

Frisselles Avoid the “Big One” at the Glen

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Watkins Glen, NY (24 September 2005)— From racing snowmobiles, to their training regimen to the lap times they set in race cars, Brian and Burt Frisselle have a bit of a friendly sibling rivalry going, and while they are but twenty-one and twenty-three years old, the question of age vs. experience often comes up. In Saturday’s Crown Royal 250 at the Glen, Brian made a good argument for youth, as he used his lightning reflexes to avoid a multi-car crash on one of the fastest sections of the track.

“I came up the hill on the restart, and all I could see was smoke and cars spinning into the wall, so I just squeezed as far left as fast as I could, and fortunately I missed the whole thing,” said Brian. “It was just like Days of Thunder!”

For his part, though, Burt had made a strong argument for experience in his time at the wheel of the RX.com machine, as he had started the race from the second row and was chasing the lead from second position just over ten laps into the race. Burt, who scored his career-best Rolex finish at Watkins Glen last season with a storming run to second place last season, showed his maturity and experience as he bid his time in second position.

“The car was really quick, but it was early in the race and I didn’t want to try to force a pass and risk having something happen,” said Burt. “There were sections where he was quicker, and some where I was faster, so I just kept on his bumper and tried to save tires for the end of my run.”

A full-course caution saw the RX.Com machine come into the pits for a new set of Hoosiers and a refuel, as Burt rejoined the field in tenth, and was quickly back up into the top five once the race went green again.

Burt turned the car over to Brian on lap forty during another caution period, and it was on that restart that Brian showed his impressive avoidance skills. Unfortunately, the ensuing yellow flag was a lengthy one, and on the restart, Brian was forced to turn the car back over to Burt after suffering from the effects of the fumes inside the car during the long yellow flag period.

“I am really disappointed that I had to get out of the car,” said Brian. “Burt had done a great job, and we were definitely on-track for a good top-ten finish with the RX.Com car, but I just had to get out of the car.”

Burt was able to rejoin the pack and once again began picking off positions, but time ran out as the two came home a disappointed fourteenth at the checkered flag. Burt and Brian Frisselle will race in two weeks time in the VIR 400 at the Virginia International Raceway.

As the youngest full-time driver pairing in the top Daytona Prototype class of the Rolex Sports Car Series, Burt and Brian Frisselle have generated a lot of excitement about the future of American road racing. The two brothers, who are now based in Miami but have lived all across the country in California, Hawaii, and New Hampshire, have teamed with RX.com to race with one of Grand Am’s most successful teams in Synergy Racing. Burt has one year of Rolex competition under his belt, while younger brother Brian is in his rookie season in the top Daytona Prototype category.