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TRG Ready to "Storm" Homestead Again



Sonoma, CA – September 15, 2004 The Racer's Group returns to action this weekend, at the rescheduled Miami 250 in Homestead, FL. The two-car TRG team will resume their chase for the GT championship in soggy southern Florida, after the race was postponed one week due to Hurricanes Frances and Ivan. As RJ Valentine, Chris Gleason and Ian James push for their fifth podium finish of the season, team owner Kevin Buckler, recovered from a horrific crash at Watkins Glen in August, will team with longtime TRG driver Tom Nastasi to take on the field.

Buckler's injuries to his legs and shoulder have healed over the last month, and he is chomping at the bit to get back to racing. "I was pretty slowed down for a couple of weeks after the race in Watkins Glen," he said, "but I did a Porsche Club Race last week and am feeling back to normal. I'm excited to drive with Tom again; he and I have been great teammates in the past. He's got experience driving all sorts of cars, and has had a great season running Star Mazdas this year."

The drivers of the #66 F1 Air/Gleason Agency Porsche, RJ Valentine, Chris Gleason and Ian James, enter the weekend tied for third place in the GT driver's championship. A strong finish to the season could see them capture the title, and all three would be extremely happy to share it with each other.

"We've had a good run so far," said RJ Valentine, "but it's not over by a long shot. We've got four races left on the season, and need to put in some solid performances from here on in to get closer to the championship. Ian's been lighting our competition up the last few races, and Chris flies in the rain, which looks likely this weekend. This is what it's all about for us – the season's closing in on us, and we've got a fight on our hands. I can't wait."

TRG will field a “new” #67 car, after Buckler’s frightening wreck in a downpour at Watkins Glen rendered the old #67 car a write-off. The team has labored to prepare a backup chassis to Grand-Am spec, and has taken advantage of the unscheduled extra week to do so. Buckler said, “The crew had a mess on their hands after Watkins, but they were able to save a bunch of the parts off of the car. My hat is off to them for their hard work – they’re the guys who allow us to push for podiums every race.”

The Miami 250 runs Sunday, September 19th, at 11am ET.

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