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Arizona NHRA Nationals

**Phoenix Day 3 Recap**

## **TEAM HAMMONDS KNOCKED OUT IN ROUND ONE OF ELIMINATIONS**

**(PHOENIX, Feb. 22, 2009)** – Team Hammonds' competition for the weekend comes to an end in the first round of eliminations at the Arizona NHRA Nationals. Knocked out by Jason Line (6.617 sec/208.75 mph), the team registered an elapsed time of 6.665 seconds at 206.67 mph.

Against Line in elimination rounds, Hammonds is 0-2.

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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

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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](http://www.tomhammondsracing.com).