

Amici returns to the scene of a double victory

Defending champion Leimer will look to fend off pretenders

25 June 2013, Sant'Agata Bolognese. As the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo arrives in the dry heat of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur for round four of the series at Paul Ricard, the defending champion, Cédric Leimer will be only too aware that despite a good showing in Silverstone with a win and a second place, Andrea Amici stole the last win of the weekend in the UK and arrives at the scene of his double victory last year.

Fast Facts

- Series leader Cédric Leimer confesses to not 'liking the heat in Ricard much'
- The Swiss driver holds a 20 point margin over his nearest rivals, Bonaldi's Adrian Zaugg & Federico de Nora
- Amateur Autovitesse stablemate Laurent Jenny has a 17 point margin over his nearest rival, Andrea Mamé and Mirko Zanardini
- The Ricard lap distance is 5.809km and features 14 turns, but can be configured in 167 different variations
- The circuit is notable for its striking tungsten & asphalt blue & red coloured run off zones

The palpable sense of rivalry as the series starts the run down to its final few rounds could not be more apparent; not only is the battle for honours between the consistency of Autovitesse's Leimer and the devil-may-care bullishness of Imperiale's Amici a fascinating one, but they are not the only drivers in play. Adrian Zaugg dominates the first stint of every race with his blistering pace and his team-mate Federico de Nora is growing in his capability to sustain the advantages Zaugg brings to the pit window. And closing out the top echelons of the PRO-AM points table is the consistently quick Leonardo Geraci.

Since amateur drivers elbowed their way to the top in Misano, there has been no lack of respect for their speed this season. The metronomic consistency of Laurent Jenny, who has been on the podium for every race has taken Autovitesse to the top of the amateur as well as the PRO-AM standings. Both his and Leimer's efforts will be complemented by a third Autovitesse entry for the experienced Porsche driver and Le Mans veteran, Roland Berville, in the #64 car. Meanwhile professional ice hockey player Tomáš Král makes a welcome return to the series in the #88 Gravity Charouz car alongside countryman Richard Chlad.

An All-Action Sunday

The weekend schedule for Paul Ricard sees no track activity on Friday, resulting in a compressed programme for Saturday, which will see three Super Trofeo track sessions including two one hour practice sessions and an evening qualifying session that starts at 1720hrs. Sunday thus plays host to two races, one an early start at 0920hrs and the weekend concluser, shortly after lunch at 1320hrs.

Squadra Corse takes Super Trofeo Global

As the European Squadra Corse takes to the track under the Marseille sun of southern France, so further east, Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo in Asia will be racing at the Sepang GP circuit in Malaysia for round two of their series. And a short week later, as part of the American Le Mans Series North East Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut, the first of a five race series running alongside GRAND-AM, ALMS & IndyCar.

As each series focuses on its native competition, there will be an eye to another first under the Squadra Corse banner this year - the prospects of the very best drivers from the three continental series crossing swords in the very first World Final in November this year.

More information about all three series and other Squadra Corse motorsport activity including GT3 racing can be found at www.squadracorse.lamborghini.com



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Meet the Drivers - Adrian Zaugg

One of the consistent features of the 2014 race season has been the dominant pace displayed by Adrian Zaugg, who opts to drive the #3 Bonaldi Motorsport car in the first stint of each race, to build up as much of a cushion as possible, in order to hand over a decent advantage to his amateur team-mate, Federico de Nora. Zaugg's unmatched pace has been remarkable, and as the season has progressed, Federico's ability to defend the lead he has taken into the second stint has grown in stature, making the pairing a potent combination.

A one-time Swiss resident, born in Singapore and a South African national, Zaugg is a cosmopolitan world citizen and has an equally rich racing career to match. The former Red Bull Junior driver has contested most of the keenly contested single seat formulae including Formula BMW, Formula Renault Cup, Renault World Series, GP2 and A1GP before joining the ranks of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series exactly a year ago as the championship arrived in France.

Adrian's debut race gave the Lamborghini community a taste of his customary speed, but a brake failure precipitated an accident when he was leading and forced him into retirement. However, since this time, he has become a dependable front-runner and an odds-on favourite to post the fastest lap time in every race.

Away from the track, his Facebook page reveals that he is a fan of dog sledging, Canadian fly-fishing, the NFL and the Simpsons.

Adrian blogs about his Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo racing at <http://www.carmagblog.co.za/author/adrian-zaugg/>



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Lamborghini Squadra Corse

Lamborghini Squadra Corse is a specialist team within Lamborghini's R&D department dedicated to motorsport including GT3, the Super Trofeo series, and a customer driving program.

From 2013, the Squadra Corse will provide an integrated approach to Lamborghini driving experiences. A new series of 'Esperienza' events provide enthusiasts and prospects with opportunity for a first test-drive and to experience the world of Lamborghini.

The Lamborghini Academies, on both track and ice, provide driver training and the initial steps towards racing.

The Super Trofeo series provides the perfect first race experience for young and gentleman drivers, with the Lamborghini GT3 for more experienced racers wanting to compete with the Lamborghini marque worldwide.

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Europe Round 4: Paul Ricard

Saturday June 29

10:10 - 11:10	Free Practice 1
14:30 - 15:30	Free Practice 2
17:20 - 18:00	Qualifying
20:00	Media update distributed - summary, quotes, results (ENG, ITA)

Sunday July 01

09:20 - 10:10	Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Race 1
13:20 - 14:10	Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Race 2
16:00	Media update distributed - summary, quotes, results (ENG, ITA)

Race Calendar for 2013

In Europe, the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo will again partner the Blancpain Endurance Series.

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 (ITA)	23/24 November (Lamborghini Super Trofeo World Final)



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

Founded in 1735 by Jean-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. A 26 minute highlight of the races in France will be broadcast on Tuesday July 9 at 24:00hrs CET on Eurosport (repeated the following day at 07:30hrs CET on Eurosport 2).

Visit the new Squadra Corse website to follow all of Lamborghini's racing activities at

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