



Mechanical Issues Hamper MC Racing



May 31, 2009 (Willows, CA) - Michael McColligan, driver of the #36 Mazdatrix/Idemitsu Mazda RX8, watched Round 2 of the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship at Thunderhill Raceway as his car sat in the pits with a suspension issue.

The weekend started off strong as McColligan improved his times in every Saturday session while re-adjusting his driving to the tricky "backwards" Thunderhill track configuration. His pace was good enough to place the RX8 P5 on the provisional grid. The crew made some changes overnight and McColligan went even faster during Sunday's morning practice. "I felt a crunch at the rear of the car right at the end of the session but I thought I just ran over some debris," mentioned McColligan. Unfortunately once the car was in the air the crew discovered a more serious issue and the team lacked the time and parts to get the car repaired in a safe manner. "This is the first mechanical issue we have had since we built the car a year and half ago, so reliability has been outstanding. We will get the car fixed and be better prepared for Round 3 at Infineon", summed up McColligan.

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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