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Finch Takes GT-2 National Championship For Sixth Title

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LEXINGTON, Ohio (Sept. 24, 2004) – David Finch, of Ann Arbor, Mich., captured his sixth National Championship Friday, taking the GT-2 class win at the 2004 SCCA National Championship Runoffs Presented by Kohler at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Jim Goughary, of Houston, Texas, and Duane Davis, of Camas, Wash., completed the top three.



David Finch in his familiar Porsche (Weber Image)

Driving the No. 66 Bosch/Red Line Oil Porsche 944, Finch started from the pole and led flag-to-flag for his first National Championship since 2000. Finch slowly pulled away from Goughary's Nissan from the middle of the race to the end, winning by 4.087 seconds and averaging 87.559 mph. Finch also set a new fast race lap record of 1:29.082 (91.251 mph).

"I missed a shift at the start and Jim [Goughary] got a little bit ahead," said Finch. "But, he was a gentleman and did not squeeze me. I was able to get back under him for first. We just went from there. Last year was very disappointing for a number of reasons. This certainly made up for it."

Gerry mason, of Fishers, Ind., and Terry Gilles, of Avon Lake, Ohio, completed the top five.

Now in its 41st year, the SCCA National Championship Runoffs annually crown the best amateur road racers in North America Champions. More than 700 competitors have gathered this year to battle for 24 class titles this year, with eight races being run each day from Friday through Sunday.

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