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## SunTrust Racing Qualifying Report

### *Montreal 200 at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve*

**Date:** Aug. 28, 2009

**Event:** Montreal 200 (Round 10 of 12)

**Series:** Daytona Prototype division of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series

**Location:** Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal (2.708-mile, 15-turn road course)

**Pole Winner:** Jon Fogarty of Gainsco/Bob Stallings Racing (1:32.235 at 105.734 mph)

**SunTrust Racing:** Fifth with Brian Frisselle (1:32.874 at 105.007 mph)

The No. 10 SunTrust Ford Dallara of Wayne Taylor Racing will start Saturday's Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series Montreal 200 from the inside of the third row after qualifying Friday afternoon at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

Brian Frisselle, the defending Montreal 200 race winner and SunTrust Racing co-driver with Max Angelelli this season, turned a fast lap of 1 minutes, 32.874 seconds (105.007 mph) during today's yellow flag-interrupted 15-minute session around the 2.708-mile, 15-turn home of the Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix. It was good for fifth among 29 car-and-driver combinations entered for Saturday's featured event.

Frisselle's lap times were improving considerably as the qualifying session wore on, but the caution brought out to retrieve the No. 61 AIM Autosport Ford Riley that ventured off-course into a gravel trap – consequently the same car that Frisselle drove to victory here last year – sent all competitors back to the pit lane and left time enough for two more hot laps. No one improved his position during those final two laps.

"It's nice being back in Montreal, especially after last year. They've got such great fans here," Frisselle said. "As for today, it was a little bit of a disappointing qualifying session. The car is a better car than fifth. Unfortunately, we didn't get the lap in to show it. That yellow threw off the rhythm and kind of hurt us because we seem to be better as the tire temps go up. So, it was really unfortunate, and when the tires cooled down under yellow, there was just no hope, especially after I flat-spotted the tires on my last lap. But, with a rain race tomorrow, anything can happen from P5. We've just got to be smart tomorrow and try to bring it home."

After today's crystal clear and cool conditions, weather forecasts predict a 100 percent chance of rain through noontime Saturday, then dropping to a 70 percent chance through the remainder of the afternoon.

Jon Fogarty of the No. 99 Gainsco/Bob Stallings Racing Pontiac Riley team turned the fastest lap of the day for his fourth pole of the season, edging championship point leader Scott Pruett in the No. 01 Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates Lexus Riley by 0.012 of a second. It was Fogarty's 12<sup>th</sup> career pole to tie him with Pruett for second on the all-time list, one behind career leader James Weaver's 13.

"We thought we had a fairly good car in practice, but clearly it wasn't good enough for qualifying because we were only P5," said Wayne Taylor, whose SunTrust team won the inaugural running of the Montreal 200 with Angelelli and Jan Magnussen behind the wheel in 2007. "But the race is tomorrow and it only counts at the checkered flag. I always say that. I know these guys well and I know they'll do the best job, and now we have to focus on tomorrow. Clearly, we have some work to do. These guys will come up with the answers and we'll see about that tomorrow. We've already figured out what we will do with the car if it rains. The question is, if it rains and then dries, that's more of an issue. But everybody's in the same boat, so we'll do what we feel is right when the time comes. I definitely think we have a great team and we'll see what we can do tomorrow."

The top-five in qualifying were the following teams:

1. Gainsco/Bob Stallings Racing (No. 99 Pontiac Riley) with Jon Fogarty and Alex Gurney (1:32.235 at 105.734 mph)
2. Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates (No. 01 Lexus Riley) with Scott Pruett and Memo Rojas (1:32.247 at 105.721 mph)
3. Penske Racing (No. 12 Porsche Riley) with Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas (1:05.730 at 134.185 mph)
4. Brumos Porsche (No. 58 Porsche Riley) with David Donohue and Darren Law (1:32.588 at 105.331 mph)
5. SunTrust Racing (No. 10 Ford Dallara) with Brian Frisselle and Max Angelelli (1:32.874 at 105.007 mph)

Race time Saturday is 2:15 p.m. EDT, with SPEED-TV's live broadcast set to begin at 2 p.m. Complete results from all on-track sessions, as well as live timing and scoring during the race, can be found at [www.grand-am.com](http://www.grand-am.com).

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