

Frisselles Take Twelfth at Watkins Glen in Shortened Qualifying Session

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Watkins Glen, NY (11 August 2005)— Brian Frisselle was disappointed to have his streak of top-ten qualifying efforts broken on Thursday as he took twelfth on the grid for the CompUSA 200 with a fast lap time of 1:09.985-seconds on the 2.45-mile short course at Watkins Glen, but the young racer knows his RX.Com machine is faster than the qualifying result shows, and that he and brother Burt have a good shot at a strong result in Friday's race.

"We got hosed in that session," said Brian. "On my first flying lap, a car spun off in front of me so I had to back off, and then there was a black flag and I had to come back in midway through my next flyer. When we finally did get restarted, I was in a bunch of traffic and had almost cleared some space on the track-- but one slow guy thought he'd try and race me and nearly took me out at the chicane and messed that lap up. Then, someone else crashed and they ended the session early, so we ran out of laps and ended up in twelfth."

Brian has adapted quickly to the Rolex environment, learning new tracks quickly and making a difficult transition from low-power formula cars to the 500 horsepower Daytona Prototypes look easy. The young Miami resident knows that qualifying well is much less important than racing well, which he knows he can do.

"It's disappointing, but even though this is a sprint race, there is going to be a lot of racing tomorrow night and I know we can be competitive just like we have been most of this season," said Brian. "We were hoping for a break of good luck here at the Glen, but we didn't get it in qualifying so I guess it will just have to happen in the race!"

Older brother Burt, who took a Rolex career-best second place finish in this event last year, also knows that having a fast car is most important come race time.

"We'll be fine for the race," said Burt. "These qualifying sessions are very short, and when a couple of guys get a little carried away and start driving off the track, you end up only getting a few laps in and the results look more like a lottery. But we have a fast car and we know it, so we'll just keep working at it and be ready for the race tomorrow night."

Burt and Brian will have just one more practice session before the race, an hour-long Thursday night session before they take to the track for the race at 6:00 PM EST on Friday. The race will be shown on Speed Channel beginning at 10:00 PM on Friday.

Burt and Brian will also be participating in an autograph session Friday at 2:30 PM at the track.

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.