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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

***10th annual Thunder Valley Nationals
June 18-20, 2010
Bristol Dragway
Bristol, Tenn.***

Antron Brown on Bristol

"We're coming into Bristol with a very strong race car. Last spring, we ran that awesome 319-mph speed with this Matco Tools dragster and the way our car has been running the last three races, we're ready to go some rounds again. The forecast looks pretty hot so both the drivers and crew chiefs will have to be on their game. I know our DSR Matco Tools team is up to the challenge and we hungry to win a race."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Bristol

"Bristol is one of my favorite race tracks. We won there two years ago with Melanie (Troxel) in the Funny Car and ran well with Antron (Brown) and the dragster last season. It's a tricky track because of the elevation and the summer temperatures should make things even more challenging. It should be a fun event to watch."

Antron Brown Bristol NHRA Notebook

Last weekend in Englishtown, N.J., his home race track, Antron Brown, a New Jersey native, raced to his fourth final round of the 2010 NHRA season. After qualifying in the No. 4 position at 3.817 seconds at 315.86 mph, Brown defeated Scott Palmer, Terry McMillen and Doug Kalitta before falling to points leader Larry Dixon in the final round. Brown is now 0-4 against Dixon this season and 0-2 in final rounds. It was Brown's 52 career final round and 19th in Top Fuel.

Last spring at Bristol Dragway, Brown qualified his Matco Tools dragster seventh at 3.898 seconds at 313.07 mph. He advanced to the second round where he fell in a close race to Brandon Bernstein, 3.862 to 3.873. In an opening round win, Brown clocked, at the time, the fastest 1,000-foot speed at 319.75 mph. The Matco team carded top speed of the meet honors at 13 races last season.

In two tries at the Bristol track - the Pro Stock Motorcycle class does not compete at the Bristol race - Brown has never qualified lower than seventh. He has an average qualifying position of 5.5 and has yet to advance past the second round of eliminations.

Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the 10th race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fifth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 350 points. Brown has four final-round appearances this season (Gainesville, Charlotte 1, Houston and Englishtown) and three No. 1 qualifiers (Gainesville, Las Vegas 1 and Topeka). Last year, Brown had 10 finals and seven poles. His average qualifying position in 10 races this year is 5.45. He has a mark of 16-11 in 27 rounds this season.

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 (10 of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (6) 1,092 - - -
2. Tony Schumacher (3) 893 -199
3. Cory McClenathan (2) 873 -219
4. Doug Kalitta 838 -254
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 742 -350
6. Brandon Bernstein 681 -411
7. Morgan Lucas 524 -568
8. Shawn Langdon 516 -576
9. Steve Torrence 444 -648
10. Terry McMillen 410 -682
11. David Grubnic 403 -689

Antron Brown's Career Results at Bristol Dragway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

2008 No. 4-4.542 ET Second round-Hillary Will

2009 No. 7-3.898 ET Second round-Brandon Bernstein

Brown's Bristol NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thur., June 17, 9 a.m. Matco Tools Truck Ride-Bristol, Tenn.
w/Matco Tools DBR Wendle Capp

Thur., June 17, 1 p.m. NHRA Media Luncheon/Golf Country Club of Bristol

Fri., June 18, 5:30/8 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Bristol Dragway

Sat., June 19, 1/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Bristol Dragway

Sun., June 20, Noon Final Eliminations, Bristol 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.-3.838 seconds* Bristol, Tenn. May 2009

MPH-319.75 mph* Bristol, Tenn. May 2009

**1,000-foot*

Thunder Valley Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., June 19, 7-9 p.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., June 20, 3:30-4 p.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., June 20, 4-7 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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