



McColligan Wins Konig Cup and Finishes Season Second in Rookie Points

November 9, 2008 (Sonoma, CA) - Michael McColligan, driving the #36 Mazdatrix/Racing Beat Mazda RX8, won the 2008 Konig Cup and secured second place in the Rookie standings with his 8th place finish at the final round of the United States Touring Car Championship at Infineon Raceway.

The team started strong on Saturday morning as McColligan ran a lap in first qualifying almost 3 seconds faster than his prior best. The car stayed in the pits on Saturday afternoon due to heavy rains allowing the team to make some suspension changes. McColligan continued to up the pace shaving over another second in Sunday's qualifying where his 1:55 lap time placed him on the outside of row 3 for the standing start. The race chaos started at the drop of green flag as some of the front runners struggled with their launches bunching up the cars at the first turn. "I got a good launch, boxed-in, avoided a Mini that got hit, shoved over the curbing at the exit of Turn 4, and spun across the track at the entrance to the Carousel", mentioned McColligan as he described his eventful first couple of corners. "By the time I got back on the track I was in 10th but the car felt OK and my crew chief did not see any damage so I started to push again". He quickly worked his way back up to 8th when the red flag dropped for a huge crash on the front straightaway ending the race after only 4 laps.

"I am really proud to win the Konig Cup, as we have used their Zero Wheels all season with no issues; they have everything you could ask for in a wheel as they are light, stiff, durable, and look super cool!", mentioned a grateful McColligan. "I couldn't be happier with how the season has gone as we have improved every race, and with a great Team of Sponsors we should be even better next year".

Its back to work as the MC Racing Team has some aggressive off-season development plans to get even faster in 2009.

About MC Racing

MC Racing competes in the United States Touring Car Championship aboard a Mazda RX-8 with support from Mazda, Mazdatrix, Racing Beat, Konig Wheels, TC Sportline, and Bell Racing. For more information, visit www.mcspeedracer.com.

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