

Frisselles Raring to go at Mid-O

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Lexington, OH (24 August 2005)— By most counts, the Frisselle brothers should be working on scoring their fourth consecutive podium finish this weekend in the EMCO Gears Classic at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, but a run of bad luck has kept them from finishing where their pace has put them— at the sharp end of the field.

But the run of bad luck hasn't put a dent in their confidence one bit, as they know they have shown the speed to carve through the field and run up front, and they are looking to do it again—and score that elusive strong finish this weekend.

Younger brother Brian, who is a Rolex rookie this season after moving up from formula-type cars into the high-powered Daytona Prototypes, had a breakout drive in the last round at Watkins Glen as he charged up from twelfth in the opening laps making pass after pass and taking the lead. The experience has left Brian feeling like he knows what it takes to do it again.

“It definitely gave me a new feeling of confidence,” said Brian. “I think I had been too tentative in my first few starts, but now I know I can look to the front and work my way there because that’s where I want to go. I still want to improve my results in qualifying so we are closer to the front at the start, but some of that is just learning how to make the most of the quick sessions.”

It has been a learning year for Brian, who has not only had to learn a lot about the car he is driving, a Dinan-prepared BMW motor powering the Doran chassis, but has had to learn how to get the most of the car on several tracks he'd already raced on.

“Mid-O is another track that I have previously won on but will be driving for the first time in the DP, but I have become used to that,” said Brian. “I’m able to find most of the speed in just a few laps and then concentrate on finding where those last few tenths are, and building through the weekend.”

Brian will be teaming once again with older brother Burt, who at twenty-three already has a year of Rolex experience under his belt, and is a big fan of the Mid-Ohio circuit. Burt was anxious to get back to racing from the moment the checkered flag fell in the last race.

“I’m absolutely ready to get back on track,” smiled Burt. “The car at the end of the Glen was the best car we’ve had all year, and I really just want to get to work here at Mid-Ohio and keep improving the car and working to be in a competitive position.”

The frustration of not being able to score the results they have been capable of hasn't even entered Burt's mind.

“You just have to move on,” said Burt. “Each weekend is a new chance to do well, and that’s what we have to do. We need to focus on getting the car into the top six or seven as the weekend moves on, and having a good car. We just can't worry about the luck, because if we keep being quick, the results will come and we know that.”

The weekend will get started with a promoter test day on Thursday in advance of Friday's practice and qualifying, with the Emco Gears Classic 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.