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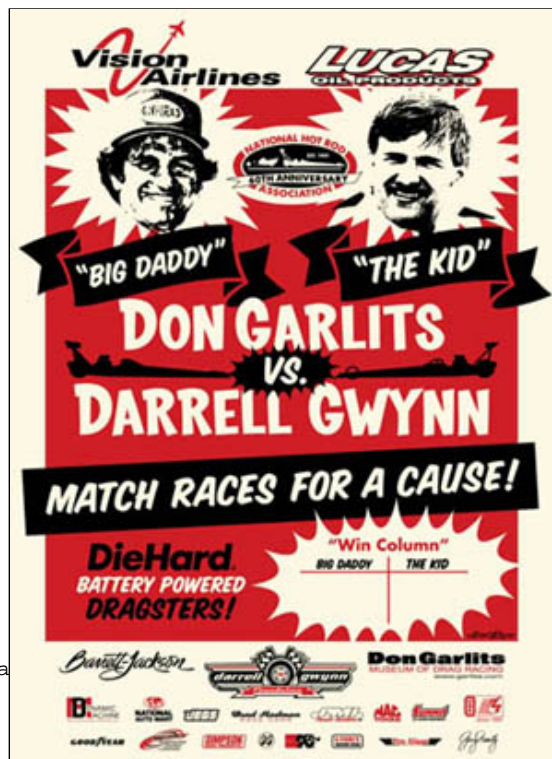
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Legendary Drag Racers Don Garlits & Darrell Gwynn Renew Their Rivalry

In "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" at the Gatornationals

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Legendary Drag Racers Don "Big Daddy" Garlits & Darrell "The Kid" Gwynn will renew their racing rivalry as they square off in "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" at the Gainesville Raceway during the Gatornationals on March 10-13. "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" brings two NHRA Legends back to the track as the NHRA celebrates its 60th Anniversary. The match races are designed to raise money and awareness for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation and the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing. The Darrell Gwynn Foundation's mission is to provide AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT and ultimately a CURE for Paralysis.

The "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" racing series will kick off in Gainesville at the Gainesville Raceway with a best of three series of races between Gwynn and Garlits each day of the Gatornationals. The two stoic rivals will race down the track in custom built DieHard Battery Powered Replica Dragsters that were built by Brad Hadman, designed by Mike Gerry and graphics by Eric Reyes. Don Garlits and Darrell Gwynn will race each other at several soon to be announced NHRA events this year as part of "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" as they raise awareness and money for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation and Don Garlits Museum of Drag racing, Inc. and celebrate the NHRA's 60th Anniversary. Fans can keep up with the standings of "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" by visiting www.darrellgwynnfoundation.org.



Darrell Gwynn Foundation Schedule at the NHRA Gatorna

Date	Time	Event
3/11	3:25 p.m.	Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Race for a Cause (Race 1)
3/12	2:45 p.m.	Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Race for a Cause (Race 2)
3/13	8:30 a.m.	DGF Track Walk for Those Who Can't
3/13	10:45 a.m.	DGF Wheelchair Donation to Genesis Cagle
3/13	4 p.m.	Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Race for a Cause (Race 3)

The DieHard Battery Powered Replica Dragsters will be auctioned off at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2012 after the "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" series is complete. Fans can also get involved and help raise money for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation by purchasing tickets to the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's "Track Walk for Those Who Can't" which will take place at each NHRA event "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" appears at. The track walks give fans an opportunity to walk on NHRA tracks, meet star NHRA Drivers such as Larry Dixon, Don Garlits, Robert Hight, Johnny Gray, Jim Head, Hector Arana and many more and support the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's mission. The Darrell Gwynn Foundation will also make a wheelchair donation at each "Garlits vs. Gwynn" event through its national Wheelchair Donation Program. Track walk tickets can be purchased at the racetracks the weekend of the event or online at www.darrellgwynnfoundation.org. At the Gatornationals, tickets for the track walk can be purchased for a \$20 donation at the Darrell Gwynn Foundation Compound located behind the Top Eliminator Grandstand.

Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause Schedule*:

Date	NHRA Event
March 10-13	Tire Kingdom Gatornationals
Gainesville, Fla.	

Aug. 31 - Sept. 5 Mac Tools U.S. Nationals presented by Lucas Oil Indianapolis, Ind.

November 10-13 Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals Pomona, Calif.

*More NHRA Events hosting "Garlits vs. Gwynn" to be announced soon.

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Don Garlits and Darrell Gwynn squared off on the racetrack for the first time in 1985 at the finals of the Summernationals. "Big Daddy" Garlits was already an established star in the NHRA facing the rising star, "The Kid" Darrell Gwynn. Garlits defeated Gwynn and the two would square off many more times including the Finals of the 1985 U.S. Nationals and the Finals of the 1986 U.S. Nationals. A memorable win for Gwynn came over Garlits at the 1986 Winternationals. The two competed frequently on the NHRA circuit until Gwynn sustained a spinal cord injury in a racing accident ending his career in 1990.

For more information on participating in the one of the "Track Walks For Those Who Can't" or sponsoring "Garlits vs. Gwynn: Match Races for a Cause" please contact Colleen Robb at (954) 792-7223 x.116 or email at colleen@darrellgwynnfoundation.org.

About the Darrell Gwynn Foundation

Founded in 2002 by Champion Drag Racer Darrell Gwynn and his wife Lisa, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide AWARENESS, PREVENTION, SUPPORT and ultimately a CURE for paralysis. In an effort to create more awareness about spinal cord injuries, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation successfully lobbied for an established Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week with a resolution passed by the Florida Legislature in 2006. The foundation operates an Education & Prevention Program directed to high school students to educate them on the dangers of risky behavior that can lead to spinal cord injuries. This rapidly growing program reaches over 10,000 students annually at over 50 high schools. The foundation's primary support program is its national Wheelchair Donation Program. With this program the Darrell Gwynn Foundation has donated custom built wheelchairs to hundreds of individuals in need. The foundation also maintains a model Paralyzed Assistance Fund offering support services and tools at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colorado with aspirations to expand this model to several hospitals nationwide. The Paralyzed Assistance Fund also supports the Betty Jane France Pediatric Center, at Halifax Hospital in Daytona, Fla. and Homestead Hospital in Homestead, Fla. Additionally the foundation provides financial support through its Fast Track Laboratory with the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis aimed at finding a cure for paralysis. With tremendous fundraising partners such as Barrett-Jackson, the NHRA, NASCAR and many more generous sponsors, individual supporters and donors, the Darrell Gwynn Foundation continues to evolve as a leading foundation for those with spinal cord injuries. For more information please visit www.darrellgwynnfoundation.org or www.facebook.com/darrellgwynnfoundation.

About the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, Inc.

Founded by legendary drag racer Don "Big Daddy" Garlits, the museum is located in Ocala, Fla. and features dozens of classic dragsters, race cars and racing bikes driven by some of the greatest racers of all time including Don Garlits' personal collection of his famous "Swamp Rat" Dragsters. A Hall of Fame Drag Racer and arguably one of the greatest drag racers of all-time, Don Garlits created the Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, Inc. with the goal of showcasing and preserving the rich history of drag racing and assist the Darrell Gwynn Foundation's mission. The Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, Inc. is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and tickets can be purchased by calling (877) 271-3278. For more information please visit www.garlits.com.

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