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**Sofronas Edges Conway In Electrifying Opening Race at Calabogie** James Sofronas wins Round 5 of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Series in closely fought contest

**Calabogie Motorsports Park, ON Canada, Friday 6**<sup>th</sup> **September 2013.** James Sofronas of Lamborghini Beverly Hills and GMG Racing won a pulsating Fifth Round of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo Series ahead of Kevin Conway. The two fastest qualifiers of the weekend went toe-to-toe from lap 1, as Conway representing Lamborghini Carolinas and Change Racing, took the lead from second position, going into turn one. In his distinctive black and orange #29 car, Conway held onto the lead until lap 9, where Sofronas ducked inside on turn 8, retaking first place. Sofronas' lead was short lived as Conway regained top spot as the two came close to contact exiting the pit-lane, following the mandatory 45second stop. There was to be a final twist as Sofronas took advantage of Conway's apparent lack of grip, and powered home to take the checkered flag.

Sofronas said, "I had great battle with Kevin from the drop of the green flag which continued throughout the race. Hats off to the GMG crew, as they prepped the car fantastically and I was able to take advantage of better traction. I'd like to dedicate the win to Tom O'Gara and Parris Mullins from Lamborghini Beverly Hills and Jeff Kreitzman at Forgiato Wheel for giving me the opportunity to race."

Kevin Conway added, "It was an amazing fight with James from the start. It was great to be dicing with a driver of his quality. We probably went too hard too early and lost a bit of grip towards the end but the entire Change Racing Team did a great job as usual and we've got some insight on how we can improve tomorrow. We're pleased to get the points in the bag and extend our Championship lead and I'm looking forward to getting back out on this great Calabogie circuit."

There were other notable performers with series new comers Anthony Mantella and JF Dumoulin representing Lamborghini Toronto and SpeedMerchants taking third on home soil. Parris Mullins of Lamborghini Beverly Hills and GMG Racing continued to impress as he took the winning Amateur spot ahead of team mate Tom O'Gara.

The action continues on Sunday amidst the stunning Ontario surroundings of Calabogie Motorsports Park, for Round 6 of the inaugural North American Lamborghinin Blancpain Super Trofeo Series. And the race promises to enthrall, with teams and drivers eager to improve their series standings on a circuit that is as demanding as it is exciting.

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## Fast Facts

Cars based on Light weight LP 570-4 Gallardo
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.

07/08 September

The racing calendar for this season is: Lime Rock Park, CT (ALMS) Kansas Speedway GRAND-AM **Calabogie, Canada IMSA** Virginia International Raceway AMLS Fontana, California

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

05/06 July

16/17 August

03/05 October

18/19 October



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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 testdrive 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<sup>™</sup> 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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