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ANTRON BROWN ADVANCES TO SECOND STRAIGHT ENGLISHTOWN FINAL ROUND; FINALS TO BE COMPLETED ON MONDAY DUE TO PERSISTENT RAIN SHOWERS

ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. (June 13, 2010) - Antron Brown, a New Jersey native, will have to wait until Monday morning as he eyes a third career win at his home race track, Old Bridge Township Raceway Park. The Matco Tools flagship driver advanced to his second straight final round at the historic New Jersey track before light rain showers forced NHRA officials to postpone the final round in all categories until Monday.

A day after qualifying the Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster fourth at 3.817-seconds, Brown defeated part-time runner Scott Palmer, the excitable Terry McMillen, and perennial title contender Doug Kalitta. He will face off against two-time NHRA champion and current points leader Larry Dixon in a rematch of last year's Englishtown Top Fuel final. The final round of the 41st annual SuperNationals are scheduled for 11 a.m. (ET) on Monday.

Squaring off against Palmer for the first time during final eliminations, Brown used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to slide the Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster into round two. The graduate of North Burlington County Regional High School used a lap of 4.042 seconds at 244.84 mph to score the win over Palmer, whose red dragster lost traction early and recorded no time.

In round two, Brown scored the wire-to-wire win to advance to the semifinals for the first time since advancing to the final round at Houston Raceway Park in April. The two-time Raceway Park Pro Stock Motorcycle winner used a Corradi and Oswald tune-up to power to low elapsed time of the round at 3.883 at 312.21. McMillen carded a losing pass of 4.003 at 296.57 after moving into the 10th position in the Top Fuel standings. It was Brown's 15th round win of the season.

Competing in the semifinals for the fourth time this season, Brown used a very slight starting line advantage to race to the narrow win over Kalitta. The former Mercer (N.J.) College track star sped to a pass of 3.866 at 314.02 to advance to his fourth final round of the 2010 season and his 19th in Top Fuel. Kalitta's red dragster posted a lap of 3.877 at 315.34, top speed of the round. Brown is now 7-4 in 11 career matches against Kalitta.

"It was a good day so far for our DSR Matco Tools team, but we want to make it a great weekend and make up for last year," Brown said. "I've won this race a couple of times on the bike, but it would be an unbelievable feeling to win here in Top Fuel where I grew up watching all the legends like Don Prudhomme and Kenny Bernstein and my racing hero "Big Daddy" Don Garlits. We tried to wait things out, but Mother Nature just wouldn't cooperate. We'll come out tomorrow morning and give it our best against those Al-Anabi boys. We owe them because they've had our number the last few years. They're the best and we want to bring this win home for DSR and all our Matco Tools distributors."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 10th annual Thunder Valley Nationals, June 18-20, at Bristol Dragway in Bristol, Tenn. Last year at the Bristol race, Brown qualified seventh (3.898-seconds) and posted a quarterfinal finish to Brandon Bernstein. He has yet to advance past the second round in two tries at the Bristol NHRA race.

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 143 national events in 275 final rounds, and eight world championships.

R1 **BROWN** (.105) 4.042 ET, 244.84 MPH def. Palmer (.070) No Time

R2 **BROWN** (.089) 3.883 ET, 312.21 MPH def. McMillen (.132) 4.003 ET, 296.57 MPH

R3 **BROWN** (.083) 3.866 ET, 314.02 MPH def. Kalitta (.086) 3.877 ET, 315.34 MPH

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