



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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### ***ANTRON BROWN RACES TO SECOND ROUND AT TOPEKA FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR***

**TOPEKA, Kan. (May 23, 2010)** - Antron Brown drove his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a quarterfinal finish Sunday afternoon at Heartland Park Topeka. The 24-time NHRA winner continues to rank fifth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings.

A day after earning his third No. 1 qualifying award of the season and 24th of his career, Brown, who equaled a career-best speed in qualifying (321.96 mph), defeated drag racing veteran Luigi Novelli in the opening round of eliminations. The 16-time Pro Stock Motorcycle winner was defeated in round two after fouling at the start. It was his second career red light loss in Top Fuel. The DSR Matco Tools team earned low elapsed time (3.785-seconds) and top speed (321.96 mph) of the meet honors for the second time this season (Las Vegas 1).

As the fourth pair of cars to do battle in the opening round, Brown used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to drive the top-qualified Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to the win. The former college track star raced to a lap of 3.851 seconds at 314.68 mph to outpace Novelli's pass of 4.176 at 242.67. It was Brown's 320th career round win and second quickest pass of the round.

Brown was matched-up against current points leader and two-time series champion Larry Dixon in the second round. It was their second meeting of the season. The Corradi/Oswald-tuned rail again clocked the second quickest pass of the round at 3.866 at 313.58, but Brown's -.037 of-a-second reaction time resulted in a foul start and immediate disqualification. Dixon's Alan Johnson-owned car lost traction and slowed to a lap of 4.031 at 285.59. Brown is now 0-2 against Dixon this season and 3-8 in his career.

"Our team and this Matco Tools dragster were flawless all weekend long here at Topeka," Brown said. "I feel bad for our guys and all our Matco distributors. I did something I normally don't do. I just tried too hard. I have to suck it up and put my head down and do what I normally do. I'm looking forward to getting to Chicago and I wish we were racing there tomorrow."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 13th annual United Association Route 66 Nationals, June 3-6, at Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, Ill. Brown earned the No. 1 qualifying award (3.826-seconds) at the Chicago race last June and raced to a runner-up finish. He is a two-time Pro Stock Motorcycle winner (2000-01) at Route 66 Raceway.

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** (.074) 3.851 ET, 314.68 MPH def. Novelli (.063) 4.176 ET, 242.67 MPH  
E2 Dixon (.048) 4.031 ET, 285.59 MPH def. **BROWN** (-.037) 3.866 ET, 313.58 MPH

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