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The Brown Bulletin

The pre-race release of 24-time NHRA winner Antron Brown and the Matco Tools/U.S. Army Top Fuel team

***30th annual Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals
May 14-16, 2010
Atlanta Dragway
Commerce, Ga.***

Antron Brown on Atlanta

"Our goal this weekend is to go there and race to the best of our abilities. We struggled at St. Louis and we need a rebound race. Our heads are high because we see a lot of promise with our new DSR race car. Atlanta has been good to us in the past and we're hoping some of that luck comes our way this weekend."

Brian Corradi (Crew Chief) on Atlanta

"After a rough weekend in St. Louis, we feel we got a handle on the car. We changed some things around and it was progressing with each run at the last race. I think if we didn't miss that one run because of rain in qualifying, we'd have been ok. We're excited about getting to Atlanta because we feel we're ready for a breakout weekend and to get back to another final round."

Antron Brown Atlanta NHRA Notebook

Two weeks ago at Gateway International Raceway near St. Louis, Brown qualified in the No. 16 position for the first time in his career. The Matco Tools/U.S. Army team struggled after debuting a new race car qualifying at 4.688-seconds. On race day, the three-time Atlanta Dragway winner knocked off No. 1 qualifier and DSR teammate Cory McClenathan before falling to 31-time Top Fuel winner Doug Kalitta in the second round. The lowest Brown had previously qualified was 14th.

Last May at Atlanta Dragway, Brown qualified his bright blue Matco Tools dragster fifth with a lap of 3.867 seconds at 311.63 mph. On race day, he knocked off six-time IHRA champion Clay Millican before losing a pedal-fest to seven-time NHRA champion Tony Schumacher, 4.029 to 4.800.

Brown is a three-time winner at Atlanta Dragway, having won at the NHRA-owned facility in both Top Fuel and Pro Stock Motorcycle. He defeated champions Matt Hines in 2001 and Andrew Hines in '06 before earning his second career Top Fuel win two years ago at the Commerce, Ga. track. He beat Schumacher as a result of a holeshot 4.537 to 4.521 in a photo finish. Brown's only pole at Atlanta Dragway came on his Suzuki in '06. He has won races at 14 current NHRA tracks.

Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the eighth race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fifth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 145 points or about seven 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 seven races this year is 5.4.

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 (seven of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (3) 637 - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (2) 596 -41
3. Doug Kalitta 551 -86
4. Tony Schumacher (2) 545 -92
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 492 -145
6. Shawn Langdon 368 -269
7. Morgan Lucas 360 -277
8. Brandon Bernstein 355 -282
9. David Grubnic 274 -363
10. Steve Torrence 270 -367
11. Terry McMillen 223 -414

Antron Brown's Career Results at Atlanta Dragway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

1998 No. 6 First round-Paul Gast

1999 No. 6 Second round-John Smith

2000 No. 3 First round-Rob Short

2001 No. 2 **WINNER**-def. Matt Hines

2002 No. 3 Second round-John Smith

2003 No. 3 Runner-up-Geno Scali (foul)

2004 No. 8 Second round-Angelle Sampey (foul)

2005 No. 3 Second round-Geno Scali

2006 **No. 1 WINNER**-def. Andrew Hines

2007 No. 10 Second round-Matt Smith (foul)

2008 No. 9-4.537 ET **WINNER**-def. Tony Schumacher

2009 No. 5-3.867 ET Second round-Tony Schumacher

Brown's Atlanta NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thur., May 13, 10 a.m. Matco Tools Truck Ride
w/Matco Distributor Joe Shay

Fri., May 14, 9 a.m. Army Y.E.S. Program, Atlanta Dragway

Fri., May 14, 4:30/7 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Atlanta Dragway

Sat., May 15, 12:15/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Atlanta Dragway

Sun., May 16, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Atlanta Dragway

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.-3.854 seconds* Commerce, Ga. May 2009

MPH-314.97 mph* Commerce, Ga. May 2009

*1,000-foot

NHRA Summit Racing Southern Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., May 15, 8-10 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., May 16, 10-10:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., May 16, 7-10 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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