

ANDREA AMICI CLAIMS WIN IN HOT & EVENTFUL LAMBORGHINI BLANCPAIN SUPER TROFEO RACE AT PAUL RICARD

30 June 2012, Paul Ricard. The Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo is at Paul Ricard this weekend for rounds five and six of the 2012 European series. Hot conditions welcomed the teams and drivers in the South of France. Qualifying and the first race of the weekend took place on Saturday.

Qualifying, Saturday 30 June 2012

After two pole positions for the Touring Auto 2000 team in previous rounds, it was the Bonaldi Motorsport car of South African driver Adrian Zaugg that secured pole position for today's race.

With just under 15 minutes remaining in the session, Zaugg managed to beat the lap time set by Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter's Cédric Leimer. Leimer had taken provisional pole early in the session and then returned to the pit, saving his tyres and waiting for others to respond. When Zaugg improved Leimer's time, the Swiss driver returned to the track, but he was unable to improve and finished the session in second place. Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L.'s Andrea Amici was third, just five hundredths of a second behind Leimer.

Race 1, Saturday 30 June 2012

Andrea Amici won the first race of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo weekend at Paul Ricard this evening. The Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. driver started the race from third on the grid in an eventful race.

At the start Adrian Zaugg (#3) was able to keep Amici (#54) behind, but before the cars got onto the Mistral straight the Italian had passed the South African to take the lead. One lap later Zaugg was back in the lead and then pulled away from Amici, Bernard Delhez (#69) and Leonardo Geraci (#20). Cedric Leimer (#63), who had started the race from the pit, was already back into ninth place after two laps.

Patrick Louis, the CEO of Lotus F1 Team, had a short-lived campaign, retiring on lap 3 after a coming-together in the early stages of the race with car #22.

Zaugg increased his lead to over 10 seconds by the time the pit window opened. Behind him Leimer, Delhez and Geraci kept fighting for third place until making their pit stops. Having started 12th on the grid, guest driver David Hallyday, the French singer/songwriter, managed to get the #1 Automobili Lamborghini car into the top five, before handing over to Mario Fasanetto.

After all teams had made their pit stops, Zaugg had a 15 second lead over Amici and Geraci, with Dimitri Enjalbert (#69) setting the fastest lap times in an attempt to catch up with the leaders. In the following laps, however, Zaugg lost time and Amici, Geraci and Leimer managed to close in on the South African. With 12 minutes remaining Leimer managed to pass Geraci for third. One lap later Geraci was back in third and when Leimer spun his car, his chances of a podium finish seemed to have gone up in smoke.

A frantic final was what followed. Zaugg was given a track limit warning, followed by the message that he was under investigation for cutting turns 8 and 9. Shortly after that message, Zaugg went off, due to suspected brake issues. Despite exiting the car unaided, he was taken to the nearby La Ciotat Hospital, suffering from suspected heat exhaustion, for precautionary checks. At almost the same time Enjalbert's engine let go at the end of the Mistral straight, sending the French driver into a spin and out of the race.

With Zaugg now out of the race, it was Amici who inherited the lead and the Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L. driver went on to win the fifth race of the season. Geraci finished in second place overall and first in the AM category. Behind first and second a great last lap battle ended only on the finish line, with Leimer taking third place. Laurent Jenny (#67) and Mirko Zanardini (#11), both running in the Amateur category, finished within half a second of Leimer.



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Andrea Amici, #54

I had a good start to the race and I concentrated on keeping a good rhythm and to maintain my focus through all of the incidents and accidents - it was a busy race with lots happening. Then on the last lap of course I took the lead when Adrian (Zaugg) had his accident.

Leonardo Geraci, #20

The race this afternoon wasn't so good to start with, because I had an unscheduled pit stop because of some engine problems that dropped me two places, but I worked hard to retrieve the places and finishing second was a good result.

Cédric Leimer, #63

It was a dreadful start because we had an electrical problem and missed the grid, so I had to start from the pitlane. So it was pretty stressful, but we got going well and climbed right from the back to fourth place pretty quickly and we made it to the podium, so considering how it was at the beginning of the race, it was not a bad result to finish on the podium today.

David Hallyday, #1

For me, the race was pretty much about learning and trying to understand the car with Mario (Fasanetto). We had a good day, but I am sure we can be much quicker tomorrow, but I need to find the car first. So in some senses today was a little frustrating from a performance perspective, but it was nevertheless a lot of fun today out there - the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo is a great championship.

