

Frisselles in Fine Form on Friday

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Lexington, OH (26 August 2005)— Burt and Brian Frisselle will start from ninth on the grid for Saturday's Emco Gears Classic at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course after Brian kept his run of strong qualifying performances going with a 1:22.246-second lap in qualifying. The result wasn't quite what Brian had been hoping for, as he had been solidly in the top five for the first half of the session before it was cut short due to a competitor's car catching fire.

The result was impressive given that electrical issues with the car hampered Burt and Brian's efforts in the Thursday promoter test session, keeping the rookie Brian from getting familiar with the 2.258-mile track in the high-powered Daytona Prototype. The Synergy Racing crew had the car sorted in time for practice on Friday, though, as Burt and Brian continued to prepare the car for Saturday night's 111-lap battle.

"The car was pretty good," said Brian. "Considering that we didn't test here in May like a lot of other teams, and we didn't really get to catch up yesterday, we feel like we have the car pretty much where we want it. I was really hoping to get more out of the session, but we have shown that we can come through the field, and we'll just shoot to do that tomorrow night."

For brother Burt, who will take the RX.Com machine over from Brian midway through the race, the qualifying result is not nearly as important as how they are able to race when it counts.

"I think Brian did a great job," said Burt. "These fifteen-minute qualifying sessions are a bit tricky, because you have to get lucky with the timing of getting your tires up to temp with getting a good gap in traffic, and just hoping that you don't get a black flag when you are on a flyer. That's exactly what happened to Brian, but what matters is that we made a lot of progress on the car today and feel like we can be strong tomorrow in the race."

The Emco Gears Classic is scheduled to get underway at 5:30 PM EST on Saturday. The race will be shown on Speed Channel beginning at 12:00 PM EST on Sunday, August 28.

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.