

Pruett, Rojas Win Porsche 250 Before Large Crowd at Barber

On Saturday, April 10th Memo Rojas and Scott Pruett rolled to a dominating victory in Saturday's Porsche 250 before an estimated crowd of 25,000 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, AL, while problems hit two of their traditional rivals in the battle for the GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 Daytona Prototype championship.

Pruett took the checkered flag 6.870 seconds ahead of Ozz Negri, giving the No. 01 TELMEX Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates BMW Riley its second consecutive victory.

In GT competition, Jeff Segal and Emil Assentato scored their second consecutive victory in the No. 69 SpeedSource FXDD Mazda RX-8, with Mazdas sweeping the podium.

Pruett and Rojas competed 108 laps on the 2.3-mile, 17-turn circuit in the two-hour, 45-minute event. The race was slowed three times for 12 laps under caution, with no major incidents. Photos by MSA Staff.



Rayhall First 15 Year-Old SCCA National Winner

Winston, Georgia's, Sean Rayhall, became the first-ever 15 year-old driver to win an SCCA Club Racing National over the weekend (April 17-18), sweeping the Oak Tree double National at VIRginia International Raceway in the Formula Enterprises class.

"The car was phenomenal," said Rayhall. "We had the balance of the car as close to perfect as it gets, yet we still have much work to do to fine tune the braking and aero package on our car."

Right from the get go, it was apparent that Rayhall was the driver to watch, seeking to perhaps put the pro event - in which he led both races but failed to score a win - behind him. Starting P1 for race one on Saturday, the Georgia teenager held off early challenges from Southeast Division stand-out Jonathan Bennett and multiple Northeast Division champion Justin Huffman to score a flag-to-flag win. Behind the trio, fellow FE Pro Series racers Andrew Cross Jr. and Stephen Zamborsky completed the top-five in the opening race of the doubleheader.

That trend continued one day later in race two of the weekend. The Comprint Motorsports racer was again quickest in qualifying, and used that advantage come race time. Able to hold off first lap challenges from Bennett and Huffman, Rayhall led all 14 laps en route to the weekend sweep. In a repeat of race one, Sunday's affair featured Bennett and Huffman completing the top-three, this time ahead of Zamborsky and Cross Jr.

On being the #1 ranked FE driver in the country ranked by SCCA: "I am very happy with our ranking right now. Being first isn't easy and

it took a lot of work to get there. It will be even more work to stay #1," Rayhall stated.

Rayhall's looking at a very hectic 2010 season schedule racing both Formula Cars and Legends, "I'm always up for a challenge. Running in both cars will help my driving immensely and continue my development. My main goals in Formula Cars are to win the SCCA Runoffs and the FE Pro Series. In Legends, we want to win it all in Young Lions, The Summer Shootout at Charlotte and Thursday Thunder at AMS. Also, the President's



Cup would be a nice bonus in FE at the end of the year!"

For more on this up and coming young driver, visit www.seanrayhall.com. You can also view his driver profile and more photos at www.motorsportamerica.com. (Photos courtesy of Sean Rayhall Racing)