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Lamborghini World Final: Agostini/Hindman secure Pro title



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Trent Hindman and Riccardo Agostini sealed the Lamborghini Super Trofeo World Final crown with fifth place in the second Pro and Pro-Am race at Imola.

Raphael Abbate and Yuki Nemoto won the race by 7.474s from first-stint leader Rik Breukers and Axcil Jefferies, after Super Trofeo Europe championship-winning pairing Mikael Grenier and Loris Spinelli lost second on the road thanks to a 20-second time penalty.

Had the duo finished second, they would have won the World Final, but Gernier's seventh-lap clash with Jonathan Cecotto at Tosa meant they spent the second half of the race knowing there would be a penalty. When applied, it dropped the pair to seventh in the classification.

Breukers led the first stint from pole position with Abbate chasing him, but shortly after they had stopped to hand over to their co-drivers Nemoto passed Jefferies for the de facto race lead at Tamburello.

Once the pitstops were complete and Nemoto had cycled back into the lead, he built a comfortable lead to the chequered flag. But victory was only good enough to secure second in the World Final.

Spinelli and Dennis Lind followed Nemoto past Jefferies. But Lind retired after being forced onto the grass on the run out of Tosa by Spinelli and slapping the wall.

This, combined with Spinelli's time penalty, allowed Jefferies to finish second.

Richard Antinucci, sharing with Patrick Kujala, held off Kei Cozzolino for third place, the latter passing Agostini in the closing stages.

Agostini was a comfortable fifth ahead of Jeroen Mul, sharing with Austin Versteeg.

Toby Sowery had run as high as second after a battling first stint before handing over to Artur Janosz, but the duo ended up 10th behind Jan Kisiel and Morgan Haber after a clash with Cozzolino.

Nicolas Gomar and Lucas Mauron won the Pro-Am class in 11th place ahead of Niels Lagrange and Pieter

But Edoardo Piscopo's last-lap pass on Kelvin Snoeks ensured he and teammate Taylor Proto, who lost ground with an early spin, won the Pro-Am class of the World final overall.