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F1 Air First at Daytona; BMW Team 1-2

**Daytona Beach, FL – June 30, 2005** – Joey Hand and Justin Marks, driving the #16 F1 Air/PTG BMW M3, took a resounding last-to-first victory Thursday at Daytona International Speedway, demonstrating transcendent race-craft and perfectly executed preparation. The duo started the race from the back of the grid, as the #16 F1 Air car was unable to participate in qualifying, due to a blown engine in the 2nd practice of the condensed one-day schedule at DIS. PTG thoroughly dominated the GT field on the day, as the #21 car of Bill Auberlen and Tom Milner took second place, a result made all the more satisfying by the fact that Daytona is not a track to which the legendary BMW M3s are particularly well suited. RJ Valentine and Kelly Collins qualified 23rd for the Brumos Porsche 250, after falling victim to a hot, humid and greasy track, and battled their way through the tough field to finish a satisfying 8th in the GT class.

Marks' and Hand's victory was a milestone for BMW Team PTG, as the team achieved its 50th victory in 102 Rolex Series starts. "This race last year was my first win with the team," Marks said. "This feels really good. At Watkins Glen, we had a chance at the end to win, and I wanted it really bad because it would have been the 50th win. So to come here and win the 50th race for BMW and PTG

is really special. This is my best win with the team so far. The results just show how good the team and all the guys are."

Valentine, who drove the first, hour-and-twenty minute stint of the Brumos Porsche 250, commented, "We started 26th in class, and I drove the first half of the race. It was hot as hell in the car, but it didn't affect me much – I prepared for the race by riding my bicycle about 250 miles in the week leading up to the race, in hot temperatures. I feel badly for Kelly [Collins, Valentine's co-driver], because he was really sick with strep throat and worked his tail off in the car. I got the car from 26th at the start to 12th when I gave it to Kelly, and he brought it home for us in eight place, which was great in this field."

He continued, "To be part of PTG's 50th win in 102 starts is pretty special, and it's a testament to the way that Tom Milner runs his organization. Such a high winning percentage is a tribute to this great team, and great management. Tom loves to win at racing the way that I love to win at business, so we're very similar. I appreciate his ability and his focus. Setting the cars up for this track at Daytona is a challenge for us, because the long high-speed sections don't suit the cars well. We'll have a great time at the next race at Barber, where the rhythm and emphasis on turns will play to the M3's strengths."

RJ Valentine, F1 Air and the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series race next on July 29-31 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama. The race will be broadcast on Speed Channel.

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