



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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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

***22nd annual O'Reilly Summer Nationals  
May 21-23, 2010  
Heartland Park Topeka  
Topeka, Kan.***

#### Antron Brown on Topeka

"Our DSR Matco Tools team has been struggling lately, but we're making progress with our new race car and we're ready to break out. We ran great at Topeka last year at Heartland Park by getting the pole and that's our goal again. To return to our consistent form and make four good qualifying laps and take each round one by one on race day and try to get back to another final round."

#### Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Topeka

"We've taken some lumps lately, but this will only make our team stronger. We've struggled with this new race car, but we're making strides. We ran well at Topeka last year qualifying first and we're going to go out and try to do that again and hopefully have a good rebound race for Antron and Matco."

#### Antron Brown Topeka NHRA Notebook

Last weekend at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, Ga., Brown qualified his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster sixth at 3.940 seconds at 275.84 mph. Brown was defeated in the opening round of eliminations for just the second time this season by part-time Ohio racer Pat Dakin, 4.000 to 4.002.

Last May at Heartland Park, Brown earned his third No. 1 qualifying award of the 2009 NHRA season by racing to the pole with a Friday-evening blast of 3.841 seconds at 315.71 mph to pace the Top Fuel field. On race day, Brown advanced to the second round after earning a bye run in the opening round. He then fell to Top Fuel rookie Shawn Langdon in a close race, 4.034 to 4.044.

Brown has just two career starts at Heartland Park. He spent 10 seasons in the Pro

Stock Motorcycle class which doesn't compete at the Topeka race. Brown has an average qualifying position of 2.5 in his two starts at the Topeka track.

Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the ninth race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fifth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 239 points. 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 5.7.

#### 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. He is a three-time Funny Car winner at Heartland Park (1989-91) and he earned the No. 1 qualifying award at Topeka in 1989.

-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 (eight of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (4) 767 - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (2) 655 -112
3. Doug Kalitta 630 -137
4. Tony Schumacher (2) 620 -147
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 528 -239
6. Brandon Bernstein 466 -301
7. Morgan Lucas 409 -358
8. Shawn Langdon 391 -376
9. David Grubnic 306 -461
10. Steve Torrence 301 -466
11. Terry McMillen 223 -544

#### Antron Brown's Career Results at Heartland Park Topeka

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

2008 No. 4-4.584 ET Semifinals-Larry Dixon

2009 **No. 1**-3.841 ET Second round-Shawn Langdon

#### Brown's Topeka NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Wed., May 19, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Matco Tools TechEd School Visit

OSU Institute of Technology, Okmulgee, OK

Thur., May 20, Noon NHRA Media Luncheon, Topeka

Fri., May 21, 5:30/8 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Heartland Park Topeka

Sat., May 22, 12:30/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Heartland Park Topeka

Sun., May 23, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Heartland Park Topeka

#### 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.-3.841 seconds\* Topeka, Kan. May 2009  
MPH-315.71 mph\* Topeka, Kan. May 2009  
*\*1,000-foot*

NHRA O'Reilly Summer Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., May 22, 8-10 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., May 23, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., May 23, 9 p.m.-Midnight Final Eliminations Coverage

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