

## **Bad Break Ruins Frisselles' Run at the Front**

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Watkins Glen, NY (12 August 2005)— If there were any question about Brian Frisselle's move up into the high-horsepower Daytona Prototypes from formula cars, the rookie from Miami answered them all on Friday, as he had a career best stint in his RX.com BMW/Doran, storming from twelfth on the grid and making pass after pass to score the lead midway through the CompUSA 200 at the Glen.

However, the cloud of bad luck that has hampered some strong runs up front for the Frisselles this season followed them again, as the young rookie, who had never raced on the short-course layout at the Glen before this week, was well clear of the field when a full course caution period slowed the field just after he had passed the entry to pit lane, meaning that the rest of the field was able to duck into the pits as the Synergy Racing machine was forced to trundle around for a lap of the track behind a slow-rolling pace car, costing them a chance at victory.

"It was great to go from twelfth to first-when I first got out of the car, I was on cloud nine, but it was so disappointing once it became clear that the way the yellow fell, we'd just got a raw deal," said Brian. "I don't know why Grand Am doesn't close the pits right when a yellow comes out—it basically punished us for being in the lead, and that just doesn't make any sense."

By the time Brian had turned the car over to older brother Burt, the damage was done as they re-joined the field mired in sixteenth place with the laps winding down in the two-hour timed event.

"It was just too tall an order to expect Burt to make up that much ground," said Brian. "It's frustrating because the car was awesome, but once again the result doesn't show that at all."

Unbowed by the challenge on a track where he had a second-place finish last season, Burt put his head down and put the fast-moving RX.Com-machine to work, making his own charge to the front but running out of time to make it back into the top ten as he crossed the finish line in eleventh.

"We want to have a race where we have no bad luck at all, because right now all we are getting is bad luck," said Burt. "This hurts more than anything that's happened all year, because it was totally obvious that we had one of the fastest cars here, and if it wasn't for the yellow, there is no way we wouldn't have been on the podium. The car at the end of the race was as better than it's been all season, but we just had too much ground to cover before the race ended."

With a season and a half of Rolex racing under his belt, Burt is the seasoned veteran to Brian's rookie status, but watching his younger brother make his lunge for the front had Burt nodding in approval with each impressive pass.

"Seeing Brian tear through the field and make that balls-out pass for the lead, that was really amazing," smiled Burt. "So we know we have everything we need to get the strong results-the team is really gelling well, our car was fast, and both Brian and I have led races, so now its just a question of getting some good luck, which hopefully we can get at Mid-O. This was a frustrating day, but we have to take the positives from it and just keep working, because we know the speed is there-we just have to get the results to match it."

When asked about how the run at the front that the car had makes him feel about racing at the Glen again in September, Burt was quick with his response.

“I can’t wait. I wish it were tomorrow.”

*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.*