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ANTRON BROWN GRABS POLE AT BRISTOL, 25TH OF HIS CAREER

BRISTOL, Tenn. (June 19, 2010) - Antron Brown earned his fourth No. 1 qualifying position of the season Saturday afternoon at Bristol Dragway. The 24-time NHRA winner paced the Top Fuel field at the 10th annual Thunder Valley Nationals with an elapsed time of 3.856-seconds on Friday evening at Thunder Valley. It is Brown's 25th career pole.

The former college track star earned the provisional pole Friday evening under the lights at Bristol Dragway by powering his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a pass of 3.856 seconds at 314.24 mph. On Saturday's first attempt, Brown raced to the second quickest pass of the session. The former Pro Stock Motorcycle standout used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the bright blue Matco Tools rail to a lap of 3.990 at 302.48. Only Brandon Bernstein's car was quicker at 3.97-seconds. Brown carded the quickest elapsed time of the final qualifying session, powering to a run of 4.006 at 291.89 to earn the Matco Tools/U.S. Army team three bonus points. Brown earned a category-best eight bonus points in qualifying this weekend at Bristol. In three tries at Bristol Dragway, Brown has an average qualifying position of fourth. His fourth pole of the season ties teammate Cory McClenathan for the most in Top Fuel.

"I'm stoked about how good our DSR Matco Tools car is running," Brown said. "We made it down this hot track four times and were the quickest car in two of the four sessions. Things are really clicking with our team at the right time. There are only six more races before the Countdown (to 1) and this is the time that we need to do well. We've got a really tough first round match-up with (Doug) Kalitta. That's not like racing the No. 16 qualifier. This will be more like final round battle in the first round, so we have our work cut out for us."

Brown will face off against No. 16 qualifier and 31-time Top Fuel winner Doug Kalitta

in the opening round of Top Fuel eliminations at Noon (ET) on Sunday at Bristol Dragway. Brown is 7-4 in 11 career races against the perennial title contender and 1-1 this season. Brown defeated Kalitta in the semifinals at the Englishtown, N.J. race last Sunday, 3.866 to 3.877.

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.

Q1 3.996 ET, 301.00 MPH No. 5
Q2 3.856 ET, 314.24 MPH **No. 1**
Q3 3.990 ET, 302.48 MPH **No. 1**
Q4 4.006 ET, 291.89 MPH **No. 1**

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