

**Hendrick Motorsports signs Chase Elliott**

CONCORD, N.C. – Hendrick Motorsports has signed Chase Elliott to a multi-year driver agreement.

Elliott, the son of 1988 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Bill Elliott, will continue to compete for his family-owned team until meeting age requirements for entering NASCAR national series events. Bill Elliott Racing, based in Dawsonville, Ga., will field Chevrolets with support from Hendrick Motorsports.

“The apple hasn’t fallen far from the tree with Chase,” said Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendrick Motorsports. “I’ve always admired Bill’s ability in a race car and how he handled himself with the fans. I see those same traits in Chase, with his natural driving talent and an awareness of what he needs to do away from the track to be successful. He comes from a great racing family, and it shows.

“We think it’s a terrific situation. Chase already has a strong support system in place (in Dawsonville) that will allow him to focus on his education and grow as a driver, and Hendrick Motorsports will provide whatever kind of assistance the Elliotts need in any area.”

A 15-year-old freshman in high school, Elliott already has competed against some of the best short-track racers in the United States. In 40 late model starts last season, he posted 13 victories, 27 top-five finishes and 37 top-10s.



**Sean Rayhall Wins INEX Legends Winter Nationals**

Fresh of the plane from receiving the Jim Fitzgerald Rookie of the Year Award for his accomplishments in SCCA, Sean Rayhall headed down to Auburndale Speedway in Florida for the 2011 INEX Legends Winter Nationals. Practice started on Monday and Sean topped three out of the five sessions in the Pro category.

Tuesday marked the start of racing and Sean continued to set the pace in practice. In qualifying he narrowly missed out pole position and finished second in the race glued to the winner’s bumper. Race two on Wednesday started out the same as the day before, but improving with pole position. Unfortunately in the race Sean finished seventh after car contact while leading. Determined to not leave without a win Sean swept the day on Thursday setting fast time in practice, qualifying on pole, and winning the race. Friday Sean once again lead practice and qualified P1. In the race he fought hard for the lead and ended up second. Heading into the final race Sean needed to finish two spots ahead of the points leader to win the Winter Nationals. Sean qualified second, but found more speed when it really mattered taking home the win and with that the Legends Pro division Winter Nationals championship.

“This was a great weekend for the team,” commented Rayhall. “I can’t thank Doug Stevens and Advanced Technology Motorsport enough for giving me the best car in the field. I couldn’t think of a better start to the 2011 racing season.”

For more information on Sean please visit <http://www.seanrayhall.com>. Sean will be competing all over the Southeast in the Legends Pro division. Check Sean’s website as news on his more racing plans will be announced shortly.



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