



Howard "Duck" Allen photo

Andrew Caddell (center) shares the National Convention spotlight with his parents (left and right), SCCA President Jim Julow (second from right) and SCCA Pro Director Bob Wildberger (second from left). After winning the Spec Miata class at the Runoffs, Caddell beat two other Mazda-driving Runoffs winners in a shootout to win a 2007 Mazda MX-5 Cup racecar and support valued at more than \$50,000.

Caddell wins shootout to race in '07 Mazda MX-5 Cup series

18 year-old wins biggest prize in SCCA Runoffs history

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IRVINE , Calif. — Andrew Caddell won a unique competition hosted by MAZDASPEED Motorsports to score the biggest prize in amateur road racing: a new Mazda MX-5, which he'll race in the 2007 SCCA Pro Racing SIRIUS Satellite Radio Mazda MX-5 Cup Presented by Hankook.

The 18-year-old Caddell graduated from high school in Graham. He is attending college part-time while he pursues his motorsports dream.

"This is great!" Caddell said. "So many people have helped me since I started racing karts. I'm excited about

winning this car against tough competition and know that the Mazda MX-5 Cup is a huge step in my driving career. We have had many calls from friends offering to help us in 2007 as we look forward to the first race in Houston this April."

There is a racing expression about driving at "eleven-tenths," slang for 10 percent over the maximum. In real racing the winner is usually the driver or team who can be closest to their maximum without exceeding it. That was the case for Caddell, who aced 10 out of 11 categories in a unique "shootout" of Mazda-powered SCCA National Champions.

Steve Sanders, manager of MAZ-

DASPEED Motorsports Development, noted, "This award was the result of our core belief in the club racer. Mazda continues to develop more options for driver development than any other automaker. We are delighted that Andrew will be taking the skills he learned to win the Spec Miata race at the Runoffs to his first opportunity on the professional level."

"This is an excellent opportunity for Andrew," said Eric Prill, SCCA vice president of marketing and communications. "It's a great example of how racing with SCCA can become a springboard to the professional ranks. Already an SCCA champion, Andrew is ready for the next level in his racing career and