



## Michael McColligan Just Misses Top Rookie Placing with Last Lap Heartbreak but Consolidates Lead in Konig Cup

August 24, 2008 Willows, CA. - Michael McColligan, driving the #36 Mazdatrix/Racing Beat Mazda RX8, was the top running rookie in 5<sup>th</sup> place when he ran out of gas 3 turns from the finish in Round 5 of the United States Touring Car Championship at Thunderhill Raceway. He coasted across the finish line in 6<sup>th</sup> position further consolidating his lead in the Konig Cup Standings.

The weekend started off tough for the MC Racing Team as they struggled with a vibration problem for most of Saturday's sessions. The limited track time was a definite setback as all the teams were adapting to brand new asphalt. McColligan was finally able to run a trouble free session in the second qualifying placing him P7 on the grid. The RX8 got another good launch and McColligan found himself running in 6<sup>th</sup> for most of the race. McColligan battled hard for 5<sup>th</sup> and made the pass stick going into the high speed turn 1 right at the white flag. "My crew chief told me the white flag was out so I knew it was now or never! I was flying high for about ½ a lap but I pushed the gas after the turn 9 crest and there was nothing there. I guess we learned a little about fuel consumption today", smiled McColligan as he summed up his weekend.

Its back to work as the MC Racing Team prepares for round 6 of the USTCC October 11-12 at Buttonwillow Raceway Raceway Park.

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