

## **Frisselle Brothers Ready for Rolex Round Two**

Miami, FL (2 March 05)—One month after making their debut racing together in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, brothers Burt and Brian Frisselle are relishing the opportunity to get back to the track in their BMW-powered RX.Com Doran this weekend in the Grand Prix of Miami for round two of the Rolex Sports Car Series. The race will mark one year since Burt joined the Rolex ranks, and will be just the second race in Rolex competition for Brian.

Saturday's two hour and forty-five minute race will be broadcast live at 3:00 pm EST on Speed Channel.

### **Lots of miles**

While a 17th in class result at the season-opening Rolex 24 wasn't what the Frisselle brothers were looking for, the experience at least gave the duo a lot of experience and seat time. The Synergy Racing squad impressed the brothers with their attitude as they got the car back on track after several drivetrain problems hampered their efforts, but eventually the mechanical damage was too severe, and the car was forced into the garage for good just two hours shy of the finish. The RX.com car completed 523 laps, just three laps fewer than the total tally the winners accumulated during the 2004 event.

Despite the tough finish, the Frisselle brothers left the event with a lot of experience, and a lot of respect for the twice around the clock classic.

"I drove about six hours of the race, and Brian did a total of five, so it was like we both got several races worth of experience in just one race, so while we obviously had been hoping to finish higher, we at least got the chance to get a lot of time in the car," said Burt. "I think it accelerated Brian's learning curve, and we also got so many driver changes done that they are pretty smooth now, and going into a sprint race like Homestead this weekend, it's those kind of details that can make a big difference."

For Brian, the 24 was a good way to make the transition up to the ultra-powerful Daytona Prototype class.

"I really didn't have much seat time in the car before the 24, so it was great in terms of building my confidence and just getting used to the car," said Frisselle. "I also saw so many different situations with traffic and learned a ton from what I experienced at the wheel, so hopefully that will help in these sprint races. This car is a lot heavier and a lot more powerful than the formula cars I raced last season, so I am still working to get used to that."

"This weekend will also be a change in approach for me, because at Daytona, the focus was so much on pacing ourselves and taking care of the car with an eye on getting to the finish," continued Brian. "Here at Homestead, its going to be 100% every lap, so it should be pretty exciting for me as a driver."

### **Hometown Race**

The Frisselle brothers originally hail from Kihei, Hawaii, but have adopted Aventura, Florida, near Miami, as their new home. The two had no problem acclimating themselves to the climate, naturally, and are looking forward to a bit of a hometown advantage as they prepare for the Grand Prix of Miami.

"It just takes one of the elements of stress from the usual race weekends away—we don't have to deal with the travel of a normal race weekend, and as a bonus, I can sleep in my own bed right up until the race weekend," said Burt. "We are already familiar with the track and the area around the track, so it's just more relaxing and allows you to concentrate entirely on the race and what's going on during the weekend. We also both know all the karting tracks around, and we plan on doing some racing this week to get a bit tuned up for the race!"

### **Youngest driver pairing in Daytona Prototypes**

At just 23 and 21, respectively, Burt and Brian are the youngest driver pairing in Grand Am's top Daytona Prototype class. But the two are far from inexperienced, as Burt is returning for his second full season of Rolex competition, and Brian visited podiums across the country last season racing in both the Formula BMW USA Championship, and the Star Mazda series with Synergy Racing.

### **Racing with brothers**

After spending the 2004 Rolex season learning from his talented and experienced co-driver Oswaldo Negri, Burt now finds himself doing some of the teaching to his brother-and he is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

"It's awesome to be racing with Brian-I'ts something we've dreamed about for years and to get to do it now is just great. We spend a lot of time together and we feel the same way about the car-we seem to have a similar style and tend to agree on the strengths and weaknesses of the car as we try to get the most speed out of it as possible," said Burt. "It's also great for the family-this really is a family effort and we are all involved with it, so having us be in the same car

feels very special. I tried to pay close attention to Oz last season, and hopefully that will pay off this year.”

#### **Return to Homestead podium?**

The Grand Prix of Miami also marks just one year since Burt Frisselle made his first ever start in the Rolex Sports Car Series, coming in with a splash and taking his first podium of the season with co-driver Oswaldo Negri.

“It was pretty amazing last year to get a podium to start the season off-the race just came to us and it was a completely unbelievable way to get started in the Daytona Prototypes!” said Frisselle. “I feel as though I am much better prepared for this race with a year under my belt, but it might be tough to match that this weekend with how much the competition has continued to increase, but it would be fantastic to do it again.”

When the Rolex Series returned to Homestead for the September race, Burt followed up his podium with another strong top-five finish, and he is looking to grow his success at Homestead this weekend with another strong run in the Grand Prix of Miami.

#### **Video on website**

A video documentary of the Frisselle brothers’ debut race in the Rolex 24 at Daytona is available at [www.frisselleracing.com](http://www.frisselleracing.com). The video offers in-depth interviews as the brothers go through one of racing’s greatest challenges, with on-track action and behind the scenes views from February’s Rolex event.

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