



WORDS Richard S. James and Jeff Zurschmeide | IMAGES Jeff Loewe

AMERICAN SEDAN, B-SPEC, SUPER TOURING UNDER, SUPER TOURING LITE

PODIUM PREDICTIONS	
AMERICAN SEDAN	
1. B. Clark Cambern	
2. Gregory Eaton	3
3. James Jost	1
B-SPEC	
1. Steve Introne	1
2. David Daughtery	11
3. Richard Hromin	
SUPER TOURING UNDER	
1. Chip Herr	
2. Johan Schwartz	
3. Joe Moser	4
SUPER TOURING LITE	
1. Danny Steyn	3
2. Joe Moser	4
3. Jose Osiris Pena	

AMERICAN SEDAN

The American Sedan race at the 2022 Runoffs was rough as the big iron battled Hurricane Ian's rain in addition to a tough competitive field. Polesitter Kurt Rezzetano described conditions to be "like driving on ice." At the end, it was Greg Eaton who claimed the championship, followed by Clark Cambern and Rezzetano.

This year, the grapevine says Rezzetano is not coming back to AS, and it's unclear whether Eaton will use his champion's invite to return. As of early August, he had not entered. On the other hand, Cambern has

"Other things keep me awake, but not whether I'm going to win or lose the Runoffs."
CLARK CAMBERN

been working on his No. 78 Dodge Challenger and he sleeps well at night.

"Other things keep me up at night," Cambern laughs, "but not whether I'm going to win or lose the Runoffs."

Handicapping the competition, though, there are plenty of other drivers who could give Cambern a real race.

"Daniel Richardson will be really quick," he says. "Eaton will be quick

if he enters. Amy and Beth Aquilante will be there. They had a straight-line speed disadvantage last year."

In addition, eight-time National Champion Andy McDermid will be there, and he's always a strong force in any American Sedan race.

Still, Cambern believes he has the package to win...maybe.

"This year I think we found quite a bit more one-lap pace, but we've also been struggling a little bit with reliability stuff," he says. "We've had an ongoing engine control problem, and that honestly is my biggest concern at this point. I think I understand what's happening, but I don't know."



HORSES FOR COURSES

(FAR LEFT) If it keeps ticking all the way through, Clark Cambern's potent Dodge Challenger (78) should take home American Sedan gold. But behind him, fighting will be fierce, featuring three-time National Champion Gregory Eaton, 2021 Runoffs winner James Jost (14, LEFT) and others.



Introne is our pick to win again, but the path to victory in 2023 could be a challenge for a couple of reasons.

"I think for Rich Hromin [or me] to win, we've got to have a really, really good race and drive harder than we did last year," Introne says. "I think we'll be up front, but there are others you've got to worry about. I think the Mazda contingent is going to be a real challenge—Riley Salyer, Dave Daughtery, Matt Wolfe, and there's some guy out of Texas named McClughan, who I don't know but I guess he's been doing pretty good."

The Texan riding into town for a showdown is 2008 Showroom Stock C champion Joe McClughan, who's been absent from the Runoffs since 2012, but is a strong contender.

As always in B-Spec, it'll be close.



SUPER TOURING LITE

Danny Steyn has won Super Touring Lite three times in the last five years, and won at VIR in 2019. He's developed his Mazda MX-5 into a rock-solid reliable machine, last year's gearbox episode aside.

With no problems, it's going to take a bit of luck for anyone else to win an STL title. However, Steyn is the first to admit that Joe Moser (Honda CRX), who took the National Championship at Road America in 2021, is a threat.

"I think that he will be the overdog," claims Steyn. "I was against that car at Sebring, and I had nothing for it, nothing at all. If his car stays together, and he drives as well as he does, he's the clear favorite in my opinion."

Steyn, though, has won at VIR, and Moser hasn't in STL. Greg Maloy won last year, but Maloy won't be back as

"I think Joe Moser will be the overdog [in STL]. He's the clear favorite in my opinion."
DANNY STEYN

of this writing. As for another threat for the podium, Steyn is quick to mention Jose Osiris Pena (another CRX) as a contender. Others to look out for include Max Gee, Alan Cross and Amy Mills.

SUPER TOURING UNDER

Chip Herr had this one yanked out from under him last year as he was charging through the field in a borrowed Subaru. This year, his ex-World Challenge Audi A4 is well prepared, fast, and apparently reliable, and Herr has what it takes to get the job done.

And, if it rains, it shouldn't even be a contest.

"We've been working really, really hard on getting the car better every single race, and we've been doing a lot of development. These guys have so much technology and stuff that we're trying. I just put a new wing on the car, and I can see the difference. There are little things...lighter; maybe, hopefully, faster," Herr says.

Herr points to the Porsche power and talent wielded by Johan Schwartz, who had the pole last year. And he knows what Joe Moser and his light little CRX can do. Darin Treakle is capable of pulling off a surprise as well.

There is such a variety of machinery in this class that it's hard to make predictions, but Mark Liller in his Dodge Neon SRT-4, Anthony Geraci and his Lotus Exige, Jorge Ortiz (Honda Civic) and Jose Osiris Pena (Toyota GT86) are all capable of landing on the podium. 🍀

B-SPEC

B-Spec again has a healthy number of entries for this year's 60th SCCA Runoffs, with 21 drivers registered by the first week of August, and more expected. The class has benefited from a concerted effort by its member drivers to fill the grid and interest new and veteran competitors in the low-cost, low-power appeal of the class.

Last year, Steve Introne arrived with a plan to win, and he stuck to that plan all the way from the Tire Rack pole position to the top step of the podium, leading Richard Hromin and 11-time National Champion David Daughtery at the close of the race.

SUPER MEN

(ABOVE, CENTER) Can Steve Introne (12) repeat in B-Spec? Our pundits think so. (ABOVE) Our STL and STU top picks Danny Steyn (9) and Chip Herr (18) were on track together often this summer, but have separate paths to pursue at VIR.