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The Racers Group Takes Second at the Nextel Grand Prix of Miami

Sonoma, CA. Feb. 28, 2003 – The Monster Racer’s Group Porsche 911 GT3 RS took 2nd place this Saturday in the Grand-Am Nextel Grand-Prix of Miami. Car #66, co-driven by Kevin Buckler and RJ Valentine, had a terrific battle with the #33 Scuderia Ferrari of Washington 360 GT, but in the end, a mechanical problem left the Porsche just slightly slower than the Ferrari. Lead driver and team owner Kevin Buckler reflected on the race.

“The bottom line is, we’re very happy with the results. RJ and I knew going in that there were three other very competitive teams that we were up against. I drove conservatively for the first stint, and I kept thinking in the back of my mind, ‘Sebring’s next week, I have to keep the car in one piece.’”

Car #66, the overall winner at the 2003 Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, suffered a slight mechanical problem at the first driver change. Kevin explained the difficulty. “As soon as I watched RJ drive out of the pits, I noticed that the car had spilled a huge amount of axle grease. There was this huge puddle on the asphalt, and I knew then we probably wouldn’t finish the race. From that point forward RJ and I babied the car around. We didn’t drive slowly, but we also didn’t push the envelope. All I could think the last few laps was ‘I love my

axles, I love my axles...’ I was hoping they’d last, and I was so relieved when I saw the checkered flag. I’ve got to say, the car’s a monster. RJ did great, our crew guys were awesome, and we accomplished exactly what we wanted to do. Overall, I was very happy.”

RJ Valentine was enthusiastic about the race as well. “I’m so impressed with Kevin and The Racer’s Group. They’re the gold standard of customer racing – the Porsche is impeccably maintained and everything is looked after and thought of. We were a bit cautious during the second half of the race because of the axle problem, and I’m amazed that it didn’t let go in Kevin’s second stint. I’m happy to be on the podium. Kevin is a great driving coach, one of the best I’ve ever worked with. He does a great job getting drivers to get more speed out of the car. On the business side, being involved with The Racer’s Group helps my businesses. Sponsorship with these guys provides a huge benefit to the MBA Group and to F1 Boston. All in all, it’s a complete package for me.”

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