



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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### ***ANTRON BROWN RACES MATCO TOOLS/U.S. ARMY CAR TO PROVISIONAL NO. 7 SPOT FRIDAY AT PHOENIX***

**CHANDLER, Ariz. (Feb. 19, 2010)** - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools dragster to the provisional No. 7 qualifying position Friday at Firebird International Raceway near Phoenix. The Matco Tools flagship driver made two solid runs on Friday at Firebird with a quickest elapsed time of 3.884-seconds on Friday evening.

Brown, the defending event champion of the Phoenix race, opened qualifying at the 26th annual Arizona Nationals by racing to a lap of 3.935 seconds at 305.01 mph. That was the third quickest pass of the first session earning the Matco Tools/U.S. Army team one bonus point. On his second pass, the 33-year-old former college track star used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the Matco/Valvoline rail to a pass of 3.884 at 309.91 to finish seventh in the 16-car order. Brown's DSR teammates finished second (Tony Schumacher, 3.827) and fourth (Cory McClenathan, 3.841) on Friday.

"We made two good runs on Friday here at Phoenix," Brown said. "We dropped a hole (cylinder) on the first pass and still made a nice run. We stepped it up for the night run and Brian (Corradi) and Mark (Oswald) and this Matco team is still working hard on the tune-up. It was important to make two good runs because they're calling for some rain tomorrow."

Professional nitro qualifying is scheduled for 1 and 3:30 p.m. (PT) on Saturday with Top Fuel followed by Funny Car. Brown qualified third at the Phoenix race last year

at 3.830-seconds.

Don Schumacher Racing, headquartered in Brownsburg, Ind., consists of six professional NHRA teams: The U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster driven by seven-time world champion Tony Schumacher, the FRAM dragster of Cory McClenathan, and the Matco Tools dragster of Antron Brown. The Funny Car teams are the NAPA AUTO PARTS Dodge driven by Ron Capps, the Valvoline/Mail Terminal Services (MTS) Dodge piloted by Jack Beckman, and the DieHard/shelor.com Dodge driven by Matt Hagan. Since 1998, Don Schumacher Racing teams have won 136 national events in 261 final rounds, and eight world championships.

Q1 3.935 ET, 305.01 MPH No. 3

Q2 3.884 ET, 309.91 MPH No. 7

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