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Lewandowski secures title with double class win D’Auria and Tribaudini end European season with podium finish

European Lamborghini Super Trofeo - Round 6, Portimao

The final round of the European Lamborghini Super Trofeo Championship was held at Portimao this week. Forty-two cars were entered for the season finale double header with VSR fielding an unchanged line-up – D’Auria and Tribaudini in the number 6 Pro car, Colombini and Zonzini in the number 78 Pro-Am Eccentrica liveried car and Lewandowski in the number 60 Am car.



#60 – Andrzej Lewandowski (photo by Fotospeedy)

Two class pole positions in the Thursday afternoon qualifying sessions put Lewandowski back in the lead of the Am standings. He started race one from the fifth row, two rows clear of his main rival Rindone who trailed him by just one point as the cars lined up for the penultimate race of the European season. Tribaudini started one row ahead of Lewandowski after setting the seventh fastest time overall and Colombini lined up on row eleven. Overnight rain left the circuit wet but drying and after an aborted start the race finally got underway with all cars on wet tyres. Tribaudini made an excellent start, rocketing into fifth place from where he challenged Liberati for fourth until a tyre explosion as the pit window opened ended his race. Colombini made a good start too, gaining five places on the first lap and a further two positions before pitting on lap eleven for Zonzini. Lewandowski enjoyed a fierce battle at the head of the Am field, getting the better of Abkhazava on lap five and pulling away. A smooth

pit-stop on lap thirteen saw him retain the class lead and he cruised to the flag to take his fifth class win of the season and extend his Championship lead to twelve points over Rindone. Zonzini charged through his stint and bought the Pro-Am car home in eighth place, fifth in Pro-Am after a last lap pass on Ryba.



#6 – Jean-Luc D’Auria & Stephane Tribaudini (photo by Fotospeedy)

For the final race all three of the VSR cars started in the top ten. D’Auria qualified the Pro car on the second row with Zonzini one place behind him and Lewandowski started tenth. The Safety Car was called out immediately after the start for a multi-car crash at turn five. Racing resumed on lap five with D’Auria fourth, Zonzini seventh and Lewandowski tenth. Zonzini and Lewandowski gained a place when Weering pushed Lemeret off track and on lap ten the pit window opened. Lewandowski was the first of the VSR cars to stop, followed by D’Auria who handed fourth place over to Tribaudini and then Zonzini who gave the Pro-Am car to Colombini in sixth place, second in class. Tribaudini fought for most of his stint with Bonduel, the pair passing and repassing each other several times before the chequered flag. Tribaudini finished the race just six tenths behind Bonduel, aware that the BDR car had a one second penalty which would push him down to fourth. Third place on the road for Tribaudini became second in the points due to the Wild Card entry which finished ahead of them, sealing fourth place in the Pro Championship for the VSR pair. Colombini put up a valiant fight as the Pro cars caught him and took the flag in ninth place, fourth in Pro-Am and just ahead of Am winner Lewandowski. A calm and collected performance from the Polish VSR driver allowed him to take his second victory of the event and collect the AM title with a fifteen point advantage over Rindone.



#78 – Emanuel Colombini & Emanuele Zonzini (photo by Fotospeedy)

Lewandowski's title is his fifth with VSR and Lamborghini and the team's sixth Super Trofeo Championship. Lamborghini Super Trofeo racing continues this weekend with the Grand Finals.

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