

Frisselles Take Fifteenth in Miami Grand Prix

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Youngest driver pairing in Daytona Prototype class leads for first time as a team...

Miami, FL (5 March 05)— Brothers Burt and Brian Frisselle finished fifteenth in the Miami Grand Prix at Homestead Miami Speedway after powering their RX.com BMW-Doran to the lead in the middle stages of the race before falling down the order when a problem developed with the car's cockpit cooling system. The issue forced the brothers to fight the hot conditions in the car in addition to the strong competition in the Rolex Sports Car Series. Despite the final result, the strong performance they showed during the weekend has given the youngest driver pairing in the Daytona Prototype class a lot of confidence looking forward to the rest of the season.

After starting from seventh on the grid, Burt moved up to the top five in the early laps, and after a pair of early race caution periods, was up to third in the order. Frisselle chased down the pole-sitting car, making a strong move under braking to take second position. After stalking the leader, he made the most of a small opportunity in traffic to take the point and stay up front for nine laps.

"He (race leader Christian Fittipaldi) drove me all the way down to the pit wall trying to hold me off, but you have to make the most of any opportunity in Rolex racing, so I held my line and took the lead," said Burt. "You just have to go for it out there, and I did!"

Burt held onto the lead for nine laps, but when his tires began to lose grip, he was passed by the race-winning No. 10 car before turning the car over to Brian. In just his second Rolex Sports Car Series start, Brian Frisselle kept the car in contention in the top ten before being forced to visit pit lane when he had a small brake issue after a restart, causing the team to fall off the lead lap.

"That was a tough stint!" said Brian. "I thought I'd lost my brakes, so it was definitely something I wanted them to check on, so I brought it in," said Brian. "It turned out not to be that big of a deal, and it was fine when I got back out there, so I just kept at it. The conditions were pretty difficult-I was surprised at how hot the car was, mostly during the caution periods, and that made things tough for me. I know we'll be working on getting our cooling system all set for the next time we race."

Burt re-took the controls in the closing laps of the race to bring the car home in fifteenth position. Even though the result didn't show how fast the team was during the weekend, Frisselle was happy with the race.

"We are a young team, with a lot of new people coming on board, and everyone did a great job, so overall I'm pleased," said Burt. "Everything is just starting to come together, and the team is gelling together well, so I am really encouraged about today. Brian did a great job for his first time doing a sprint race, and it was pretty exciting to be up front, so it was a good race for us, and really gets me excited about Fontana."

Both Frisselles see things continuing to improve as the season progresses, and are confident about the competitive package they chose for the 2005 season.

“The other thing that was so encouraging was that a lot of the Dorans were good here-and they aren’t traditionally that strong on the oval/road courses that we run, so I am really looking forward to being able to show what we can do in the upcoming races.”

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