

Super Trofeo: Armaan Ebrahim and Anindith Reddy score two class podiums at Sepang



The new all-Indian pair of Armaan Ebrahim and Anindith Reddy in the Pro class of the 2018 Lamborghini Super Trofeo Asia series started off finishing ninth and second respectively in the two practice sessions at the Sepang circuit in Malaysia.

With Ebrahim driving the Top Speed Racing Lamborghini Huracan Super Evo car in Qualifying 1, the Indian finished third with a time of 2m03.856s for Race 1, which was 0.493s away from pole-sitter #63 FFF Racing Team pair of Andrea Amici and Artur Janosz, while sister #19 car of Jack Bartholomew and James Pull were second.

For his first-ever qualifying session in the one-make series, Reddy finished eighth overall and fourth in Pro class with a time of 2m06.243s. Pole went to #2 Leipert of Ben Gersekowski & Richard Muscat from sister #33 car of Mikko Eskelinen & Juuso Puhakka and third was #19 FFF Racing of Bartholomew and Pull for Race 2.

Race 1

The opening race of the 2018 season saw a dominating performance by the pole-sitting #63 car of Amici and Janosz. The latter had a perfect start to lead the way, but behind the #2 car moved into second after the #19 car bogged down, while Ebrahim stayed third in his #27 Lamborghini.

With Janosz already creating some gap, the Indian was not far off from the #2 car until it was forced into a retirement with a suspected suspension failure. This promoted Ebrahim into second, but the Indian couldn't claw hugely into Janosz' lead.

The lead was huge enough that even the pit stops didn't matter hugely as Amici returned and extended it further from now second placed Reddy. The Hyderabad-born driver was unfazed though as he managed his race well on debut – only his second international race as well.

In the end, Amici won it comfortably by 29.626s margin, but most importantly Reddy managed to stay ahead of the fighting pair of #68 Gama Racing's Evan Chen and Achiro Asai and the #recovering #19 Bartholomew and Pull, but the former managed to take third by just the 0.731s margin.

Race 2

It was Reddy's turn to start in the second race on Sunday. The multiple Indian National Champion had a good run to be sixth in the opening stages while defending from the #68 driver Asai.

The Japanese driver was on Reddy's tail for majority of the stint in the battle for sixth. Reddy was first to pit when the window opened, with Ebrahim taking over and having to endure the same pressure as Asai's teammate Chen also got on his tail.

Both gained a position though after pit stop to be fifth and sixth respectively, but Chen was unable to find any place to overtake Ebrahim - finishing just the 0.456s behind the Indian pair after a race long fight.

For Ebrahim and Reddy, it was their second Pro class podium, following on from second place overall in Race 1