

2008 DNF Racing Laughlin Post Race Report

Laughlin, NV January 28, 2008 – For the 3rd consecutive year the SCORE Laughlin season opener eludes Dan Vance and DNF Racing from a finish. Thursday night during the SCORE Laughlin Leap Vance launched 116 ft and finished 2nd place, less than a foot from 1st place in his class. “We got here late and ran our GoodYear yellow label race tire in the jump contest. I should have mounted my street legal Wrangler MTR’s tires that are lighter and we could have made 1st and 2nd place differ by inches,” stated Dan after the contest.

The team did however attempt to stiffen the rear shock set up before the event to better handle the landing in the jump contest and completely closed the rear bypass tubes. This caused the rear bypass shocks to hydro lock. The result was 2 bent rear driver side shock shafts and a bent passenger side shock shaft as well. Todd from Fox Shox was at contingency equipped to aid Fox Shox racers. He assisted the team in rebuilding the shocks during contingency. He had to replace the damaged components and fully repair the shocks for the race. While he added a little custom touch that he recommended for Dan’s custom internal set up.

#1548 requested a rear class start for the 5 lap 6 mile 2 day event. The class had 9 Sportsman entries battling for the checkered flag. Saturday at 9am it was business as usual for Dan Vance and Team DNF Racing starting last in the field with the drop of the green flag. The course had already turned brutal from Trophy Truck qualifying Friday. “The truck ran flawless off the start! The Fox shocks were dialed and the motor felt strong. By the end of the first lap I think I had already sat in first place for our class,” stated Dan. With a flawless 5 lap race on day 1, Dan Vance drove #1548 to a 1st place finish in the Sportsman class. Saturday’s results were a 1st and a 3:12 lead from the rest of his field to start the 2nd race on Sunday.

Mother nature turned brutal overnight! Unleashing the perfect storm on the event, it dumped a steady downpour of rain in Laughlin from midnight to noon on Sunday. The course was saturated, and in some areas looked like a lake, making navigation nearly impossible for the entire field. Recovery vehicles and racers were scattered all over the 6 mile course stuck. Dozers were sinking trying to extract race cars, and double strapped recovery teams at times needed to call in a 3rd vehicle for extraction assistance. Every rut and pot hole, some the size of a VW bug, were filled with water which added an even greater challenge to all the drivers in maintaining their equipment to try and finish day 2 of the race. Lap 1 was so brutal on DNF Racing that before mile 3 the truck lost all electrical communications, dropped 3 cylinders, and packed so much mud into the bell housing which it made shifting impossible!! With race vehicles stranded everywhere and no way to shift the truck, Dan made the decision to pull off at the infield and call it a race to avoid any additional equipment damage that was already sustained. “I just had to call it a day. Knowing the SNORE Battle at Primm is the next scheduled event and that there is hundreds of hours of prep work ahead for Team DNFRacing.com, Sunday’s results are far from a perfect season opener,” stated Vance.

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