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NHRA Gatornationals
Day 1 Recap

TEAM HAMMONDS FINISHES FIRST QUALIFYING DAY AT GATORNATIONALS IN 17th PLACE

(GAINESVILLE, Fla., Mar. 13, 2009) - - Team Hammonds finished the first day of qualifying at the NHRA Gatornationals in 17th place.

The first qualifying run Team Hammonds faced Larry Morgan (6.627 sec./208.01 mph) running an elapsed time of 6.682 seconds at 207.15 mph to occupy the 15th slot in the 24-car field. He improved against V. Gaines (6.710 sec./206.13 mph) in the second qualifying round recording an e.t of 6.676 seconds at 206.73 mph to finish in 17th place.

The team knows that today's stats were not enough to carry over for tomorrow's qualifying sessions. In keeping with their strategy of improving for each qualifying round, Team Hammonds is confident tomorrow they will be able to do what they need to do to qualify for elimination Sunday. They will continue to work on set-ups to showcase their power and move them into the qualifying field.

Racing will resume tomorrow with qualifying rounds three and four at the Gainesville Raceway. Check local listings to view competition on ESPN2.

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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.