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ANTRON BROWN RACES TO SEMIFINALS AT BRISTOL

BRISTOL, Tenn. (June 20, 2010) - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a semifinal finish Sunday afternoon at Bristol Dragway. The 24-time NHRA winner remains in the No. 5 position in the 2010 NHRA Top Fuel standings.

A day after earning his fourth No. 1 qualifying position of the season (3.856-seconds) and 25th of his career, Brown defeated 31-time Top Fuel winner Doug Kalitta, and young gun Shawn Langdon, before falling to second generation star Brandon Bernstein in the semifinals. Brown now trails fourth-place driver Kalitta by 41 points and category-leader Larry Dixon by 303.

Brown scored his 325th career professional round win by edging the perennial title contender from Michigan in the opening round at the Thunder Valley Nationals. The former college track star scored a wire-to-wire win by using a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the Matco Tools/U.S. Army rail to a lap of 3.943 seconds at 309.06 mph. It was the third quickest pass of the round. Kalitta's dragster trailed narrowly after posting a run of 3.959 at 300.40. Brown is now 8-4 in 12 races against Kalitta.

Brown advanced to the semifinals for the first time in three tries at Bristol Dragway by nipping the two-time NHRA Super Comp champion at the stripe. Two of the best leavers in Top Fuel used identical .059 of-a-second reaction times as Brown powered to low elapsed time of the round to earn the win. The Matco-backed rail clocked a run of 3.952 at 297.55 to advance to the semifinals for the fifth time in 12 races this season. Langdon's car trailed after posting a pass of 3.980 at 292.33. Brown is now 4-1 in five races against Langdon.

Squaring off against the Copart driver for the 15th time and second this season,

Brown used a significant starting line advantage to race to the early lead until the Matco-backed rail dropped cylinders allowing Bernstein to sneak by for the win. The Matco/Army car carded a lap of 4.186 at 222.77 to Bernstein's winning pass of 4.036 at 275.67. Brown had the best reaction time of the round and is now 7-8 against the son of racing legend Kenny Bernstein. It was Brown's first loss in the semifinals this season.

"That was a tough loss, but it's just tough out there with this hot weather here at Bristol," Brown said. "We were way ahead until the motor started mixing up cylinders, but that's racing. It's all good though. We know our Matco Tools dragster is running great and we're not a car people want to face. We got our fourth pole of this season this weekend and we're running strong heading into Norwalk next weekend and that's a big race for us. Norwalk is Matco's (Tools) home track and we'd like nothing than to win for Tom Willis (Matco Tools President) and all our distributors in Ohio."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the fourth annual Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Nationals, June 24-27, at Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio. It is the 13th of 23 races on the 2010 NHRA schedule. Brown qualified fifth at Norwalk last June and raced to a semifinal finish.

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.

E1 **BROWN** (.068) 3.943 ET, 309.06 MPH def. Kalitta (.097) 3.959 ET, 300.40 MPH
E2 **BROWN** (.059) 3.952 ET, 297.55 MPH def. Langdon (.059) 3.980 ET, 292.33 MPH
E3 Bernstein (.114) 4.036 ET, 275.67 MPH def. **BROWN** (.050) 4.186 ET, 222.77 MPH

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