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## RJ Valentine and F1 Air Finish 9th at Homestead

**Homestead, FL – March 26, 2006** RJ Valentine, driving the #65 F1 Air/TRG Pontiac GTO.R, finished the Grand Prix of Miami at Homestead-Miami Speedway Saturday in 9<sup>th</sup> position. After qualifying 14<sup>th</sup> in class on Friday, Valentine teamed with Andy Lally and Marc Bunting for Saturday's race.

Starting the race, Valentine had a clean first stint, running under green flag conditions for nearly an hour. A slow leak from one of his tires upset the balance and handling of his car, but Valentine was able to avoid trouble, and avoid damaging the car. The race soon descended into a crash-fest, however, and Valentine gave the car over to teammate Marc Bunting at the drop of the first full-course caution period. Bunting would only drive four green-flag laps, as a quick succession of accidents began a series of five further caution periods. Andy Lally starred for TRG, making up two laps over the last hour of the race to bring the car home in the points.

Valentine said, "It was a good weekend for us – Homestead is one of my favorite tracks, and I'm always happy to race there. My stint was great to begin with, but I felt like the track was more slippery than normal, which caused me to use up more tire than I usually would. I had some minor contact with a passing prototype, but it didn't cause any harm. The important thing is that we scored points, which keeps us near the sharp end of the championship field. We race at Virginia International Raceway here in three weeks, but the team is well prepared for the race – and the GTO.R will be hard to beat there."

F1 Air and TRG race next at VIRginia International Raceway April 21-23. Television coverage will be live on Speed.

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