



Press Release

Ferrucci Starts Hot, Earns Exciting Victory In Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America Debut

- Santino Ferrucci earned his first Super Trofeo victory in his series debut.
- Shinya Michimi extended his Pro Championship points lead.
- Ross Chouest stayed perfect with his ninth-straight Lamborghini Cup victory.

AUSTIN, Texas (Sept. 15, 2016) – Santino Ferrucci made his presence felt with an exciting victory in his Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America debut Thursday at Circuit of the Americas.

Ferrucci, an 18-year-old American Haas F1 development driver, made his sports car debut this week after racing previously only in open-wheel cars. That didn't stop him from earning a 9.172-second victory in the No. 77 Courtney Racing entry representing Lamborghini Broward over points leader Shinya Michimi in the extreme Texas heat.

"It was a beast to hold onto," Ferrucci said. "But I enjoyed it. There's nothing like having a fun race car when you're running around a racetrack like this."

Michimi's second-place finish in the No. 1 Prestige Performance Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo LP 620-2 representing Lamborghini Paramus was his eighth overall podium finish of the season. The result helped Michimi extend his Pro Championship lead to 45 points, 126-81, with three rounds to go.

Michimi's Prestige Performance teammates Craig Duerson and Trent Hindman rounded out the overall podium with a third-place finish in the No. 10 entry representing Lamborghini Paramus. The duo was also the top-finishing Pro-Am entry.

Derek DeBoer and Jeroen Bleekemolen finished fourth overall and second in Pro-Am in the No. 66 TRG-Lamborghini machine representing Lamborghini Los Gatos. Emmanuel Anassis rounded out the top five overall in the No. 18 DAC Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach.

Ferrucci started the race in second behind Richard Antinucci. He got a jump on the

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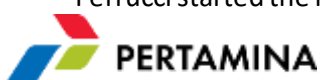
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start, but Hindman had the advantage going into the left-hand Turn 1 at the top of the daunting hill at the end of the front straightaway.

Ferrucci fell into second, followed by Michimi in third. The three raced single file over the next 10 minutes until a full-course yellow was brought out by debris left on track from two punctured rear tires on the No. 09 US RaceTronics entry representing Lamborghini Calgary, driven by Damon Ockey.

With 38 minutes to go in the 50-minute race, the field restarted under green. Hindman retained the lead, but Michimi made an outside move going into Turn 1 to take the inside line and second position from Ferrucci through Turn 2.

The three continued to race in lockstep until the mandatory pit window opened up at the 20-minute mark. As pits cycled through, Ferrucci and Michimi were side by side.

The two made side-to-side contact and traded positions over the next five minutes. Ferrucci pulled a gap of .987 of a second, but Michimi reeled him in. With 21 minutes to go, Ferrucci got sideways coming out of Turn 2, but Michimi couldn't capitalize.

Over the next 16 minutes, the two played a game of cat and mouse as they wove through lapped traffic. Ferrucci extended his lead to 2.203 seconds. Michimi closed it to .743 of a second. The gap grew to 3.582 seconds, and then it was diminished to no more than a car length.

"Coming from qualifying, we had a little bit of understeer," Ferrucci said. "So I was thinking, 'All right, we start the race with understeer, and we go to oversteer.' But it didn't really account for the grip that the LMP guys were putting down. So you started loose, and I was just trying to manage the rear tire. I turned up the traction control a little bit. When Michimi got behind me, I thought, 'All right, it's time to go and start pushing.'"

With six minutes to go, Michimi was following Ferrucci's every move. Michimi pushed him wide in Turn 1, and Ferrucci cut back in sharply, not giving an inch. That ended up being Michimi's last-ditch effort. Ferrucci retained the lead and drove to his eventual first Super Trofeo win.

Victor Gonzalez Jr. finished third in the Pro-Am class in his first Super Trofeo start since 2015. He was back with Change Racing in the No. 16 representing Lamborghini Carolinas.





His Change Racing teammate Luis Rodriguez Jr. was the top finisher in the Amateur class in the No. 29 representing Lamborghini Carolinas. It was Rodriguez's third class win of the season.

