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## **RJ Valentine Finishes 4<sup>th</sup> in GT Class at Rolex 24 At Daytona** *Sportscar legend competes at Rolex 24 for 22<sup>nd</sup> time*



Daytona Beach, FL (January 27, 2008) – RJ Valentine, the sportscar driver from Hingham, Mass., finished the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Rolex 24 At Daytona 12<sup>th</sup> overall and 4<sup>th</sup> in the GT class Sunday, narrowly missing his second consecutive podium finish at Daytona International Speedway. 66 cars started the race, run around the 3.56-mile tri-oval and tight infield road course, a number that seems to grow every year. Valentine, driving the No. 64 J Lowe Racing/TRG Globus/Adopt A Pig/CRG/Maxter/Rotax/MBA Group/F1 Air/SRS/NMT Porsche GT3 with Jim Lowe, Jim Pace, Tim Sugden, and Johannes van Overbeek, was forced to miss 5 laps of track action in the night after being punted off the track by a competing Ferrari. The No. 64 car completed 656 laps of the famed Daytona International circuit, for an average speed of 97.172mph, and rounded out a stellar showing for TRG's team cars.

One year removed from a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Rolex 24, Valentine contributed to a team effort that saw TRG Porsches come home 2-3-4 in the GT class at the world's most famous endurance race.

"I was driving in my first stint at about 8pm when I got cut off by one of the two Ferraris in the race – in order to miss the guy, I had to jam on the brakes, which caused me to spin and I tagged the wall," said Valentine. "I've got to give credit to my teammates and especially the crew; they got the car back together in 11 minutes, so we only missed five laps. Had we not missed those five laps, we'd have finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GT class, but that's racing."

"I can't say enough about Jim Lowe and the organization he's put together under TRG's umbrella. Jim's a very buttoned-up guy, a good driver and a better friend, so I'm thrilled to have had the chance to drive with him. Jim Pace, Tim Sugden and Johannes van Overbeek's records speak for themselves – they're all seriously talented and accomplished racers, and it was a fantastic experience to be at the track with them all week long. I've been with TRG now for five years I think, and as I've said about Kevin before, the best never rest. I'm excited about the remainder of the season with TRG and my teammate Andy Lally."

"All week long people were talking about how competitive the field was for this race, and it was true in both classes. This was definitely the deepest GT field I've ever seen at Daytona – with most of the Porsche factory drivers in GT, as well as former F1 drivers like Jan Magnussen, Robert Doornbos and Max Papis, and Champ Car drivers like Jan Heylen, what more can you say? It's incredible to be sharing the track with those guys. It's also been fantastic to race with my friend Mark Greenberg from Boston – we fly down to the races together and he drives Porsches as well. He finished 6<sup>th</sup> in class at this year's race. It'll be good to compete against him again this season."

Valentine's next Rolex Sports Car Series race will be March 27-29 at Homestead Miami Speedway. Television coverage will be live on Speed.

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