



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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### ***ANTRON BROWN FINISHES THIRD IN FOUR-WIDE NATIONALS FINAL ROUND MONDAY AT CHARLOTTE***

**CONCORD, N.C. (March 29, 2010)** - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Valvoline/Matco Tools dragster to a third-place finish in the inaugural Four-Wide Nationals Monday morning at zMax Dragway at Concord.

Brown, who qualified the Valvoline/Matco Tools dragster in the No. 3 position on Saturday at zMax Dragway at 3.819-seconds, advanced to his second straight final round of the season by besting David Grubnic and Terry McMillen in round one and Larry Dixon and Shawn Langdon in the semifinals on Sunday before afternoon rain showers forced NHRA officials to postpone the remainder of the event until Monday. Racing in his 50th career final round, Brown was paired up with No. 1 qualifier and DSR teammate Cory McClenathan, perennial title contender Doug Kalitta and local favorite Doug Herbert. Brown used the second best reaction time of the quadrant (.057 of-a-second) and a lap of 3.862 seconds at 312.64 mph in lane four to finish third in the final round. McClenathan took his second win of the season at 3.820 at 319.60 while Kalitta narrowly trailed at 3.825 at 316,60. Herbert finished fourth after his blue dragster lost traction and slowed to a run of 4.268 at 193.79. It was Brown's second straight final round appearance of the season after carding a runner-up finish to teammate Tony Schumacher in the final round at Gainesville (Fla.) Raceway on March 14. Brown continues to rank fifth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings following four of 23 races on the 2010 NHRA schedule. Brown earned 73 points during the weekend of the inaugural Four-Wide Nationals.

"We gave it our all, but we just came up a little short," Brown said. "It's all good though. We had a great showing for Valvoline this weekend and our DSR Matco Tools/U.S. Army team continues to have very consistent race car. We'll get that win soon enough and why not at Houston in a few weeks where we got our first career Top Fuel win two years ago. The four wide was fun, but now it's time to get back to

real drag racing."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 23rd annual O'Reilly Spring Nationals, April 9-11, at Houston Raceway Park in Baytown, Texas. Brown won his first career Top Fuel race at the Houston race in 2008 (def. Larry Dixon) and he earned the No. 1 qualifying award in Baytown last year with a lap of 3.819-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 Dodge piloted by Jack Beckman, and the DieHard/shelor.com Dodge driven by Matt Hagan. Craig Treble rides the DSR Suzuki Pro Stock Motorcycle. Since 1998, Don Schumacher Racing teams have won 140 national events in 270 final rounds, and eight world championships.

E1 **BROWN** (.059) 3.858 ET, 313.58 MPH and Herbert (.224) 3.936 ET, 304.12 MPH def. Grubnic (.109) 5.962 ET, 124.22 MPH and McMillen (.302) 6.176 ET, 111.13 MPH

E2 **BROWN** (.062) 3.840 ET, 314.31 MPH and Herbert (.068) 3.851 ET, 308.50 MPH def. Dixon (.130) 3.818 ET, 317.42 MPH and Langdon (.049) 3.914 ET, 308.85 MPH

E3 McClenathan (.056) 3.820 ET, 319.60 MPH def. Kalitta (.060) 3.825 ET, 316.60 MPH and **BROWN** (.057) 3.862 ET, 312.64 MPH and Herbert (.075) 4.268 ET, 193.79 MPH

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