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NHRA Gatornationals
Day 2 Recap

TEAM HAMMONDS STRUGGLES IN QULAFYING OUT FOR ELIMINATION SUNDAY

(GAINESVILLE, Fla., Mar. 14, 2009) - - Team Hammonds struggled today in qualifying rounds, missing out on competing on elimination Sunday.

In qualifying round three, Team Hammonds registered an e.t. of 11.852 at 71.88 mph as a result of having trouble with the No. 20 Race for Achievement Chevy Cobalt and aborting the run against Warren Johnson (6.683 sec/208.23 mph). Sitting in 23rd place, the team had one last chance to make the qualifying field in round four. Running an elapsed time of 6.677 seconds in 207.05 mph against Dave Northrop (6.672 seconds /206.23 mph), Team Hammonds would improve, but not enough to place in the qualifying field.

With a 2-1 qualifying record, Team Hammonds is off to a better start than last season. It was an unfortunate end to the weekend, but they are confident they Houston in two weeks will bring about a better outcome. Testing and trouble shooting will be their focus to stay on course with their strategy, consistently qualifying.

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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

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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.