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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

***14th annual AAA Insurance Nationals
April 30-May 2, 2010
Gateway International Raceway
Madison, Ill.***

Antron Brown on St. Louis

"We're hoping and hungry for a repeat of our win last year at St. Louis. We've run well there since going Top Fuel racing in 2008. I think we got our fastest quarter-mile speed there a few years back and we won there last year, so Gateway is a good track for us. Our DSR Matco Tools dragster is running great and our test session after (Las) Vegas went great. We're very excited to get back to racing at St. Louis this weekend."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on St. Louis

"We're going to bring out our new DSR chassis. We tested well in (Las) Vegas and ran well there too, just not on race day. We're excited to get back to St. Louis where we won last year and defend our title."

Antron Brown St. Louis NHRA Notebook

Two weeks ago at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Brown drove his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to his 23rd career No. 1 qualifying award and 12th in Top Fuel. He also earned 11 poles during his 10-year Pro Stock Motorcycle career. Brown roared to the pole with a pass of 3.881 seconds at 316.60 mph. The times stood for low elapsed time and top speed of the meet. On race day, Brown advanced to the quarterfinals where he was defeated by second-generation star Brandon Bernstein after the Matco-backed rail lost traction early and smoked the

tires. It is the third straight race that Brown has lost to Bernstein at Las Vegas and ended Brown's string of three straight final round appearances.

Last May at Gateway International Raceway, Brown earned his 20th career NHRA win. Flying the colors of DirecTV and Matco Tools, Brown qualified seventh at 3.906 seconds with just two qualifying sessions due to rain showers. On race day, Brown bested Doug Kalitta, Cory McClenathan, Shawn Langdon and Bernstein in the final round, 3.850 to 3.888. Brown clocked the quickest (3.850) and fastest run (318.02 mph) of the weekend during his race-winning run.

In 12 tries at the St. Louis track, Brown's first win came last May. He has wins at 14 current NHRA tracks. He posted a runner-up finish to former DSR Pro Stock Motorcycle teammate Angelle Sampey in 2005, 7.237 to 7.240. Brown also earned two No. 1 qualifiers on his Suzuki in 2001 (7.203 seconds) and '04 (7.086). His average qualifying position at Gateway is 3.8.

Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the seventh race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fourth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 115 points or less than six rounds of racing. Brown has three final-round appearances this season (Gainesville, Charlotte 1 and Houston) and two No. 1 qualifiers (Gainesville and Las Vegas 1). Last year, Brown had 10 finals and seven poles. His average qualifying position in six races this year is 3.7.

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 (six of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (3) 556 - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (2) 555 -1
3. Doug Kalitta 458 -98
4. **ANTRON BROWN** 441 -115
5. Tony Schumacher (1) 423 -123
6. Shawn Langdon 328 -228
7. Morgan Lucas 299 -257
8. Brandon Bernstein 292 -264
9. David Grubnic 238 -318
10. Steve Torrence 238 -318

11. Terry McMillen 190 -366

Antron Brown's Career Results at Gateway International Raceway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

1998 No. 3 Second round-Dave Schultz

1999 No. 3 Semifinals-Angelle Sampey (foul)

2000 No. 3 Second round-Geno Scali

2001 **No. 1** First round-Ron Ayers

2002 No. 5 Semifinals-Angelle Sampey (foul)

2003 No. 8 Second round-Shawn Gann

2004 **No. 1** Second round-Geno Scali

2005 No. 3 Runner-up-Angelle Sampey

2006 No. 4 First round-Craig Treble

2007 No. 4 First round-Hector Arana

2008 No. 4-4.517 ET Second round-Doug Kalitta

2009 No. 7-3.906 ET **WINNER**-def. Brandon Bernstein

Brown's St. Louis NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Fri., April 30, 4/6:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Gateway Int'l Raceway

Sat., May 1, 12:30/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Gateway Int'l Raceway

Sun., May 2, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Gateway Int'l Raceway

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.-3.850 seconds* Madison, Ill. May 2009

MPH-318.02 mph* Madison, Ill. May 2009

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NHRA AAA Insurance NationalsTV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., May 1, 9-11 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., May 2, 10-10:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., May 2, 7-10 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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