

Scott Tucker and Level 5 Motorsports Embrace New Year and New Racing Season

Pre-season preparation has begun for as first American Le Mans Series event is quickly approaching for ALMS Champions Scott Tucker and Level 5 Motorsports.

Madison, Wisconsin ([PRWEB](#)) January 05, 2013 -- While January 1 marked the new year for most people, Scott Tucker and his Level 5 Motorsports team anticipate the American Le Mans Series race season opener at Sebring International Raceway in March as the start of a new racing calendar. With the race just 70 days away, the team can call on its experience and success in the race as they begin the preparations for the new season.

Tucker, now a nine-time national driving champion, joined Level 5 Motorsports teammates Christophe Bouchut and Joao Barbosa to begin the 2012 season on the top step of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón P2 podium in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring fueled by Fresh from Florida in March.

The ALMS P2 class win for the No. 055 Alpina Watches-sponsored Honda Performance Development ARX-03b didn't come without its challenges, as an accident in the Friday qualifying resulted in the David Stone-led team pulling an all-nighter to get its prototype ready for the season-opening race.

While it was Level 5's No. 95 HPD of Tucker, Luis Diaz and Ryan Hunter-Reay that paced the opening stages of the race, an error by a GTC Porsche in the fourth hour knocked the IndyCar star out of the lead and ultimately brought an early end for the team's second entry.

"It was a great effort by everybody," Tucker, from Johnson County, Kansas, said following the race. "To get a top-five finish overall and winning the ALMS class, and mixing it in the WEC battle was incredible. While there were a couple of different races going on at the same time, we focused on the ALMS prize. It was our third straight win at Sebring, which makes me real proud of the entire team's achievement."

With its fourth-place overall result, Level 5 was the highest-placed American Le Mans Series finisher. It was an even more impressive accomplishment considering the level of competition from the more powerful LMP1 category, which had 11 entries, including three factory Audis prototypes.

That success propelled Scott Tucker and Level 5 to the top of the class point standings where they ultimately finished the season. With the start of the 2013 season quickly approaching, the team is relying on its experience as it begins a new year and embraces the new challenge ahead.



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