

Watkins Glen Ferrari Challenge Race 1

September 4, 2010

Ferrari Challenge race one at the Ferrari Club of America "*The Art of Ferrari*" weekend at Watkins Glen International Raceway began under overcast skies with Enzo Potolicchio, racing for The Collection, on the pole after the morning qualifying session was rained out. The starting grid was determined by the season-to-date point standings. With Scott Tucker from Boardwalk Ferrari and Francesco Piovannetti from The Collection tied for second in points and starting second and third, Potolicchio had his work cut out for him from lap one.

Potolicchio kept the lead into turn one and held the lead until lap 16 when Tucker managed to slip past going into turn 8. Tucker's lead was short lived as Potolicchio regained the lead entering turn 1 on the next lap and held it to the end. A last lap, last corner effort by Tucker fell short by 0.185 seconds for one of the closest finishes in Ferrari Challenge history.

Harry Cheung from Ferrari of Silicon Valley and rookie driver Darren Crystal from Ferrari of Houston managed third and fourth just out of touch with the leaders.

Further back in the pack a spirited battle took place between Piovannetti, Rob Metka from Ferrari of Ontario, and Guy Leclerc also from Ferrari of Ontario for fifth, sixth, and seventh. A minor slip by Leclerc dropped him to ninth overall while Metka managed sixth and Piovannetti finished eighth.

Michael Louli, long time Ferrari Challenge competitor from Ferrari of Ontario, was the hard charger of this race, starting eleventh and improving five positions to finish sixth.

Watkins Glen Ferrari Challenge Race 2

September 5, 2010

Ferrari Challenge race two at the Ferrari Club of America "*The Art of Ferrari*" weekend at Watkins Glen International Raceway began with a familiar front row following a spirited qualifying session. Enzo Potolicchio driving for The Collection set a new Ferrari Challenge course record with a lap time of 1:55.740, an average speed of 108.243 miles per hour. Scott Tucker from Boardwalk Ferrari was second with a time of 1:56.664 and an average speed of 107.385 miles per hour.

The race down to turn one was won by Potolicchio who led from the green flag to the checkered flag. The victory clinched the season championship for Potolicchio.

Scott Tucker ran the fastest lap of the race on lap nineteen in a futile attempt to catch Potolicchio. Harry Cheung from Ferrari of Silicon Valley ran a very strong third.

Further back in the field an intense battle was fought between Ryan Ockey racing for Ferrari of Ontario, Darren Crystal from Ferrari of Houston, Rob Metka from Ferrari of Ontario, Francesco Piovannetti from The Collection, and Guy Leclerc from Ferrari of Ontario. The five drivers made several passes back and forth. The final result had Crystal fourth, Leclerc fifth, Metka sixth, Ockey seventh, David Knobel from Ferrari of Fort Lauderdale eighth, and Piovannetti ninth.

The Ferrari Challenge series now moves to the International Finals in Valencia, Spain, November 25-28, 2010.