

Hemric Takes Home Unprecedented \$250,000 in Inaugural Legends Million - Sunday, July 18, 2010

Kannapolis, N.C., native Daniel Hemric won the inaugural Legends Million, the largest grassroots race in history, at Charlotte Motor Speedway, taking home an unprecedented \$250,000 with the victory.

Leading the first 89 laps of the 100-lap A-Feature, it looked as if pole-sitter Doug Stevens was going to complete a perfect weekend by winning the Legends Million. Stevens was the fastest qualifier on Thursday, then led all 20 laps of his Friday heat race, securing the pole for Saturday's main event.

Stevens was able to keep a hard-charging Hemric at bay for 51 laps by staying on the bottom of the race track, but with pressure from Hemric, Stevens' car slid up the track going into Turn 1 on Lap 89. That small miscue was all Hemric needed to take over the lead with just 11 laps to go. Stevens wasn't ready to give up, riding Hemric's bumper for next few laps, before Hemric's machine pulled away by several car lengths. Stevens held on to finish second, followed by Steven Cantrell, David Ragan and Tyler Green.

Heavy rain and thunderstorms moved through the speedway area early in the evening, affecting some of the racing action, but moved out quickly enough for the Legends Million A-Feature drivers to compete on a dry racing surface.

While many drivers struggled to maintain grip on a wet race track, Sean Rayhall, from Winston, Ga., was dominant through the first three-quarters of the Semi-Pro/Young Lions A-Main. Rayhall led the first 37 laps of the race, when a caution came out for a spin by Kason Plott. During the restart, Rayhall spun his tires and second-place Brady Boswell took advantage of the misstep to assume the race lead.

However by Lap 46, Rayhall and Boswell found themselves in lapped traffic and Boswell made contact with one of the slower cars, allowing Rayhall to retake the lead and win the event. Rayhall's car was fast all weekend, taking the victory in both the Semi-Pro/Young Lions and Legends Million heat races in which he was entered on Friday. By virtue of his victory, the 16-year-old Rayhall earned \$25,000. Dusty Summers finished second, followed by Boswell, Gray Gaulding and Hunter Bledsoe.



Daniel Hemric took home an unprecedented \$250,000 in the inaugural Legends Million.
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Unofficial results:

Legends Million A-Feature (100 laps):

1. Daniel Hemric; 2. Doug Stevens; 3. Steven Cantrell; 4. David Ragan; 5. Tyler Green; 6. Chris Dilbeck; 7. Justin Lloyd; 8. Nick Carey; 9. Kyle Plott; 10. Travis Braden; 11. John Freeman; 12. Kyle Beattie; 13. David Moyes; 14. Evan Swilling; 15. Chad Finchum; 16. Zachary Hausler; 17. Jake Crum; 18. Dennis Lambert; 19. Brian Sockwell; 20. John Sossoman; 21. Darrell Wallace; 22. Kyle Weatherman; 23. Harrison Rhodes; 24. Brady Boswell; 25. Justin Swilling; 26. Adam Gay; 27. Donny St. Ours; 28. Kenzie Ruston; 29. Kory Abbott; 30. Adam Burton; 31. Gray Gaulding; 32. Geoff Bodine; 33. Sean Rayhall; 34. Samuel McAulay.

Masters A-Main (50 laps):

1. Brian Sockwell; 2. Brian Weimer; 3. Will Cagle; 4. Eddie Harwell; 5. Jason Rochelle; 6. Ira Laughy; 7. Tom Pistone; 8. Dennis White; 9. Jan Ingram; 10. David Denham; 11. John Sossoman; 12. Tim Brockhouse; 13. Dave Gleason; 14. George Whitney; 15. Clay Hair; 16. Buddy Goudy; 17. Billy Gomez; 18. Jeff Jordan; 19. Steve Pye; 20. Gene Conley; 21. Kevin Foisy; 22. Scott Anderson; 23. Jamie Laine; 24. Thomas Gray; 25. Skip Nichols; 26. Scott Moseley; 27. John Barilka; 28. Jackie Ryan; 29. Hoyt Demis.

Semi-Pro/Young Lions A-Main (50 laps):

1. Sean Rayhall; 2. Dusty Summers; 3. Brady Boswell; 4. Gray Gaulding; 5. Hunter Bledsoe; 6. Kyle Hall; 7. Jake Knight; 8. Ryan Flores; 9. Austin Langenstein; 10. Mason Massey; 11. Austin Leitner; 12. Spencer Boyd; 13. Jake Morris; 14. Luke Demis; 15. Justin Carroll; 16. Corey Gordon; 17. Gregory Lang; 18. R.S. Senter; 19. Josh Morris; 20. Mike Weed; 21. Timmy Hill; 22. Sean Shalvoy; 23. Justin Thomas; 24. Tyler Hill; 25. Kason Plott; 26. T.J. Michael; 27. Brian Kolb; 28. Chase Catania; 29. Alex Pacheco; 30. Andrew Harrah.



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Congratulations to local racer, Sean Rayhall of Winston, GA, for his \$37,000 weekend at Charlotte's Legends Million event!

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