.818	29	1'42.801
9	11	MAMÈ-ZANARDINI (ITA)	Mamè Andrea	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	29	52'03.633	1'22.802	30.140	29	1'40.477
10	88	KRAL Tomas (CZE)	Charouz Racing System	Charouz Racing System	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	28	50'58.743	1 Lap	1 Lap	22	1'42.881
11	55	WINTER Achim (DEU)	Gravity Charouz Team	Gravity Charouz Team	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	28	51'33.187	1 Lap	34.444	7	1'46.175
12	36	CAPRA-BRENA (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale s	srlAutocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	28	52'15.813	1 Lap	42.626	27	1'44.278
13	21	STUCKLE Erwin (DEU)	Autom. Lamborghini RT Ge	eriAutom. Lamborghini RT Germ.	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	27	50'48.410	2 Laps	1 Lap	16	1'45.122
14	7	POLISHCHUK-BORTESI	Santéloc Racing	Aviatrax by Saintéloc	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	27	51'00.794	2 Laps	12.384	21	1'43.368
15	33	SORTI-STANCHERIS (ITA)	Sorti Roberto	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	27	51'04.310	2 Laps	3.516	12	1'40.937
16	99	PERINA Jiri (CZE)	Gravity Charouz Team	Gravity Charouz Team	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	27	51'57.706	2 Laps	53.396	21	1'49.815
17	2	YEOMANS-NICHOL (GBR)	Mtech	Lamborghini R.Team UK	Lamborghini Gallardo	AM	26	51'21.035	3 Laps	1 Lap	9	1'43.111
Not Classified												
RET	10	ZUCCHI Matteo (ITA)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale s	srlAutocarrozzeria Imperiale srl	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	12	21'18.252	17 Laps		9	1'42.887
RET	47	VIBERTI Alberto (ITA)	Viberti Alberto	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	4	6'57.896	25 Laps		4	1'40.571
RET	14	DELL'ONTE Enrico (ITA)	Dell'Onte Enrico	Composit Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo	PAM	1	1'48.853	28 Laps			

Starting: 20 Not Started: 0 Retired:: 3 Not Classified: 0 Classified: 17 Disqualified: 0 Fastest Lap N. 5 No. 3 De Nora-Zaugg Time 1'39.260 Avg. 153,270 Km/h

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