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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

41st annual Tire Kingdom Gatornationals

March 12-14, 2010

Gainesville Raceway

Gainesville, Fla.

Antron Brown on Gainesville

"I'm excited to get back to Gainesville. It's always an exciting track for me. It's always a fast race too. It's where my career started way back in 1998 and in my whole career, I've never won there. It would be a nice breakout race for our DSR Matco Tools team in 2010. We just want to be consistent and take things one round at a time and run like we know we can."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Gainesville

"It's been a busy few weeks for our Matco Tools team, so we ready to get back to the race track and get to racing. And, what better place to do that than Gainesville. It's a historic race and a track we know we can run well at and that's our goal. We want to get back on track and perform like we know we can and like we did last season."

Antron Brown Gainesville NHRA Notebook

Three weeks ago at the 26th annual Arizona Nationals near Phoenix, Brown qualified his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster fourth after posting his quickest and fastest run of the 2010 season, 3.838 seconds at 315.34 mph. In the first round of eliminations, Brown was matched up against Troy Buff. Brown's car went out of control and the 24-time NHRA winner was uninjured in the crash. Brown has a mark of 1-2 this season.

Last February at Gainesville Raceway, the 16-time NHRA Pro Stock Motorcycle winner qualified his Matco-backed rail seventh with a lap of 3.943 at 305.55. On race day, he

defeated Clay Millican before his bright blue dragster smoked the tires against Bobby Lagana, Jr. in the second round. Brown has never won the historic Florida race and advanced to his only final round at Gainesville Raceway in 2006 when he fell to then teammate Angelle Sampey. Brown earned his only No. 1 qualifying award at the Gatornationals in 2001 with a lap of 7.208 at 188.94.

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 Community 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. He won the Gatornationals Funny Car title in 1991.

2010 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series Top Fuel Standings

(two of 23 races)

1. Cory McClenathan (1) 201 - - -
2. Doug Kalitta 196 -5
3. Larry Dixon (1) 161 -40
4. Tony Schumacher 144 -57
5. Morgan Lucas 108 -93
6. Steve Torrence 107 -94
7. Troy Buff 103 -98
8. Shawn Langdon 92 -109
9. **ANTRON BROWN** 90 -111
10. Brandon Bernstein 85 -116
11. David Grubnic 84 -117

Antron Brown's Career Results at Gainesville Raceway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

1998 DNQ DQ'd bad fuel

1999 No. 4 Semifinals-Angelle Sampey

2000 No. 8 Second round-Tony Mullen

2001 **No. 1** Second round-G.T. Tonglet

2002 No. 2 Second round-Craig Treble

2003 No. 4 Second round-Mike Berry (foul)

2004 No. 6 Second round-G.T. Tonglet

2005 No. 4 Semifinals-Steve Johnson
2006 No. 2 Runner-up-Angelle Sampey (foul)
2007 No. 3 First round-Tom Bradford
2008 No. 4-4.558 ET Second round-Tony Schumacher
2009 No. 7-3.943 ET Second round-Bobby Lagana, Jr.

Brown's NHRA Gainesville Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thurs., March 11, 7-9 p.m. Matco Tools Customer Appreciation Dinner
Matco Iron Eagle Club at Gainesville Raceway

Fri., March 12, 9 a.m. Army Y.E.S. Program, Gainesville Raceway

Fri., March 12, 12:45/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Gainesville Raceway

Sat., March 13, 12:45/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Gainesville Raceway

Sun., March 14, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Gainesville Raceway

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

**1,000-foot*

Tire Kingdom Gatornationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sun., March 14, Midnight-2 a.m. Qualifying Highlights

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

Sun., March 14, 6-9 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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