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The Brown Bulletin

The pre-race release of 24-time NHRA winner Antron Brown and the Matco Tools/U.S. Army Top Fuel team

***26th annual Arizona Nationals
Feb. 19-21, 2009
Firebird International Raceway
Chandler, Ariz.***

Antron Brown on Phoenix

"The Phoenix track has been good to our Matco Tools team. We tested well there last year and got our first win of the season. We're looking to do the same thing. We want to bounce back from our performance at Pomona (Calif.) at the Winternationals and qualify well and go some rounds at Phoenix. Our new DSR chassis is working well and I know (crew chiefs) Brian (Corradi) and Mark (Oswald) are getting a good handle on the tune-up of our DSR Matco/U.S. Army car."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Phoenix

"Pomona didn't go as we expected, but some of the things we're working on shows a lot of promise. This season is a sprint, not a marathon. We had a good outing at Phoenix last year and hopefully we can duplicate that. We want to work on our consistency and make sure we're peaking at the right time, which is when the Countdown (to 1) begins in September."

Antron Brown Phoenix NHRA Notebook

Last week at the season-opening Winternationals in Pomona, Calif., Brown qualified his Matco Tools dragster in the No. 11 position at 3.869-seconds. That broke a string of two straight No. 1 qualifying awards at the season-opening event for Brown. On race day, Brown defeated Steve Torrence before his bright blue dragster smoked the tires against Tony Schumacher in the second round. Brown is now 7-9 in 16 career matches against the U.S. Army dragster.

Last February, Brown scored his first of a category-best six wins during the 2009 NHRA season. After qualifying his Matco Tools dragster in the No. 3 position at 3.830-seconds, Brown, who was making just his second start at F.I.R., dispatched a stellar field, including seven-time champion Tony Schumacher before besting second-generation star Brandon Bernstein in the final round. Brown powered to a lap of 3.846 at 310.63 to defeat Bernstein's tire-smoking red dragster to earn his third career Top Fuel win.

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 seventh driver in NHRA history to sweep the Western Swing at Denver, Seattle and Sonoma, Calif.

Antron Brown... Did You Know?

-Brown was a track star at Mercer College in New Jersey competing in the 100 and 200-meters, long jump, and 55-meter indoor. He ran quick enough to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials in the 100-meters.

-Brown's first team owner was former NFL star cornerback Troy Vincent.

-Brown is the only driver in NHRA history to have won races in both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle (8 TF/16 PSM).

-Brown's co-crew chief Mark Oswald won the 1984 NHRA Winston Funny Car championship. Oswald claimed the Funny Car title at the Phoenix race in 1987
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NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series Top Fuel Standings (one of 24 races)

1. Larry Dixon (1) 122 - - -
2. Doug Kalitta 96 -26
3. Cory McClenathan 86 -36
4. Tony Schumacher 81 -41
5. Shawn Langdon 55 -67
6. **ANTRON BROWN** 52 -70
- Brandon Bernstein 52 -70
- Troy Buff 52 -70
9. Morgan Lucas 36 -86
- Thomas Nataas 34 -88
- Steve Torrence 34 -88

Antron Brown's Career Results at
Firebird International Raceway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

2008 No. 5-4.538 ET Second round-Tony Schumacher

2009 No. 3-3.830 ET **WINNER**-def. Brandon Bernstein

Brown's NHRA Phoenix Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Fri., Feb. 19, 2/4:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Firebird Int'l Raceway

Sat., Feb. 20, 1/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Firebird Int'l Raceway

Sun., Feb. 21, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Firebird Int'l Raceway

Mon., Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Matco Tools TechEd School Visit at
Glendale Community College

Brown's Career-Best Performances

E.T./Speed Location Date

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

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NHRA Arizona Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sun., Feb. 21, 2-4 a.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., Feb. 21, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., Feb. 21, 7-10 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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