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The Racer's Group - VIR Race Report



Danville, VA - October 3 , 2004 The #67 Monster Cable/TRG Porsche of Kevin Buckler and Tom Nastasi finished 4th in today's VIR 400, after a hard fought battle and a bit of luck in surviving a major pile-up unscathed. Late in the race, a Daytona Prototype chose a particularly dangerous place to re-enter the raceway after an excursion off-track and through the grass - several cars, including both of the TRG Porsches, scattered left and right to avoid the sudden appearance of the Prototype. Only Kevin Buckler in the #67 Monster Cable/TRG Porsche found a clear line through the wreckage; the #66 F1 Air/Gleason Agency Porsche was lightly damaged, and needed several minutes' worth of repairs before it was able to rejoin the race.

Kevin Buckler, who qualified 4th in the #67 car and who was joined by Tom Nastasi, drove a short first stint before turning the car over to Nastasi during a caution period. "I had an uneventful first stint," he said, "and Tom did a great job in the car for the full time in the car. We lost a lap again to a poorly timed yellow flag, but we fought hard all race long. It was a difficult race, and I think that our 4th place was hard fought. Unfortunately, the #66 car was caught in a major crash - the DP car that had spun chose a terrible place to re-enter the race, and caused a huge wreck. The #66 crew did a great job putting the car back together so

that it could finish. The whole crew is going to stay here this week prepping for Barber, and when we hit the track there Thursday, we'll be ready."

RJ Valentine, who with Chris Gleason and Ian James finished in 9th place in today's race, retained 3rd place in the championship with two races remaining. He said, "We had a tremendous race going, and looked to be on track for another podium finish with about 40 minutes left in the race. The DP driver made a big mistake getting back on the track where he did, and he cost a lot of people a good race result today. As they say, some days you're the cat and some days you're the mouse. We'll work hard at Barber to maintain our 3rd place standing in the championship."

Cort Wagner, who drives with TRG in the American Le Mans Series, had a scary moment after his car collided with another in the same incident that caused the #66 TRG Porsche to require repairs. Thankfully, he was unhurt.

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