Patrice Brisebois finished second in the Amateur class in the No. 24 DAC Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach. Brisebois earned his first podium finish in Round 8 at VIRginia International Raceway in late August. James Burke and David Askew rounded out the Amateur podium in the No. 98 DXDT Racing Lamborghini.

Ross Chouest stayed perfect this season, earning his ninth Lamborghini Cup victory in the No. 3 DXDT Racing entry representing Lamborghini Miami.

Jackie Heinricher finished second in the Lamborghini Cup in the No. 57 DAC Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach. Will James rounded out the podium, finishing third in the No. 11 eXclaim Racing/Migliore Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Paramus.

The second and final race of the weekend will start at 8 a.m. (CT) Friday. The race will be live streamed at motortrendondemand.com and on squadracorse.lamborghini.com/live-streaming.

POST-RACE QUOTES

SANTINO FERRUCCI (No. 77 Lamborghini Broward, winner): "Coming from qualifying, we had a little bit of understeer. So I was thinking, 'All right, we start the race with understeer, and we go to oversteer.' But it didn't really account for the grip that the LMP guys were putting down. So you started loose, and I was just trying to manage the rear tire. I turned up the traction control a little bit. When (Shinya) Michimi got behind me, I thought, 'All right, it's time to go and start pushing.' It was a beast to hold onto. But I enjoyed it. There's nothing like having a fun race car when you're running around a racetrack like this." (How did you complete this race without a cool suit?): "I'm actually training for my GP3 race in Sepang in 2 ½ weeks. I'm telling these guys: 'No, I won't need it. I'll be fine.' and they're like, 'Oh, yeah, you're going to need it.' And now I understand why."

CRAIG DUERSON (No. 10 Lamborghini Paramus, winner, Pro-Am): "It was a good race. Trent (Hindman) put in a good stint. Prestige gave us a really good car. I'm happy to be on the podium. I would have liked to have put up a bigger fight, but we have the championship mind. That's my goal – to get points. So I accomplished my goal, which was good."





TRENT HINDMAN (No. 10 Lamborghini Paramus, winner, Pro-Am): “A massive thank you to Prestige Performance and the Wayne Taylor Racing guys. They gave me a fantastic race car. They made some really good changes between qualifying and now, and I think that definitely showed in the first stint, to take the lead early and start pulling a gap before the yellow. After the yellow, I lost a little bit of balance in the car. But for the most part, I just wanted to make sure I gave Craig (Duerson) a car that was in one piece and had enough tire on it to last and make sure he could bring it home. It was a good points day for us and great to bring home another win in the Pro-Am class.”

LUIS RODRIGUEZ JR.: (No. 29 Lamborghini Carolinas, winner, Amateur): “It was a great race. I started out in the back, I think 11th or 12th, and I made it up to fourth (overall). I’m so excited about today. I closed the championship gap. It was really, really hot out there. I just had a great time today. I just can’t thank my team enough, and I can’t thank my family and girlfriend enough for being here.” (How do you manage the heat?): “It felt like it was a lot hotter here than VIR. Always here in Austin, it’s always hotter. Like they say here in Texas, everything is bigger and better.”

ROSS CHOUEST (No. 3 Lamborghini Miami, winner, Lamborghini Cup): “It’s going great. It felt a little bit hotter (than VIR). It was hot enough. It didn’t need to be any hotter. The track got a little greasy toward the end, and I made an error and spun out. But I was able to come back and catch up.” (How do you stay calm in the car after a spin?): “It’s a little challenging because you have to push to catch the pack. But at the same time, you don’t want to make another mistake and spin again. It’s a delicate balance, but the team did a great job. The car felt great. It was a fun race.” (You’re unbeaten this season in the class. Do you think about that?): “Yeah, for sure. I would like to do the whole North American season (unbeaten) and hopefully make a run at the World Final.”

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Laguna Seca	April 28-May 1
Watkins Glen International	June 29-July 1
Road America	Aug. 5-7
VIRginia International Raceway	Aug. 26-28
Circuit of the Americas	Sept. 14-16
Valencia (SP)	Dec. 1-2





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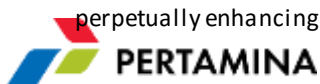
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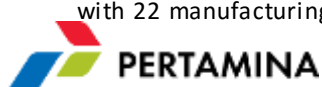
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