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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

Inaugural Four Wide Nationals

March 25-28, 2010

zMax Dragway at Concord

Concord, N.C.

Antron Brown on the Four Wide Nationals

"It's going to be a very exciting, but yet challenging event. Our DSR Matco Tools team is preparing for a very intense and exciting weekend of drag racing at our nicest track on tour. We're not quite sure what to expect, but I think the fans are going to love it. Bruton (Smith) knows how to put on a great show and it should be a great weekend of NHRA drag racing at Charlotte."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on the Four Wide Nationals

"We're going four wide. Wow! We experienced it already last year and we made a good showing in the four wide exhibition even though we didn't have the results we were looking for during the regular race. What we need to do is pick up where we left off at Gainesville as we ran great there."

Antron Brown Four Wide Nationals Notebook

Two weeks ago in Gainesville, Fla., Brown raced to his 49th career final round. The 24-time NHRA winner earned his 22nd career No. 1 qualifying award and 11th in Top Fuel with a lap of 3.803 seconds at 321.04 mph, a career-best 1,000-foot speed for Brown. On race day, he advanced to his 16th career Top Fuel final round where he was defeated by DSR and U.S. Army Racing teammate Tony Schumacher after the Matco Tools dragster smoked the tires and slowed to a run of 6.637-seconds.

Entering the fourth race on the 23-race 2010 NHRA schedule, Brown ranks fifth in the Top Fuel standings. He has one pole and final-round appearance after earning seven No. 1 qualifiers and a category-best six wins in 10 final rounds in 2009. He trails Schumacher by 72 points or less than four rounds of racing in the Top Fuel standings.

In two races at zMax Dragway at Concord, Brown has not qualified lower than third. At the inaugural Carolinas Nationals in 2008, Brown was edged by Schumacher in a close final round match, 3.882 seconds to 3.923. Last September, after qualifying second, Brown suffered a rare opening-round defeat to upstart Terry McMillen.

Brown and the Matco Tools team were invited to participate in the four-lane exhibition at zMax Dragway on Sept. 20, 2009. The Bruton Smith-owned facility is the only track on the professional NHRA circuit that has four all-concrete quarter mile lanes as opposed to the traditional two lanes. Brown, along with Morgan Lucas, Brandon Bernstein and Spencer Massey, competed in the exhibition race before the final round at the second annual Carolinas Nationals last fall. Brown posted the quickest Top Fuel pass at 3.86-seconds.

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 NHRA 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.

2010 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series Top Fuel Standings (three of 23 races)

1. Tony Schumacher (1) 266 - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (1) 255 -11
3. Larry Dixon (1) 239 -27
4. Doug Kalitta 230 -36
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 194 -72
6. Shawn Langdon 169 -97
7. Steve Torrence 160 -106
8. Morgan Lucas 140 -126
9. Brandon Bernstein 137 -129
10. David Grubnic 120 -146
11. Troy Buff 103 -163

Antron Brown's Career Results at zMax Dragway at Concord

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

2008 No. 3-3.865 ET Runner-up-Tony Schumacher

2009 No. 2-3.847 ET First round-Terry McMillen

Brown's Four Wide Nationals Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Fri., March 26, 11:30 a.m. Autograph Session, Fan Fest Pavilion

Fri., March 26, 2/4:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, zMax Dragway at Concord

Sat., March 27, 12:30/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, zMax Dragway at Concord

Sun., March 28, Noon Final Eliminations, zMax Dragway at Concord

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-321.04 mph* Gainesville, Fla. March 2010

**1,000-foot*

Four Wide Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat. March 27, 7-9 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., March 28, 10-10:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., March 28, 5-7:30 p.m. Final Eliminations

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