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Scott Tucker, owner and driver for Level 5 Motorsports, has made history this weekend at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs. By taking the victory lap, he nabbed his third consecutive SCCA titles, an historical feat that only a select few drivers have ever accomplished.

During 2009, the Runoffs classic occurred the first time in Elkhart Lake, Wisc., its sixth place since it began. The area was in close proximity to Level 5 Motorsports' home base in Madison, Wisc. The team, which Tucker started in 2008, had been young but had enjoyed some terrific accomplishment already in the 2009 season. Tucker competed and won in the Hawk Performance Touring 1 race.

His No. 55 Ferrari 430 Challenge had the pole position to begin, and then he led the T1 field through turn one. In turn 2, he lost the top placement to rival John Buttermore, of Pontiac, Mich., who eventually makes podium behind Tucker. Tucker was hot on the tail of Buttermore's Nearbrook Motorsports Chevrolet Corvette, keeping his 2nd place standing even with pressure from behind in driver Lance Knupp of Fenton, Mich., the 3rd driver to eventually reach the podium that day.

The top three drivers fought it out throughout the race. Tucker followed Buttermore closely, waiting for an opportunity to overtake him. In turn five, Buttermore's mistake became Tucker's window, and Tucker passed him to regain the lead in lap four, just before turn six.

Tucker didn't look back for the remainder of the 13-lap, 52-mile race. As soon as he crossed the checkered flag, Tucker had sped to a 1.42-second lead for the first place finish in his first Runoffs appearance. Along the way, he recorded the quickest lap of the race, with a 2:22.000 lap while in the competition.

"Both Buttermore and Knupp were formidable competitors for the duration of the race," Tucker said. "I was caught sleeping for a second there, when Buttermore overtook me, but he got a little wide in turn five, and I was able to take advantage of that. It really could have been anyone's podium today; both of those guys put up strong, consistent races. I had to be continuously focused because I knew if I made a mistake, either one of them would be right there to pick it up."

Soon after Tucker overtook Buttermore, the Chevrolet lost stability as a result of braking, which helped Knupp's No. 37 Dodge Viper to operate into the second-place spot. Even as Buttermore decelerated the pace, he still achieved the third-place podium finish.

In '09, Tucker had been in the middle of proving himself a top-notch driver in just his 3rd yr of professional racing. His decisive victory at the Runoffs, considered one of the very best sports vehicle races on the planet, added to his growing number of victories in '09. Going into this year's Runoffs, Tucker was a different driver; he had not only two Runoffs wins under his belt, but a variety of other first-place and podium finishes from 5 various racing series. The 2009 SCCA Runoffs at Elkhart Lake, Wisc., were the start of 2 years of intense achievements for Tucker and the Level 5 Motorsports team.

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