



## MC Racing Runs Strong but Mistake Costs Podium Placing



June 28, 2009 (Sonoma, CA) - Michael McColligan, driving the #36 Mazdatrix/Idemitsu Mazda RX8, had third place wrapped-up when he made a driving error two laps from the end. He finished in 5th as the checkered flag fell on Round 3 of the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship at Infineon Raceway.

The weekend started off strong as McColligan ran within a few tenths of his personal best in first practice. His qualifying pace was good enough to place the RX8 on the outside of the second row for the standing start. At the drop of the green flag McColligan got his usual strong launch and was able to slot into third before the first turn. For most of the race McColligan had intense pressure from behind but kept his cool and ran consistent laps. Two laps from the end he looped the car working his way through traffic losing two positions in a split second. "In the past I have not worked traffic well so I was being very aggressive. Unfortunately I was just a bit too aggressive getting on the throttle exiting the hairpin and lost the car. I am really disappointed as the podium was ours but I am encouraged that we have found the pace to run further up the grid", summed-up McColligan. The MC Racing Crew will be looking to run strong at Round 4 which will be held close to home at California Speedway.

### About MC Racing

MC Racing competes in the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship aboard a Mazda RX-8 with support from Mazda, Mazdatrix, Idemitsu, Racing Beat, Konig Wheels, TC Sportline, Bell Racing, and Eibach Springs.

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