

Lamborghini World Final: Agostini/Hindman win, clinch NA 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.

With nearest rival Richard Antinucci not racing in the North American series during the World Final meeting at Imola, the Prestige Performance/Wayne Taylor Racing duo was 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.

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

But Agostini re-passed him before the end of the lap before starting to pull away rapidly in the subsequent laps.

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 after 14 laps he had a lead of 7.5s.

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 16 seconds behind Hindman.

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

The race restarted with just under 11 minutes to go, with Hindman holding off 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.

Gdovic, who ran fifth early on but jumped Beretta/Legge in the pitstop sequence, finished third after passing Proto just before the safety car. This was 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.