

Lamborghini World Finals: Agostini and Hindman win American title

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Riccardo Agostini and Trent Hindman claimed their fifth victory of the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America season to make sure of winning the Pro title at Imola.

With nearest rival Richard Antinucci not racing in the North American series during the World Final meeting in Italy, Prestige Performance/Wayne Taylor Racing drivers Agostini and Hindman were effectively guaranteed the crown before the race - but their win makes them mathematically uncatchable.

Agostini started from pole position but both he and Jeroen Mul, making a guest appearance in the series, were caught napping by fourth-place starter Edoardo Piscopo at the start.

Piscopo sliced between the pair at the start to take the lead before the Tamburello chicane.

But Agostini repassed him before the end of the lap then started to pull away rapidly.

Although Pro-Am leader Piscopo did briefly fight back as Agostini started to hit traffic, when the leader made his pitstop to hand over to Hindman around half-distance he had a lead of 7.5 seconds.

Piscopo pitted on the same lap to hand over to Am driver Taylor Proto, with the duo retaining second place ahead of Mul.

But it didn't take long for Mul to pass Proto for second place, by which time he was over 16s behind Hindman.

The deployment of the safety car after Sheena Monk parked in the gravel with just over 18 minutes of the 50-minute race remaining closed things up.

At the restart with 11 minutes left, Hindman resisted Mul on the run to Tamburello to hold the lead.

He stayed there to the finish, crossing the line 2.213s seconds ahead of Mul.

Brandon Gdovic, who ran fifth early on but jumped the Michele Beretta/Katherine Legge car in the pitstop sequence, finished third after passing Proto just before the safety car. This despite a half-second time penalty for a pitstop time infringement.

Austin Versteeg passed Proto into Tamburello to secure fourth place and Pro-Am victory and take the category points lead by two points with three minutes remaining.

Yuki Harata won the Am class in sixth ahead of Lamborghini Cup winner Ryan Hardwick.