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***ANTRON BROWN TO RUN SPECIAL VALVOLINE PAINT SCHEME
AT FOUR-WIDE NATIONALS AT CHARLOTTE***

The Matco Tools dragster will feature four single-race paint schemes during the 2010 NHRA season.

BROWNSBURG, Ind. (March 23, 2010) - Antron Brown and the Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army Top Fuel team will sport a new look for the inaugural Four-Wide NHRA Nationals at zMax Dragway at Concord, March 25-28. The 24-time NHRA winner's dragster will fly the colors of Valvoline during the first-ever four lane NHRA drag race at the Bruton Smith-owned facility.

The team's customary blue and red 2010 Matco Tools paint scheme will return for the O'Reilly Spring Nationals at Houston Raceway Park, the site of Brown's first career Top Fuel win in 2008. Brown's Matco Tools/U.S. Army team will shed its 2010 paint scheme four times this season beginning with the spring Charlotte race at zMax Dragway. Valvoline is an official DSR sponsor and backs the Valvoline/MTS Dodge Funny Car of "Fast Jack" Beckman and the Valvoline Suzuki of Craig Treble.

"We at DSR are proud to showcase Valvoline on all the cars we race," team owner Don Schumacher said. "We have had a long relationship with this iconic brand that provides high-quality performance-enhancing products. Featuring Valvoline on the Matco Tools Top Fuel dragster driven by Antron Brown at the upcoming NHRA Four-Wide Nationals is just one way of showing our loyalty to them for their continuing support."

Brown, the only driver in NHRA history to win races and lead the standings in both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle, currently ranks fifth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings following three of 23 races on the 2010 NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series schedule. The Matco Tools flagship driver earned his 22nd career No. 1

qualifying award and 11th in Top Fuel at the last race in Gainesville, Fla. and advanced to his 49th career final round where he fell to DSR and U.S. Army Racing teammate Tony Schumacher. Brown also raced to a career-best 1,000-foot speed (321.04 mph) at the Gatornationals.

"It's great to represent Valvoline at the inaugural Four-Wide Nationals, along with Matco Tools and the U.S. Army," Brown said. "It's cool to see Valvoline in the primary sponsorship location for such an exciting race. This is a really big deal for NHRA drag racing and Valvoline is a product that is not only the choice of top mechanics, but it's the choice of Antron Brown. I run Valvoline in my personal Toyota Sequoia and we couldn't put a better product in our 7,000 horsepower nitro motors than Valvoline oil."

ESPN2 will televise two hours of qualifying highlights from the Four-Wide Nationals at 7 p.m. (ET) on March 27 and 150 minutes of final eliminations coverage from zMax Dragway at Concord at 5 p.m. (ET) on March 28.

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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 Dodge piloted by Jack Beckman, and the shelor.com Dodge driven by NHRA rookie Matt Hagan. Since 1998, Don Schumacher Racing teams have won 139 national events in 266 final rounds, and eight world championships.

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