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The Brown Bulletin

The pre-race release of 24-time NHRA winner Antron Brown and the Matco Tools Top Fuel team

50th annual Kragen O'Reilly Winternationals

Feb. 11-14, 2010

Auto Club Raceway at Pomona

Pomona, Calif.

Antron Brown on the 50th annual Winternationals

"We're pretty amped up and excited to get back to Pomona, especially for the 50th annual Winternationals. This is a great way to kick off 2010 with such an important race. That gold 'Wally' trophy is one that you want to have in your trophy case on day. I can tell you, our whole DSR Matco Tools team is excited to get back in the swing of things at Pomona. Our goal is to start off the season where we left off last season and that's with a win at Pomona."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on the Winternationals

"We're ready to go racing. It's time to get out of the cold and get to Pomona and get things going. We're excited to hit the ground running strong at Pomona and hope to do as well as we did there last season. We had a lot of success at both Pomona races and a great start to the season is something we're aiming for again this year in 2010. It was cool to win there last November, but it would be even more exciting to win the 50th Winternationals."

Antron Brown Winternationals NHRA Notebook

Brown, 24-time NHRA winner, is the only racer in NHRA history to win races and lead the standings in both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle. Last season, the Matco Tools flagship driver raced his Brian Corradi/Mark Oswald-tuned dragster to a category-best six wins en route to a third-place finish in the Countdown to 1. He also earned seven No. 1 qualifying awards and has 21 career poles. In July, he made NHRA history becoming just the third driver in NHRA history to sweep the Western Swing at Denver, Seattle and Sonoma, Calif.

Last February at the rain-delayed season-opening event, Brown earned his second straight Top Fuel pole at the historic Pomona track. It was his 15th career pole. Brown has paced the Top Fuel field at the Winternationals in his only two Top Fuel starts at the historic race. In a

semifinal win over Brandon Bernstein, Brown clocked the second quickest pass of the season at 3.778-seconds. The Matco team posted a runner-up finish to 31-time winner Doug Kalitta, 3.822 to 3.847.

Despite not yet winning the Winternationals, Brown is a two-time winner at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona. Brown has won the Auto Club Finals in both Pro Stock Motorcycle (1999) and Top Fuel (2009). Last November, Brown raced the Matco Tools dragster to the No. 4 qualifying position at 3.813 seconds at 316.15 mph and then raced to his category-best sixth win of 2009 by defeating Spencer Massey in the final round with a pass of 3.801 at 316.90, the quickest pass of eliminations. He also has two runner-up finishes at the season-finale at Pomona.

At pre-season testing at Palm Beach International Raceway near Jupiter, Fla., Brown and the Matco Tools Top Fuel team spent five days preparing for the 2010 NHRA season. The Matco team tested from Jan. 11-15 in South Florida as Brown sped to a testing-best run of 3.815 seconds at a blistering 322.11 mph. It is the fastest 1,000-foot speed that Brown has recorded and his first 1,000-foot run faster than 320-mph.

2009 Final NHRA Top Fuel Standings

1. Tony Schumacher (5) 2,571 - - -
2. Larry Dixon (5) 2,569 -2
3. **ANTRON BROWN** (6) 2,522 -49
4. Cory McClenathan (1) 2,490 -81
5. Brandon Bernstein (1) 2,438 -133
6. Spencer Massey (2) 2,437 -134
7. Morgan Lucas (3) 2,353 -208
8. Doug Kalitta (1) 2,325 -246
9. Shawn Langdon 2,299 -272
10. Clay Millican 2,093 -478

Antron Brown's Career Results at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

- 1998 No. 5 Semifinals-Ron Ayers
- 1999 No. 2 **WINNER**-def. Craig Treble
- 2000 No. 2 Semifinals-Matt Hines
- 2001 No. 2 Runner-up-Angelle Sampey (foul)
- 2001 No. 3 First round-Joe DeSantis
- 2002 No. 10 First round-Michael Phillips
- 2003 No. 13 First round-Andrew Hines
- 2004 No. 3 Runner-up-Angelle Sampey
- 2005 No. 2 Second round-Andrew Hines (foul)
- 2006 No. 10 Second round-Craig Treble
- 2007 No. 8 Semifinals-Matt Smith (foul)
- 2008 **No. 1**-4.495 Second round-Cory McClenathan
- 2008 No. 19-4.056 DNQ
- 2009 **No. 1**-3.703 Runner-up-Doug Kalitta
- 2009 No. 4-3.813 **WINNER**-def. Spencer Massey

Brown's NHRA Winternationals Schedule

Date & Time Event and Location

Tues., Feb. 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Matco Tools TechEd Visit-Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

Wed., Feb. 10, Noon NHRA Media Luncheon, Auto Club Raceway

Thur., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 1, Auto Club Raceway

Fri., Feb. 12, 9 a.m. Army Y.E.S. Program, Auto Club Raceway

Fri., Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 2, Auto Club Raceway

Sat., Feb. 13, Noon/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Auto Club Raceway

Sun., Feb. 14, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Auto Club Raceway

Brown's Career-Best Performances

E.T.-4.495 seconds Pomona, Calif. Feb. 2008

MPH-331.94 mph Madison, Ill. May 2008

E.T.-3.778 seconds* Pomona, Calif. Feb. 2009

MPH-319.75 mph* Bristol, Tenn. May 2009

**1,000-foot*

NHRA Winternationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date & Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., Feb. 13, 10 p.m.-Midnight Qualifying Highlights

Sun., Feb. 14, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., Feb. 14, 6:30-10 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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