

Frisselles Ready for Phoenix Challenge

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Phoenix, AZ (9 September 2005)— Burt and Brian Frisselle will start from the back of the Daytona Prototype field in Saturday night's Phoenix 250 after a crash in practice caused significant damage to the RX.com BMW/Doran and forced the brothers to opt out of Friday's fifteen minute qualifying session.

The Frisselles got off to a fast start to the weekend with strong times in the opening sessions, but the day was brought to a halt when the car made contact with the outside wall at the fastest point of the track after Brian got unlucky with his line and lost grip midway through the corner.

The Doran showed its remarkable strength, as Brian emerged largely unscathed from the car despite having made contact at a high rate of speed. He was less concerned about himself than the car, though, as the young charger came on the radio before his car had even come to a stop.

"Sorry guys," a frustrated Brian said to his Synergy Racing crew.

The setback could turn out to be an advantage in Saturday's 166-lap event, as the tight infield road course will pay big dividends to those with good track position, and early yellow flags could set the brothers up for an alternate fuel strategy, as pitting from the back of the pack offers little punishment under yellow.

The Synergy Racing crew immediately began work on the car Thursday night, staying at the track until Grand Am officials forced them to leave before they picked up their tools once again on Friday to get the car ready for Saturday's race.

"I am just really bummed," said Brian. "The lap was a really good one-I was carrying more speed nearly everywhere, and when I got onto the banking, I just got into the grey and it spun me into the wall. I have a bit of a stiff neck, but otherwise I am fine. I know these guys are working hard to get the car back in order, and I know it will be a strong car come race time. This series is so competitive that you have to be giving it everything all the time, but unfortunately just got caught out on the banking."

The brothers didn't suffer much penalty as far as track time, as the only session they missed was the fifteen-minute qualifying session on Friday, and the team is slated to get a 'hardship run' on Saturday afternoon to insure that everything is working properly on the RX.com machine.

Burt Frisselle, who finished sixth in this event last season, was also looking to the bright side of the damaged car, as he knows that with over twenty prototypes on the tight circuit with 166 laps of racing, anything can happen.

"We saw the Suntrust guys have an amazing come back at Mid-Ohio, and hopefully we can do the same here on Saturday," said Burt. "The guys are working really hard to get the car back in shape and with so much racing to go, anything can happen. The car was great to start out the weekend and I know it will be fast for the race, so we will just have to put our heads down and claw our way to the front."

Saturday's 166-lap event will get underway at 7:00 PM local, with the race 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.