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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

***23rd annual O'Reilly Spring Nationals
April 9-11, 2010
Houston Raceway Park
Baytown, Texas***

Antron Brown on Houston

"Houston is a race I always look forward to. I've raced there many times on the bikes and I spent a lot of time in Louisiana with my wife and we'll have a lot of friends and family at the Houston race with us. We have some great memories from Houston having won our first Top Fuel race their two years ago, and our goal is to get our first win of 2010 at Houston Raceway Park. This Top Fuel class is tough, but our Matco Tools dragster is running great and we're ready to get back to two lane drag racing after the Four-Wide Nationals at Charlotte."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Houston

"It all starts in qualifying and the goal is to always qualify well. We ran well at Houston last year and we have some good data from the track. We have some stuff that we're going to try in the bellhousing to improve our early numbers. We really want to get back to a final round and win a race. We're very hungry and why not at Houston? It's a great race with great fans and we're excited to get to the Lone Star State."

Antron Brown Houston NHRA Notebook

Two weeks ago at the inaugural Four-Wide Nationals near Charlotte, Brown qualified his Valvoline/Matco Tools dragster third at 3.819-seconds. Brown raced to his second straight final round appearance where he placed third in the final round of the Four-Wide Nationals after posting a run of 3.862 at 312.64 mph. DSR teammate Cory McClenathan earned his second win of the season. In three races at zMax Dragway at Concord, Brown has never qualified lower than third and has two final round appearances.

After the first four races of the 2010 NHRA season, Brown ranks fifth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings. He trails teammate and driver of the FRAM dragster, McClenathan, by 106 points. Brown has advanced to the final round at the last two races at Gainesville (Fla.) Raceway and Concord, N.C. He also earned his 22nd career pole at the Gatornationals on March 13 at 3.803-seconds, his quickest pass of the season. Brown also set at career-best speed during the Gainesville race at 321.04 mph. He has an average qualifying position of 4.75 this year.

Brown made history two years ago at Houston Raceway Park becoming the first driver in NHRA history to win races in both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle by defeating Larry Dixon 4.605 to 4.621. He won in just his fourth Top Fuel start after starting from the No. 12 position at the '08 O'Reilly Spring Nationals. Last March at the Houston race, Brown earned his fifth career Top Fuel pole with a blast of 3.819 seconds at 316.75 mph. He was defeated in round two by McClenathan as Brown suffered his first career holeshot loss in Top Fuel. He also grabbed the Pro Stock Motorcycle pole at the Baytown track in 2001 at 7.167 at 187.23. In 12 tries at the Houston track, Brown has an average qualifying position of 4.25.

Antron Brown... Did You Know?

-Brown was a track star at Mercer 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 racer in NHRA history to win races (8 TF/16 PSM) in and lead the standings both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle.

-Brown's co-crew chief Mark Oswald won the 1984 NHRA Winston Funny Car championship. He earned the Funny Car pole at Houston Raceway Park in 1995.

-Brown's co-crew chief Brian Corradi was the clutch specialist on Dean Skuza's Matco Tools Funny Car that won the fall Houston race in 1997.

-Brown's father, Al, and uncle, Andre, race a Top Sportsman dragster in NHRA Division 1 competition.

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

1. Cory McClenathan (2) 379 - - -
2. Tony Schumacher (1) 327 -52
3. Doug Kalitta 326 -53
4. Larry Dixon (1) 302 -77
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 273 -106
6. Shawn Langdon 221 -158
7. Steve Torrence 193 -186
8. Morgan Lucas 173 -206
9. Brandon Bernstein 168 -211
10. David Grubnic 154 -225
11. Terry McMillen 125 -276

Antron Brown's Career Results at Houston Raceway Park

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

1998 No. 9 Second round-John Smith

1999 No. 3 Second round-Tony Mullen

2000 No. 2 First round-Joe DeSantis

2001 **No. 1** Semifinals-Angelle Sampey

2002 No. 3 Second round-Craig Treble (foul)
2003 No. 7 Semifinals-Craig Treble
2004 No. 2 Runner-up-Karen Stoffer
2005 No. 3 First round-Craig Treble
2006 No. 2 Second round-Andrew Hines (foul)
2007 No. 6 Second round-Tom Bradford (foul)
2008 No. 12-4.644 ET **WINNER**-def. Larry Dixon
2009 **No. 1**-3.819 ET Second round-Cory McClenathan

Brown's Houston NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thurs., April 8, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. ESPN Video Shoot with Bob Tasca
Space Center Houston (NASA)

Thurs., April 8, 7-9 p.m. Matco Tools Customer Appreciation Dinner
Iron Eagle Club at Houston Raceway Park

Fri., April 9, 3:30/6 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Houston Raceway Park

Sat., April 10, 12:15/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Houston Raceway Park

Sun., April 11, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Houston Raceway Park

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

E.T.-3.819 seconds* Baytown, Texas March 2009

MPH-316.75 mph* Baytown, Texas March 2009

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O'Reilly NHRA Spring Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., March 28, 8-9 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., March 29, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., March 29, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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