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ANTRON BROWN RACES TO THIRD STRAIGHT FINAL ROUND SUNDAY AT HOUSTON

BAYTOWN, Texas (April 11, 2010) - Antron Brown drove his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a runner-up finish Sunday afternoon at Houston Raceway Park as the 24-time NHRA winner moved to fourth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings. Brown advanced to his third straight final round.

A day after qualifying the Matco Tools/U.S. Army rail in the No. 2 position with a career-best elapsed time at 3.777-seconds, Brown bested 2009 NHRA Rookie of the Year Spencer Massey, starting-line ace Shawn Langdon, and three-time Top Fuel winner Morgan Lucas, before losing a tire-smoking final to two-time series champion Larry Dixon.

In the opening round, Brown was paired up against the two-time Top Fuel winner, who was competing in his first race of the season. Brown got the jump at the start and raced to the wire-to-wire win in his Matco Tools/U.S. Army rail. The 22-time pole winner powered to the second quickest pass of the round at 3.858 seconds at 315.27 mph to outpace Massey's lap of 4.176 at 235.64. Brown is now 4-3 in seven career races against Massey. It was Brown's 315th career round win.

Facing Langdon for the second time this season, the former NHRA Super Comp champion got the jump at the start, but Brown used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the bright blue Matco Tools car to the semifinals in the left lane at H.R.P. Brown's car clocked a performance of 3.964 at 303.37, while Langdon's rail lost traction and slowed to an elapsed time of 4.806-seconds. Brown is now 2-0 against Langdon this season.

The former college track star advanced to his third straight final round by knocking off Lucas in the semifinals with the quickest pass of the round. The Corradi/Oswald-

tuned Matco Tools/U.S. Army car powered to a pass of 3.873 at 314.17 to advance to Brown's 51st career final round and third at Houston Raceway Park. Lucas' rail trailed at 4.006 at 298.80.

In the final round, Brown used a stout .038 of-a-second reaction time to race to the early lead and things looked good as Dixon's rail lost traction early, but the tires came loose on the Matco-backed rail allowing Dixon to drive by for the narrow win with a run of 4.541 at 222.36 in the Alan Johnson-owned dragster. Brown carded a run of 4.638 at 173.32. He now has a record of 9-5 in five races this season with three final round appearances.

"It was another good weekend for our DSR Matco Tools team here at Houston," Brown said. "We like this track, but just came up short. That was a tough race to lose. I was surprised when the tires pulled loose, but we're leaving here with our heads high. We'll go to (Las) Vegas and give it our all and do our best to pull out a win next weekend."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 11th annual Summitracing.com Nationals, April 16-18, at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Last April at The Strip at LVMS, Brown qualified his Matco-backed car second and raced to a semifinal finish at the spring Las Vegas race.

Don Schumacher Racing, headquartered in Brownsburg, Ind., consists of seven 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 141 national events in 272 final rounds, and eight world championships.

E1 **BROWN** (.065) 3.858 ET, 315.27 MPH def. Massey (.078) 4.176 ET, 235.64 MPH
E2 **BROWN** (.077) 3.964 ET, 303.37 MPH def. Langdon (.051) 4.806 ET, 166.39 MPH
E3 **BROWN** (.063) 3.873 ET, 314.17 MPH def. Lucas (.084) 4.006 ET, 298.80 MPH
E4 Dixon (.044) 4.541 ET, 222.36 MPH def. **BROWN** (.038) 4.638 ET, 173.32 MPH

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