





**Press Release** 

# Michimi, Duerson, Hindman, Ockey, Chouest Celebrate Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America Titles at Valencia



- Craig Duerson, Trent Hindman prevail by two points in tight Pro-Am title race.
- Damon Ockey holds off Luis Rodriguez Jr. for Am championship.
- North American Champion Chouest caps superb season with World Championship.

VALENCIA, Spain (Dec. 6, 2016) - Craig Duerson, Trent Hindman and Damon Ockey secured Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America season titles Dec. 1-2 in the final two rounds of the season at Valencia, Spain, joining Shinya Michimi and Ross Chouest as 2016 class champions.

Duerson and Hindman combined to finish second and third, respectively, in Rounds 11 and 12 at Circuit Ricardo Tormo. That was enough to deliver the Pro-Am championship by just two points, 134-132, over Brandon Gdovic, who won both rounds at Valencia.

Ockey finished second and first, respectively, in the final two rounds to secure the Amateur championship, 144-131, over Luis Rodriguez Jr.

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Michimi and Chouest clinched the Pro and Lamborghini Cup season championships after Rounds 9 and 10 in September at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Chouest capped his fantastic season by also winning the World Championship in the Lamborghini Cup class during the World Final on Dec. 3-4 at Valencia.

Prestige Performance already clinched the Team Championship in September at Circuit of the Americas.

Series veteran Antinucci dominated en route to victory in the No. 116 entry representing Lamborghini Carolinas in the final two 50-minute rounds of the North American series season at Valencia.

Antinucci drove to a 39.765-second over Pro-Am class winner Gdovic in the No. 146 entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach in Round 11. Antinucci took the lead after the mid-race pit stops and never trailed thereafter.

Michimi overcame a late-race incident to climb from fifth to third, seizing the final overall spot on the podium and second in the Pro class in the No. 101 entry representing Lamborghini Paramus. Emmanuel Anassis rounded out the top three in the Pro class in the No. 118 entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach.

Duerson and Hindman finished second in Pro-Am in the No. 110 entry representing Lamborghini Paramus. The team of Patrick Kujala and Brian Thienes placed third in the Pro-Am class in the No. 117 entry representing Lamborghini Beverly Hills. They led the race overall before the first pit stops.

Rodriguez won the Amateur class in Round 11 in the No. 129 entry representing Lamborghini Carolinas. Ockey finished second in the No. 109 entry representing Lamborghini Calgary.

Chouest returned to his winning ways by taking first place in the Lamborghini Cup class in the No. 103 entry representing Lamborghini Miami. Shawn Lawless was second in the No. 127 entry representing Lamborghini Las Vegas, followed by Jackie Heinricher in the No. 157 entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach.

In Round 12, Antinucci never trailed other than during his mandatory pit stop and cruised to a 21.744-second victory over Michimi. The Asian series tandem of Toshiyuki Ochiai and Afiq Yazid finished third overall, as the North American and Asian series raced together on the 2.489-mile (4.005)











km) circuit in their respective final two rounds at Valencia.

Gdovic completed his sweep of the Pro-Am class during the event and finished fourth overall, holding off a charge by Kujala and Thienes, who placed second in class and fifth overall. Hindman and Duerson ended up third in the Pro-Am class race, with a season championship secured.

Ockey closed his championship season with an Amateur class victory in Round 12, followed by Rodriguez.

Lawless edged Chouest for the win in Lamborghini Cup in Round 12, with Heinricher rounding out the class podium for the second straight race.

The two rounds of racing at were part of the worldwide Super Trofeo action this weekend at Valencia Super Trofeo Europe and Asia also each contested their final two rounds of the season before drivers from all three series competed in the World Final.

Lamborghini and Blancpain provided world-class hospitality at Valencia for clients and guests of Lamborghini dealers.

The 2017 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America season starts May 4-6 at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. The 2017 World Final is scheduled for Nov. 16-19 at Imola, Italy, where the final two rounds of the North American series also will take place.

## **POST-RACE QUOTES**

SHINYA MICHIMI (No. 101 Lamborghini Paramus, 2016 Pro series champion): "I've really got to thank everyone at Prestige Performance. They've done a really good job. I've also got to thank IMSA for running the series. They've done a really good job with officiating. It was a dream season for me. I did all my karting in the United States, born and raised in the United States. When I switched the cars, I left for four years. My first year back, I get my first-ever championship. It's been really nice to do it in my home country."

**CRAIG DUERSON (No. 110 Lamborghini Paramus, 2016 Pro-Am series champion):** "I just have to thank Wayne Taylor Racing, Prestige Performance and the crew. This is a group effort. My co-driver, Trent. Shinya (Michimi) helped a lot with teaching us how to drive the car. It takes a whole team to pull this off. Even in adversity, we did a really good job of pulling together and collecting points. The goal was to win the











championship. I'm honored to be a part of this and look forward to doing it again."

TRENT HINDMAN (No. 110 Lamborghini Paramus, 2016 Pro-Am series champion): "Just a huge thank you to Prestige Performance. It was really a great season. We wish we could have made things a little bit less eventful here in Valencia. Wish we could have locked it up in COTA, but, hey, you can't be greedy about it. We're very proud and thankful for what we've done. It was pleasure working with Craig (Duerson) and Shinya (Michimi). I hope we can continue this."

ROSS CHOUEST (No. 103 Lamborghini Miami, 2016 Lamborghini Cup series champion and World Champion): "I want to thank my team, DXDT Racing. They gave me a great car all season. My coach, Aaron Povoledo, really helped prepare me for every race this season. We had a really successful season. Thanks to my sponsors, family and friends who came out to support me in Valencia. It didn't take a whole lot of convincing to get them to come to Spain, but it's nice to have the support here." (About 2017): "I'm looking forward to progressing and keep getting faster as a driver. I want to continue to get better each weekend. I look forward to stepping up and racing against better competition."

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