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#16 F1 Air BMW M3 2nd at Watkins Glen; RJ Valentine 8th

Watkins Glen – August 12. 2005 F1 Air continued its podium streak today at Watkins Glen International, finishing 2nd in the CompUSA 200 at the Glen. Justin Marks and Joey Hand drove another brilliant race, finishing on the podium for the third consecutive race. RJ Valentine and Kelly Collins, driving the #17 F1 Air BMW M3, finished 8th in class, after Collins was hit by a passing Daytona Prototype in the opening minutes of the race, knocking the car severely out of alignment. Collins limped the car around the track until an opportune yellow flag, and as the team realigned the car, Valentine took the helm.

"We were doing very well in the race," said RJ, "until Kelly got nailed by an errant DP. I got in on the second yellow flag and drove the middle 50 minutes of the race. It was busy on the track with all the traffic – the shortened format made everybody push very hard. We more or less had to carry the car, which is rare for the BMWs. The toe was all out of whack, which made the car understeer, then oversteer, very unpredictably."

"The #16 F1 Air car did great today, thanks to great driving from Justin and Joey. At the very end, they finished only three tenths of a second behind the leader, so you'd think that in a longer-format race, they would have passed for the lead. It's best to be magnanimous both in victory and in defeat, so congratulations to the winners!"

RJ Valentine and F1 Air race next at Mid-Ohio, on Saturday, August 27. Coverage will be on Speed Channel.

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