

B rock Heger dominated the field at the 57th SCORE Baja 1000, going solo in the Polaris Factory Racing RZR Pro R Factory for his first Baja 1000, not only dominating the entire UTV field across the punishing desert landscape, but finishing seventh among all four-wheeled vehicles, including the elite Trophy Truck classes, the highest finish by a UTV since they were introduced in 2007.

This Baja 1000 triumph capped off a second consecutive undefeated season for Polaris Factory Racing, with UTV overall wins at all four SCORE series events, and marked the brand's third straight Baja 1000 victory.

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tablishing a strong pace early, leading nearly every mile of the grueling 864.13-mile course.

By mile 77 he was followed by teammate Cayden MacCachren in 6th (who had opted to start at the back of the field, making his impressive climb through the ranks all the more notable). Heger was still leading by mile 167 while MacCachren moved up to third. Approaching mile marker 211, Heger extended his lead to four minutes, while MacCachren slipped back to fifth.

Near the halfway point, Heger remained the first UTV, skillfully extending his lead after briefly getting stuck in a bottleneck. By this stage, he had also climbed to an impressive 13th overall among all four-wheel vehicles.

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Polaris Factory Racing's Brock Heger captures first SCORE Baja 1000 victory and secures 2024 SCORE UTV Pro Open Class Series Championship During the second half of the race, Heger continued to dominate, while MacCachren sliced and diced through the field, working his way into second and closing the gap by mile 720. Over the final 100 miles, Heger never relented, powering ahead to secure the UTV Overall and UTV Pro Open class victory.

(MacCachren's race ended unfortunately, with only 78 miles remaining, as unforeseen challenges forced him to retire, dashing his hopes for the championship.)

Winning the race by 45 minutes over Polaris-supported racer Branden Sims (who finished second in a race-modified Polaris RZR Pro R), Heger's victory added the points needed to come from behind and clinch the 2024 SCORE UTV Pro Open Class Series Championship for the second consecutive year.

Heger's RZR Pro R Factory showcased its combination of power, strength and control, performing flawlessly throughout the unrelenting Baja terrain.

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