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#16 F1 Air BMW M3 Takes 3rd Place at Watkins Glen Deer, Heat and Rain

Watkins Glen, NY – June 12, 2005 – The lead up to the 2005 Sahlen's 6 Hours of Watkins Glen is one RJ Valentine won't soon forget. The week before the classic event, during testing at Summit Point, West Virginia, an estimated 170lb. deer leapt in front of Valentine's 400hp PTG BMW M3 while RJ was screaming down the straightaway at 145mph. Valentine was unable to avoid contact with the deer, and slammed into it at 119mph, causing significant damage both to the racecar and to the deer. Valentine was informed later by PTG team owner Tom Milner that he had achieved the highest-ever recorded brake pedal pressure in a BMW race car at 2250 lbs, and furthermore that the crew, upon disassembling the car, discovered deer residue in the combustion chamber of the powerful BMW flat-six motor.

Valentine and his co-drivers Tom Milner Jr. and Justin Marks qualified well in preparation for the historic Watkins Glen race, with Milner turning a fast 103.695 mph lap of 1:58.039, good for 5th place on the GT grid. The trio spent the bulk of the weekend near the top of the time sheets, and led the race for a solid period before surrendering the lead in the pits.

The 6-hour endurance event saw inclement weather conditions for the second consecutive year, as oppressive heat and humidity in the morning turned to sustained downpours and squalls of wind in the waning moments of the race.

Like 2004, many cars exited the track after hydroplaning at speed, thinning the field and turning the event into a contest of survival. In the end, the #16 car finished in 3rd position, gaining valuable championship points for Team PTG.

Valentine recapped his race week. "I was extremely lucky to come out of my testing incident unscathed," he said. "I'll never forget the sensation of focusing on driving and seeing, out of the corner of my eye, a big leaping deer, jumping right into the path of my car. It was over in a flash, and there were blood, guts and bones all over the car and track."

"I ran a less-powerful M3 in the Grand-Am Cup ST race this weekend as well," he continued, "and I had a ball. Tom [Milner, team owner PTG] hooked me up with Matt Connolly who runs two of them. In the two-and-a-half hour race. I drove for an hour and forty-five minutes, in extremely hot, humid conditions. I loved the workout! We recorded cockpit temperatures of over 130 degrees - and let me tell you, having an intense workout in that kind of heat while wearing a Nomex suit, Nomex underwear, socks, gloves, a head-sock and a helmet is pretty draining. My resistance to heat has always been a strength for me, and it helped us finish 7th in class."

"On Sunday, for the 6 Hour race, credit goes to both the kids, Justin Marks and Tom Milner Jr. They both did a great job bouncing in and out of the lead with the high heat, torrential downpours and changing track conditions. We didn't know whether to wind our watches, cry, laugh or dance, but in the end, Justin thrived in a huge downpour and did an incredible job. With the strength of the field out there, we're proud to bring a 3rd place finish home for F1 Air and PTG. The entire team did a great job this weekend. Being a part of PTG is a wonderful experience - the professionalism and the business is top notch, and the winning attitude is fantastic. On to Daytona we go, with renewed vigor!"

RJ Valentine, F1 Air and the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series race next on June 29 at the Brumos Porsche 250, at Daytona International Speedway. The race will be broadcast on Speed Channel.

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