



Young drivers prove fast learners

Andrew Palmer, age 19 takes the checkered flag ahead of 18-year-old Louis Philippe Montour in round 8 of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series at VIR

Virginia International Raceway, VA, Friday 4th October 2013. If yesterday was about experience triumphing over youthful endeavor, then today proved just the opposite in round 8 of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series at VIRginia International Raceway.

Following an impressive first qualifying session and race in round 7, both Palmer, driving for Lamborghini Beverly Hills/GMG Racing and Montour, for Lamborghini Toronto/Mitchum Motorsports, followed the advice and knowledge passed on by their teams and the more experienced competitors in the field.

Al Carter, representing Lamborghini Palm Beach/Mitchum Motorsports blasted into first past Bell on the start grid as the green flag dropped. The race changed dramatically on lap 5, as newcomer, Peter Strasser for Lamborghini Washington/Wisko Race Engineering, hit the tire wall, at the notoriously tricky S section through turns 8 and 9 at VIR. As the Lamborghini Aventador safety car was called out for three laps and came in just as the mandatory pit window opened on the 20-minute mark.

With a number of the team strategies changing, it was the two young drivers, Montour and Palmer who emerged at the front of pack as the pit window closed. What ensued was incredible display of nose-to-tail racing. Separated by nothing more than 100th of a second, Palmer running in 2nd position was relentless in pressing and testing race leader, Montour. Behind the front-runners, the racing was just as hot. Yesterday's winner, Justin Bell was forced to retire following damage to his front splitter, having traded paint the no.7 car, driven by Jeff Rodrigues, representing Lamborghini Beverly Hills and GMG Racing.

And with just two laps remaining, the pressure from Palmer told as Montour ran wide on turn 3, allowing Palmer to sneak inside and move into the lead. Palmer did not look back and darted through to take his maiden victory, with Montour holding off Al Carpenter to take second and third respectively.

Andrew Palmer said, "I got some great advice from Justin Bell and a few of the more experienced guys after yesterday's race. They told me I need to conserve the tires and really push in the last 15 minutes. The safety car really helped me do that and I was able to apply lots of pressure to Louis, and managed to take my chance as he ran wide 2 laps out. It's been such a great weekend. The cars, the drivers, the teams, it's been an incredible experience."

Second place Louis Philippe Montour added, "The Mitchum pit crew were great. They talked me through the race and helped me maintain my tires. This is my first time driving the car and it was just unbelievable. I love the four-wheel-drive. It's so responsive and great to race. Credit to Andrew, he took advantage of my mistake and deserves the win but I am still thrilled to get second!"

Yesterday's winner, Justin Bell added, "These young guys have proven to be extremely quick learners. The moral of the story is don't give too much advice to these kids! It was great to be here. Thrilled to get the win yesterday and just a great series to be a part of, especially at an important race here at VIR."

Third place finisher Al Carter said, "That's four podiums in four for me now, so we're very happy with that. It's been a great weekend. So much fun! Now to enjoy the great Lamborghini hospitality with a couple of cold ones!"

The youth proved they have what it takes to listen and learn from the experience. Yesterday we thought the future is for tomorrow but Palmer and Montour have very much proved the future is today.

With VIR wrapped up, Lamborghini moves onto Fontana in two weeks time for undoubtedly more thrilling race action.

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Fast Facts

- Cars based on Lightweight Gallardo LP 570-4
- 5.2 liter V10s, 570hp, All wheel drive
- 2 x 50 Minute Races, Mandatory 45 second pitstop

Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America

The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North American series will feature five races run in partnership with North America's most established racing promoters including GRAND-AM, ALMS, IMSA and IndyCar and at some of the most prestigious circuits in the US and Canada.



The 2013 racing calendar is:

Lime Rock Park, CT (ALMS)	05/06 July
Kansas Speedway GRAND-AM	16/17 August
Calabogie, Canada IMSA	07/08 September
Virginia International Raceway AMLS	03/05 October
Fontana, California	18/19 October

Vallelunga

The series provides the opportunity for top placed teams and drivers to contest a World Series featuring leading drivers from the European and Asian series in Rome, Italy in November

Vallelunga, Italy 23/24 November (Super Trofeo World Series)

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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 aspiring race drivers, with the Lamborghini GT3 for more experienced racers wanting to compete with the Lamborghini marque worldwide.

Blancpain

Over 275 years of tradition in motion:

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 8 years, the Manufacture has indeed developed no less than 29 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 Women models.

Pirelli

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

Having been involved in motor racing since 1907, Pirelli is currently the single tire 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 tire 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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