

TRG Finish 1-2 at Miami 250



Homestead, FL – September 19, 2004 The twin Porsches of The Racer’s Group drove a stunning race today in the oppressive heat of South Florida, bringing home a seasons-best 1-2 finish. Kevin Buckler and Tom Nastasi bested the GT class, finishing 1st in the #67 Monster Cable/TRG Porsche and capturing TRG’s first win of the 2004 Grand-American Rolex Sports Car Series, while RJ Valentine, Chris Gleason and Ian James stormed home in the #66 F1 Air/Gleason Agency Porsche, finishing 2nd in class. The two TRG cars completed 101 laps at Homestead, finishing the race a lap up on the rest of the field.

Team owner Kevin Buckler was ecstatic. “Tom and I both drove well during the race,” he said. “And when it came time for Tom to do a double-stint in this heat, he stepped up and executed perfectly. We had all the chips fall our way this race, and it was magnificent. My hat is off to our crew – John Bedell, our crew chief, and his guys did a fantastic job preparing a replacement car for us after we lost the car at Watkins Glen. We had to take our 2002 Le Mans winner out of retirement to make the race and change a

bunch of stuff on the car, but John and his guys did a perfect job at it. Right out of the box the car was competitive, and even though I thought some of the walls looked pretty ominous here at Homestead, we did a great job.”

He continued, “Tom got in at the first pit stop and never looked back. He drove hard and brought home the win for us. The #66 guys had a great race, too – for us to finish 1-2 today is perfect... you can’t ask for anything better than that!”

RJ Valentine, who started the race in the #66 F1 Air/Gleason Agency Porsche, was satisfied with his 2nd place finish today. “Kevin and I had a second place finish last year at Homestead,” he said, “and the 66 car is a bridesmaid two years in a row. I think that my stint today was the best I’ve had in a Porsche, Chris had a great dice with the BMWs, and Ian closed it out for us perfectly. Chris and I are getting very comfortable in the car, and the results speak for themselves!”

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