

# Another RX-8 Win

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**H**URRICANES have rocked the Florida coast over the past month causing the Miami 250 to be postponed one week. Fortunately, this did not stop SpeedSource Race Engineering from capturing another Mazda RX-8 win at the Homestead track.





Photos: Juha Lievonen

Several factors combined to give SpeedSource Race Engineering the win this past weekend. One was the team's familiarity of the track. The team shop is located only forty-five minutes from Homestead and they have raced there numerous times.

Another factor that was more damaging to their competitors than a benefit to SpeedSource was the essence of time. The shortened event only allowed for small adjustments to be made to most race entries. SpeedSource's track familiarity allowed the more complex situations to be adjusted before arriving at the track. The SpeedSource team was able to focus on the smaller problems the team would face during the course of the race.

"We knew we were at a big advantage. The reduced schedule was tricky but we knew how to handle the heat and the track. We just had to make very minute adjustments. It was good for us that the schedule was shortened. With the No. 70 car we had good pit stops. The crew made a huge difference this race. We are very fortunate to have the crew that we have," commented team owner and driver

Sylvain Tremblay.

Team engineer and driver, David Haskell, agreed with Tremblay concerning the team and crew's performance this race as well as previous







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at the Homestead race marks the SpeedSource team's third win of the season in the Mazda RX-8's

"We've won all three races with good pitstops. With the Mazdas everything went well. (The No. 70) beat the Turner BMW guys out of the pits," commented Haskell.

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The SpeedSource team now looks to the final three races of the Grand American season. Combining the crew's potential and the performance of the Mazda RX-8's they are excited for the challenges they will face through October.

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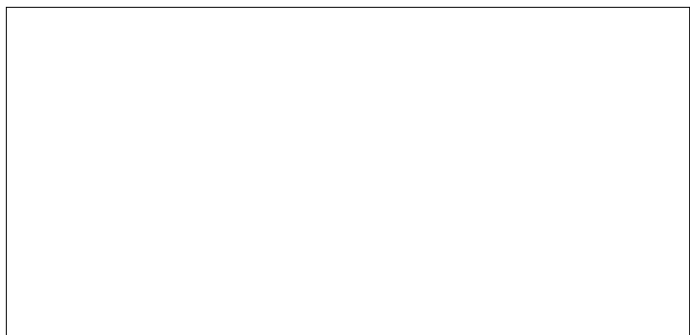
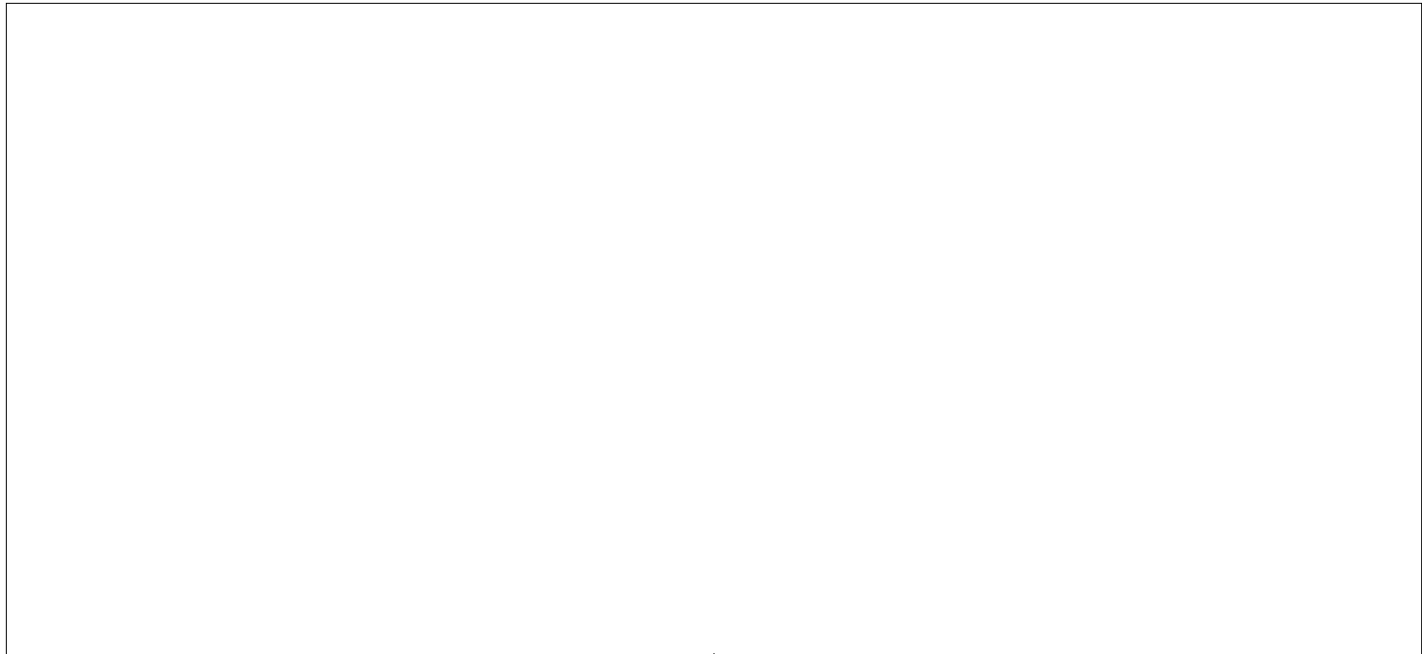


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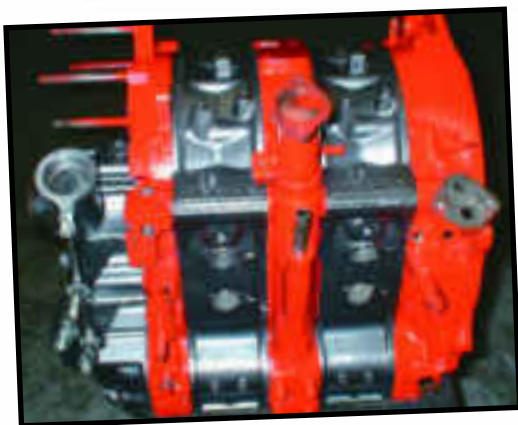
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“We have a pretty grueling October ahead of us. We have a power disadvantage compared to the competition but our chassis is great. Our braking has been phenomenal thanks to Hawk. They have really been working with us. VIR has a lot of long straight-aways as does Fontana, so with that we have a lot to work on. One thing that works to our advantage is that we can be very aggressive every race. Other teams will have to be very conservative to maintain their current standings,” added Tremblay.

The SpeedSource team competes in the Grand Am Cup series with support from MAZDASPEED Motorsports, Sparco USA, Hawk Brakes, Dynamic Suspension, and Racing Hart Wheels. **RX**



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