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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

***11th annual Summitracing.com Nationals
April 16-18, 2010
The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway***

Antron Brown on Las Vegas 1

"We've been to three straight final rounds, so this DSR Matco Tools dragster is running strong. We're making progress in the points and we're going to give it our all in (Las) Vegas and see how the dice roll and hopefully we can bring one of the race wins home in 2010. We're hungry to get it done."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Las Vegas 1

"We've been running pretty well and we're always excited to get to Las Vegas. We've gone to three straight final rounds and we're very hungry to cash in and we hope (Las) Vegas is the place for us."

Antron Brown Las Vegas 1 NHRA Notebook

Last weekend near Houston, Brown raced to his third straight final-round appearance. The 24-time NHRA winner qualified second at Houston Raceway Park with a career-best elapsed time of 3.777-seconds. He also recorded a personal-best speed during qualifying at 321.96 mph. On race day, he marched to the final round for the third straight race before falling to two-time champion Larry Dixon in a peddle-fest 4.541 to 4.638. Brown is 1-2 in three career final rounds against Dixon.

Last year at The Strip at LVMS, Brown qualified his Matco Tools dragster second at the spring race in April (3.878 seconds) and third at the fall race in October (3.834). At the 2009 Summitracing.com Nationals, Brown fell in the semifinals to Brandon Bernstein after both cars lost traction, 4.004 to 4.149. Brown, a two-time finalist at The Strip at LVMS (2001, '08), has won races at 14 current NHRA tracks. In 12 tries at the Vegas race, he has an average qualifying position of 6.4.

Brown has three final round appearances this season, Gainesville, Fla, Charlotte and Houston. He is 0-3 in final rounds this season after going 6-4 in 10 final rounds last year. Brown also earned the pole at the historic Gatornationals and has qualified fourth, first, third and second at the last four races. Brown also has three 320-mph passes this season after earning top speed of the meet honors 13 times last season. In five races this season, Brown has an average qualifying position of 4.2. The former college track star has gone from eighth to fourth place in the points in just three races.

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.
- 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 (five of 23 races)

1. Cory McClenathan (2) 456 - - -
2. Larry Dixon (2) 428 -28
3. Doug Kalitta 381 -75
4. **ANTRON BROWN** 378 -78
5. Tony Schumacher (1) 366 -90
6. Shawn Langdon 275 -181
7. Morgan Lucas 245 -211
8. Steve Torrence 228 -228
9. Brandon Bernstein 219 -237
10. David Grubnic 206 -250
11. Terry McMillen 158 -298

Antron Brown's Career Results at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

- 2000 No. 5 Second round-Tony Mullen
- 2001 No. 5 Runner-up-Shawn Gann
- 2002 No. 4 Second round-Shawn Gann
- 2003 No. 13 First round-Andrew Hines
- 2004 No. 10 Second round-Chip Ellis
- 2005 No. 9 First round-Craig Treble (foul)
- 2006 No. 7 Second round-Andrew Hines (foul)
- 2007 No. 11 First round-Peggy Llewellyn
- 2008 No. 6-4.600 ET Runner-up-Cory McClenathan
- 2008 No. 2-3.812 ET Semifinals-Rod Fuller
- 2009 No. 2-3.878 ET Semifinals-Brandon Bernstein
- 2009 No. 3-3.834 ET Second round-Brandon Bernstein

Brown's Las Vegas 1 NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Tues., April 13, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Matco Tools Tech Ed Appearance
Western Technical College-EI Paso, Texas

Thur., April 15, Noon NHRA Media Luncheon-ESPN Zone

Fri., April 16, 9 a.m. Army Y.E.S. Program-The Strip at LVMS

Fri., April 16, 1/4 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, The Strip at LVMS

Sat., April 17, Noon/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, The Strip at LVMS

Sun., April 18, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, The Strip at LVMS

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.-3.777 seconds* Baytown, Texas April 2010

MPH-321.96 mph* Baytown, Texas April 2010

E.T.-3.812 seconds* Las Vegas Oct. 2008

MPH-317.42 mph* Las Vegas Oct. 2009

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NHRA Summitracing.com Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., April 17, 6-8 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., April 18, 10-10:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., April 18, 7-10 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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.

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