

Burt Frisselle Nets Third Row Start for GAMMA88 in Montreal

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Montreal, Que. (19 August 2011) – Burt Frisselle will start the Montreal 200 from the third row after qualifying the AIM Autosport No. 61 GAMMA88 BMW-Riley sixth on the grid for Round 11 of the 12-race GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series championship.



The 15-minute qualifying session saw the ever-competitive Daytona Prototype field post lap times with razor-thin margins with Frisselle missing out on a top-five starting position by just one thousandth of a second. Additionally, the Colorado racer was just under three hundredths of a second shy of a top-four starting spot.

Together with Canadian co-driver Mark Wilkins, Frisselle will look to follow-up last week's fourth place result at Watkins Glen with a podium finish for GAMMA88 in Saturday's two-hour sprint race as the Canada-based AIM Autosport team competes in front of its home crowd.

"Yesterday we started with a car that had a lot of issues - especially on corner entry - we were just sliding all over the place," said Frisselle. "So to be able to go out there and be qualifying and fighting for a top-four just shows how good of a job the crew did, Ian (Willis) did, Mark and I did at just really getting our heads in it and finding out how to make the car better. To beat Ganassi is really kind of the feather in our hat because that's the team we're always looking to. They run the same package as us and we're always trying to gauge where we are to them so that was particularly good. We'll work hard tonight to find some more because it's going to be a competitive race."

The two-hour sprint event will begin Saturday at 11:15 AM (ET) and can be followed online with live timing and scoring at www.grand-am.com. SPEED will televise the Montreal 200 on tape delay at 7:00 PM (ET) Saturday.