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**GP Husqvarna Podiums Twice AMA Supermoto Championship**

SAN DIEGO, California– November 8, 2006 – [www.gphusqvarna.com](http://www.gphusqvarna.com), Team GP Husqvarna wrapped up the 2006 AMA Supermoto season with two 3<sup>rd</sup> Place championship finishes – one in the 250 Lites class and one in the Unlimited Class.

The season finale in Long Beach, CA, was a tough event for the team, with team rider David Baffleuf's hopes of winning the Unlimited Championship crushed by a broken collar bone sustained one week prior in France. He did, however, suit up for the race and rode in great pain.

The first race of the day was the 450 Supermoto class. It went well with Husqvarna rider, Troy Herfoss, battling with race leaders and settling in 5<sup>th</sup>.

The second race – 250 Lites – was a bit of a disappointment for team rider, Alex Thiebault, as a poor start found him in 10<sup>th</sup> on a track that was very difficult to pass. He worked his way up to 8<sup>th</sup>, clinching 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall in the championship.

The third race of the day was the Unlimited race, and all four team riders were in the event. What looked to be a great race quickly turned into a disaster for the team, when Herfoss clipped a hay bale near the first corner sending his bike and himself airborne, with both Baffleuf and Thiebault getting tangled up in the crash. Unfortunately, Herfoss and a corner worker were both sent to the hospital for safety reasons (Herfoss' bike flew off track and struck the corner worker). Thiebault was unable to restart the race, while Baffleuf and Trachy re-gridded. But the race was to be marred by yet another crash with KTM's John Lewis and Aprilia's Darryl Atkins. The race, however, continued with the injured Baffleuf in fourth until stalling the bike to restart and finish 17<sup>th</sup>, dropping him from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Championship.

Herfoss was, of course, unable to ride the second 450 race, which brought an end to a difficult day.

Although the final race was a tough one, the team had a great season, finishing the championship on the podium in two of the three classes, with several wins, pole positions, and many podium finishes.

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