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ANDREA HANS WINS FIRST LEGENDS CAR RACE FRIDAY AT CONCORD

CONCORD, N.C. – Andrea Hans and her family traveled from their Indiana home to North Carolina late last week with plans for Andrea to continue her improvement in the legends car class Friday night at Concord Speedway's quarter-mile oval. What the 16-year-old Indiana racer didn't necessarily plan on was winning her first INEX legends car event, but that's exactly what she did in the semi-pro legends feature.

Hans utilized the practice sessions and heat race to get used to the track and find a rhythm. She improved throughout the night and when the two leaders came together with two laps to go in the feature, Hans was running third and in the driver's seat to garner her first victory in her first race of the 2009 season. Because of the number of cautions late in the race, officials decided to wave the checkered flag when the leaders crashed, disqualifying both and awarding the feature win to Andrea.

"I think we improved throughout the night and when all the front-runners got into wrecks, I was there to take the win," Andrea said Saturday afternoon. "It was another big learning experience for us, and we just didn't give up! I have to thank my parents and everyone at Kyle Beattie Racing and Team Full Throttle for helping me. We weren't the fastest car, but we'll take a win any way we can get it."

Andrea's next race will be in Indiana, although she says her family-owned team is not yet sure when it will be. The team will be doing appearances in two weeks at a local mall near the Hans' Churubusco, Ind., home. The Hans family is also supporting the Aaron's House and American Cancer Society through their racing efforts.

Andrea Hans is a 16-year-old racer residing in Churubusco, Ind. She is a former quarter-midget winner and is currently a rookie in the INEX legends cars in 2008. While still focused on gaining seat time and experience in the legends cars, Andrea improved greatly throughout the 2008 summer, ending the summer a weekly top-five runner at asphalt ovals throughout Indiana. She now has her first legends car win after Friday's result at Concord.

Andrea is a member of the Team Full Throttle NASCAR Driver Development Program and is represented by Driver Development Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

Team Full Throttle is a Mooresville, N.C., based driver development program that specializes in all areas of personal and professional development, including leadership, teamwork, and communications as well as marketing, promotion, and on-track driving

skills. TFT currently comprises over 30 racers who reside and race in all regions of the country.