

Frisselles' Phoenix Night Ends Early After Contact

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Phoenix, AZ (10 September 2005)— Burt and Brian Frisselle had been hoping to escape the cloud of bad luck that has often visited them this season in Rolex Sports Car competition this weekend in Phoenix, but they will have to wait until the next race in two weeks' time to work for the strong finish they have been working so hard to get in their RX.com BMW/Doran.

After clawing their way into contention from the back of the field in the Racetickets.com 250 at Phoenix International Raceway, the race ended early for the young brother driving duo after the RX.com machine was crashed out of contention midway through the race.

Brian started the car from the back of the twenty-car field, and fired himself up into the top ten just ten laps into the race, and had continued to improve positions before turning the car over to older brother Burt, who rejoined the field in sixth place.

The hot Phoenix night seemed to rob many drivers of their good judgment on the tight infield road course oval bullring. After taking over the controls of the RX.com machine and settling into a good race pace, Burt was pinched by another car going into the first corner, which sent him spinning off the course, but not before another car struck the car, causing significant damage and ending the night early for the Synergy Racing Daytona Prototype effort.

"It's such a shame because the Synergy Racing guys did an amazing job to fix the car after the crash we had on Thursday, and we were doing great in the race-the car was fast," said Brian. "We were able to get ourselves where we wanted to be-we wanted to be in the top five midway through the race, and then go for a podium in the second half, but we didn't even get the chance to do that. It's really frustrating but we just have to keep focused on the next race and keep at it."

Older brother Burt, who carded a sixth place race in this event last year, was almost too frustrated to describe after another strong run was interrupted by a competitor's lack of judgment.

"I don't know what he was thinking-either he just didn't see me and sent me spinning, or he did see me, and turned down on me anyway," said Burt. "The guys did a great job to get the car ready to race today, and we just wanted to give them a good finish, but unfortunately now we have another car to fix. The good thing is that once again, we had a very fast race car, and for starting from dead last, Brian did another great job to get the car through the field like he did. We're going back to the Glen and we know we can be fast there, but its just going to be a question of keeping out of trouble..."

Saturday's race is slated to be shown on Speed Channel at 4:00 PM ET on Sunday, September 11th.

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.