





# **Press Release**

# Michimi Stays Hot with Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America Round 7 Victory at VIRginia International Raceway

- Shinya Michimi earned his fifth win in seven races in the No. 1 Prestige Performance Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo LP 620-2.
- Josh Norman earned his career-best finish in the series with a secondplace overall finish.
- Yufeng Luo earned a podium in his series debut with co-driver Richard Antinucci.

**DANVILLE, Va. (Aug. 27, 2016) –** Shinya Michimi earned his fifth victory in seven races this season by taking the checkered flag Saturday in Round 7 of the Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo North America at VIRginia International Raceway.

Michimi took the 9.091-second victory in the No. 1 Prestige Performance entry representing Lamborghini Paramus over Josh Norman in a race that had its tone set by extreme temperatures and a lengthy yellow flag six minutes after the start.

"I can't really compare the car with the conditions because it's (my) first time here at the track," Michimi said. "The track is really nice, really smooth. It makes the lines interesting because you can run three different lines in different sections and end up with the same lap times."

Michimi started the race in second position after the first start was waved off, behind Richard Antinucci in the No. 17 US RaceTronics entry representing Lamborghini Beverly Hills. On the start, the running order stayed true, with Antinucci leading followed by Michimi and Trent Hindman in the No. 10 Prestige Performance entry representing Lamborghini Paramus.

That trio and Damon Ockey, who had a great start by picking up two spots, looked to be pulling a gap on the field before an incident at the six-minute mark brought out a full course yellow.

The No. 26 driven by series rookie Steve Johnson dropped a wheel coming out of Turn 17 and veered across the track, making a hard impact with the

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wall on the driver's right. There was extensive cleanup for the next 10 minutes, cutting into the first stint time of teams with co-drivers.

Four minutes after the field went back to green, the mandatory pit window opened, and teams began making their stops. The shortened green flag racing period in the first half of the race altered pit strategies slightly for some teams.

Antinucci, the Pro driver in the No. 17 US RaceTronics Pro-Am entry, stayed out as long as possible to turn quick laps and give his teammate Yufeng Luo a gap.

After the pit stops cycled through over the next 10 minutes, Luo retained the lead for the No. 17, with Michimi closing quickly. With 20 minutes remaining, Michimi took the lead from Luo in Turn 1.

Michimi then turned on the afterburners and extended his lead, lap after lap, to as much as 18 seconds. No one could catch him, but the rest of the field got their chance with seven minutes remaining when a caution was triggered by Jackie Heinricher going off course in Turn 5 in the No. 57 DAC Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach.

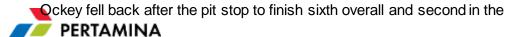
The field bunched, but Michimi was no match on the restart, pulling away immediately and growing his gap to 9.091 seconds over the next five minutes to take his fifth victory of the season.

Josh Norman, in only his second solo race in the series, made a late push to overtake Luo to finish second overall in the No. 71 Change Racing entry representing Lamborghini Carolinas. It was Norman's best finish in the series in his two seasons. He was also the top Amateur finisher.

Luo held on to finish third overall and first in Pro-Am with teammate Antinucci.

Brandon Gdovic followed up an overall second-place finish at Road America with a fourth-place overall finish, also ending up second in the Pro-Am division in the No. 46 DAC Motorsports entry representing Lamborghini Palm Beach.

Hindman and Duerson rounded out the Pro-Am podium with a third-place finish and finished fifth overall in the No. 10 Prestige Performance entry representing Lamborghini Paramus.











Amateur division in the No. 09 US RaceTronics entry representing Lamborghini Calgary. Joel Janco and Jonatan Jorge earned their first podium finish of the season with a third-place Amateur finish in the No. 66 TRG-Lamborghini entry representing Lamborghini Lamborghini Los Gatos.

Ross Chouest extended his streak to seven class wins in a row in the Lamborghini Cup division. Chouest has taken pole and won every race this season in the No. 3 DXDT Racing entry representing Lamborghini Miami.

Shawn Lawless finished second in Lamborghini Cup in the No. 27 Dream Racing Motorsport entry representing Lamborghini Las Vegas. Will James rounded out the Lamborghini Cup podium with a third-place finish in the No. 11 eXclaim Racing/Migliore Motorsports.

The second and final race of the weekend will start at 9:50 a.m. (ET) Sunday. The race will be live streamed at motortrendondemand.com and on squadracorse.lamborghini.com/ive-streaming.

# **POST-RACE QUOTES**

SHINYA MICHIMI (No. 1 Lamborghini Paramus, winner): "I want to thank all of the corner workers, fans and motorsport enthusiasts that are out here. They are suffering through this (heat) just as much as we are. I have to thank all of the guys. We kept up with Richie (Antinucci) in the beginning and just didn't have enough laps to make a move on him. We were able to get them right after the pit stops, and from there it was just putting down the laps. I hope everyone has their thoughts with those (earthquake victims) in Italy. I can't really compare the car with the conditions because it's (my) first time here at the track. The track is really nice, really smooth. It makes the lines interesting because you can run three different lines in different sections and end up with the same lap times. Because the pit window closes in our races, there's not a lot you can do strategy-wise. If it closes mid-pit window, that changes things, but here we kept pretty much the same strategy except we stayed out a lap longer to try and build a gap."

**RICHARD ANTINUCCI (No. 17 Lamborghini Beverly Hills, winner, Pro-Am):** "The track is really good. Since it's new asphalt, it gets more and more rubbered in. It was a little bit cooler today, and I think we could have gotten as fast as qualifying. But I did two laps, and my teammate did a great rookie race. I'm really proud of him. And we won in our class, so it was a good day! And congrats to Michimi and Josh Norman, as well."

YUFENG LUO (No. 17 Lamborghini Beverly Hills, winner, Pro-Am): "I ended up making a lot of mistakes. I was still a little nervous coming into this PERTAMINA









race. I've never done any driver changes or anything like that, so I was anxious to get going. I made some minor mistakes, and we were able to hold on. It's awesome to get the podium, but I have to give major props to Richie (Antinucci). I don't have the pace he did, so it was a lot of thanks to him."

JOSH NORMAN (No. 71 Lamborghini Carolinas, winner, Amateur): "It's very hot. You just kind of had to deal with it. I'm very happy with the result. Second overall is my best-ever finish in this series, running it for a year and a half. The team gave me a great car. Didn't put a wheel wrong all weekend. My competitors drove a great race. I got lucky in traffic with two laps to go to get second from third. Everything fell into place. I'm very happy." (Did you need to adjust your driving style driving for the entire race?): "It's normally not a big difference except here it's so hot. That's just the biggest thing. But as far as mental endurance goes, it's fine. Fifty minutes in the car is not very long."

# ROSS CHOUEST (No. 3 Lamborghini Miami, winner, Lamborghini Cup):

"Conditions were really hot and humid out there. Everybody was battling under the same conditions, but definitely fatigue played a factor at the end for a lot of drivers." (About field bunching under last caution period): "I was a little concerned. Surprisingly, I turned some of my fastest laps toward the very end, which is somewhat characteristic of me. Usually it takes me awhile to get going."

# Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo – North America 2016 Calendar

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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Valencia (SP) Dec. 3-4

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