Notes to editors:

The 2012 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo season began in April, featuring the Lamborghini Super Trofeo: a lightweight version of the Gallardo LP 560-4. The Super Trofeo has a reworked chassis and a power output of 419 kW (570 hp) from its V10, 'Iniezione Diretta Stratificata' engine. The race car features Lamborghini's permanent four-wheel drive, making the Super Trofeo the only onemake, all-wheel drive motorsport series.

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.

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The one-make racing series visits circuits across Europe including Monza, Paul Ricard and Spa Francorchamps, as drivers compete at the wheel of 570hp V10 Lamborghini Super Trofeo race cars.

2012 CALENDAR

The European calendar is matched to the Blancpain Endurance Series:

Event 1: April 14 to 15 Monza, Italy

Event 2: June 2 to 3 Silverstone, UK

Event 3: June 30 to July 1 HTTT Paul Ricard, France

Event 4: July 26 to 28 Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium

Event 5: September 22 to 23 Nürburgring, Germany

Event 6: October 13 to 14 Navarra, Spain

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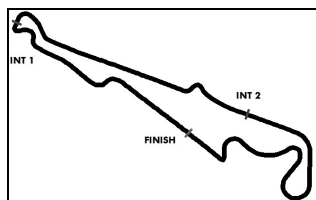
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Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo

Results Race 1

Provisional



Paul Ricard, Length: 5842 m

Air temperature: 28.8°C

Track temperature: 33.0°C

Weather condition: Dry

 **PAUL RICARD**
29 JUNE-1 JULY 2012

Saturday 30.6.2012 17:40

started : 18 classified : 15 not classified : 3

	Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1	54 A.Amici	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:29.094		149.8	9	2:15.113	155.7
2	20 L.Geraci(AM)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:33.987	4.893	149.5	8	2:15.058	155.7
3	63 C.Leimer	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:49.279	20.185	148.8	8	2:13.362	157.7
4	67 L.Jenny(AM)	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:49.511	20.417	148.8	14	2:15.594	155.1
5	11 A.Mame(AM)/M.Zanardini(AM)	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:49.835	20.741	148.8	20	2:15.641	155.1
6	1 D.Halliday/M.Fasanetto	Automobili Lamborghini	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	51:59.563	30.469	148.3	6	2:16.930	153.6
7	88 P.Charouz(AM)/A.Varvaroussis(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:00.430	31.336	148.3	17	2:15.539	155.2
8	22 M.Zucchi/A.Cola	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:08.566	39.472	147.9	16	2:15.930	154.7
9	72 R.Tanca(AM)	Autocarrozzeria Imperiale S.R.L	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:37.741	1:08.647	146.5	8	2:16.534	154.0
10	66 J.Urban(AM)/M.Urban(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:39.957	1:10.863	146.4	18	2:17.008	153.5
11	69 B.Delhez(AM)/D.Enjalbert	Touring Auto 2000 SRL	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	52:46.215	1:17.121	146.1	11	2:13.151	157.9
12	19 H.Leimer(AM)/M.Mhitarian(AM)	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	22	53:40.287	2:11.193	143.7	8	2:16.627	153.9
13	55 A.Barcak(AM)/P.Hes(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	52:16.013	1 LAP	140.8	12	2:17.503	153.0
14	12 G.Lhoste(AM)/P.Barou(AM)	Autovitesse Garage R. Affolter	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	21	52:31.613	1 LAP	140.1	8	2:16.680	153.9
15	3 A.Zaugg	Bonaldi Motorsport	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	19	44:22.560	3LAPS	150.1	5	2:13.819	157.2
not classified										
	77 J.Knoll(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	15	36:23.736	7LAPS	144.5	10	2:16.301	154.3
	99 P.Louis(AM)/T.Kral(AM)	Heico-Gravity-Charouz-Team(CZE)	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	3	8:13.834	19LAPS	127.8	2	2:19.187	151.1
	58 V.Zoboli(AM)	Touring Auto 2000 SRL	Lamborghini Gallardo LP560	2	4:57.890	20LAPS	141.2	2	2:21.640	148.5

Fastest lap of the race. Car 69 driver Enjalbert on lap 11. Time 2:13.151, average speed 157.9 km/h.

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