

Broken Half Shaft Thwarts Frisselles' Strong Barber Run

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Birmingham, AL (31 July 05)— Burt and Brian Frisselle finished sixteenth in class as their RX.Com BMW/Doran suffered a broken half shaft late in the Porsche 250 presented by Bradley Arant after the young brother duo had yet another strong race run halted by a problem. Brian, who took his third consecutive top-ten in qualifying, started the car and stayed in the thick of the battle, making some impressive passes as he made the most of his quick race car, fighting his way up into the top-five before turning the car over to his older brother Burt.

“The car was fast—that was a great stint because I really could stay with anyone on the track, and we were fast enough to be passing some big names, so I was pretty pleased,” said Brian. “I didn’t have any problem with the heat, so we knew that we could be strong at the end.”

Brian turned the car over to Burt, who was also liking how the Synergy Racing team had the BMW/Doran combination set up, as he rejoined the field in fourteenth, but moved himself up into the top three in less than twenty laps. After running more than fifteen laps in third place, it looked as though the brother duo were on their way to a podium finish, but their luck once again turned against them late in the race.

Burt brought the car back in to the pits with less than forty-five minutes remaining, turning the car back over to Brian, who had some work to do as he rejoined the pack in twelfth. But he was up to the task, and was back into the top ten and working his way up the order when the car lost drive due to the half shaft breaking, taking away any chance the two had at a good finish.

“It’s a shame we keep having these problems late in the race,” said Burt. “Its just some bad luck we need to get around, I guess. The good thing is that we’ve had some really fast cars, and some good competitive races, so we know we are on the right path as far as how we are working with the team and the car. We’ll just try to shake this one off and get ready for the Glen.”

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.