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4th Annual Las Vegas Pro Stock Showdown
The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Qualifying Day 1 Recap

TEAMS HAMMONDS QUALIFIES THIRD **AFTER FIRST DAY OF QUALIFYING**

(LAS VEGAS, Jan. 30, 2009) -- Team Hammonds sits in third place of a 14-car field after the first day of qualifying at the 2009 fourth annual Las Vegas Pro Stock Showdown.

The No. 20 Race for Achievement Chevy Cobalt, driven by Tom Hammonds, registered an elapsed time of 6.719 seconds at 204.76 mph. One qualifying round and elimination rounds will continue Saturday at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway at 10 AM and noon PT.

1. Allen Johnson (Greeneville, Tenn.) 6.709 sec./205.63 mph
2. Jeg Coughlin Jr. (Delaware, Ohio) 6.712 sec./205.44 mph
3. Tom Hammonds (Holt, Fla.) 6.719 sec./204.76 mph
4. V Gaines (Denver, Colo.) 6.731 sec./204.01 mph
5. Ron Krisher (Warren, Ohio) 6.734 sec./204.48 mph
6. Greg Stanfield (Bossier City, La.) 6.737 sec./204.79 mph
7. Johnny Gray (Artesia, New Mex.) 6.739 sec./204.39 mph
8. Rickie Jones (Galesburg, Ill.) 6.742 sec./203.92 mph
9. Bob Panella Jr. (Stockton, Calif.) 6.800 sec./202.15 mph
10. Jerry Haas (Hillsboro, Mo.) 6.805 sec./201.34 mph

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11. David Beckley (Wildomar, Calif.) 6.828 sec./201.76 mph
12. Frank Gugliotta (Mt. Arie, Md.) 6.843 sec./201.82 mph
13. Roger Brogdon (Houston) 6.859 sec./200.65 mph
14. Bob Yonke (Burlleson, Tex.) 6.916 sec./199.37 mph

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About Tom Hammonds and Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE)

Racing since the age of 16, Chevrolet backed Tom Hammonds made a triumphant return to full-time drag racing at the Gatornationals Gainesville Raceway in March 2007. He is the only African American owner (Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC) and driver of a race team in professional motor sports. Previous owner of a Chevrolet dealership, Hammonds was drafted 9th overall in the 1989 NBA draft and enjoyed his career with Washington, Denver, Charlotte, and Minnesota, where he completed his career. Before his illustrious NBA career, he played college basketball at Georgia Tech, where his jersey was retired for being the fourth all time leading scorer and received a bachelors of science in business management. A native of Crestview, Fla., he was inducted into the All Sports Association Hall of Fame of Fort Walton Beach, Fla. in March 2007.

Tom Hammonds Enterprises, LLC (THE) is located in Holt, Fla. and was formed in 2005. THE takes pride in promoting high performance and safety in the sport of drag racing. Housing such programs as Tom Hammonds Engines, a program specifically for performance drivers to rent custom built engines, and Tom Hammonds Race for Achievement, a school program dedicated to revving the engines of education through student achievement, the company's mission is to make an impact on the sport of drag racing. THE is the only African American owned and driven team in professional motor sports. For more information, visit www.tomhammondsracing.com.