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ANTRON BROWN RACES TO FIFTH FINAL ROUND OF 2010 SEASON

NORWALK, Ohio (June 27, 2010) - Antron Brown drove his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to his fifth final-round appearance of the season Sunday afternoon at Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park. As a result, the 24-time NHRA winner moved to fourth place in the 2010 NHRA Top Fuel standings.

A day after qualifying in the No. 2 position at 3.795-seconds on Friday evening at Norwalk, Brown defeated No. 15 qualifier Luigi Novelli, local favorite Pat Dakin, and DSR teammate Cory McClenathan, before losing a close race to point's leader Larry Dixon in the final round. Brown now trails Dixon by 327 points following 13 of 23 races on the 2010 NHRA schedule. Brown leads fifth place driver Doug Kalitta by 28 points.

Brown bested Novelli for the second time this season on the heels of the second quickest pass of the opening round of eliminations. The Matco Tools flagship driver powered his Matco Tools/U.S. Army rail to a lap of 3.885 seconds at 314.24 to score the win. It was the fastest speed of the round. Only Dixon was quicker at 3.865-seconds. Novelli's car posted a pass of 4.161 at 282.07. Brown is now 3-0 in his career against Novelli.

The former college track star earned his 20th round win of the season by carding the wire-to-wire win over the local Ohio runner. Brown used a slight starting line advantage to turn on the win light in the left lane at the Norwalk track with a Brian Corradi/Mark Oswald-tuned lap of 3.934 at 299.73 in the Matco-backed car. It was the second quickest pass of the round. Dakin's black dragster lost traction and slowed to a run of 6.848 at 91.93. Brown is now 1-1 against Dakin this season.

Squaring off against his teammate and driver of the FRAM dragster for the second time this season, Brown pedaled the Matco Tools/U.S. Army car to his fifth final round of the season. Brown raced to a smokey pass of 4.863 at 219.36 to advance

to his 20th career Top Fuel final round. McClenathan's orange FRAM car lost traction at the step of the throttle and slowed to a run of 7.884 at 101.01. Brown is now 2-0 against his teammate this season and 10-3 in 13 career matches.

Squaring off against Dixon for the fifth time this season and third in the final round, Brown got the jump out of the starting gate and powered the Corradi/Oswald-tuned Matco Tools dragster to a pass of 3.907 at 307.65, but it wasn't enough to hold off Dixon's hard-charging lap of 3.880 at 313.29 or two thousandths of-a-second. Brown now has a mark of 21-13 in 34 laps this season. He is 0-5 against the Alan Johnson-owned team and 0-8 since Dixon moved to the Al-Anabi team last season.

"Man, what a close race that was," Brown said. "We put on a great show for all the great fans here at Norwalk (Ohio) and for all our Matco Tools employees and distributors. We qualified great and made it to another final round. We got beat for the pole and in the final round by (Larry) Dixon. We have that Al-Anabi monkey on our backs. No matter what we do, we can't beat those guys. We lot by a few feet. It'll happen though. We moved to fourth place with our DSR Matco Tools team and our car continues to run great. We're going to enjoy an off weekend and then do our best to win some races out west starting at Seattle. We did well there last year and we'd like to repeat that."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 23rd annual Northwest Nationals, July 9-11, at Pacific Raceways in Kent, Wash. near Seattle. Brown is the defending event winner of the Seattle race. He defeated Tony Schumacher in the final round last July, 3.983 to 3.990.

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. Since 1998, Don Schumacher Racing teams have won 143 national events in 275 final rounds, and eight world championships.

E1 **BROWN** (.082) 3.885 ET, 314.24 MPH def. Novelli (.201) 4.161 ET, 282.07 MPH
E2 **BROWN** (.085) 3.934 ET, 299.73 MPH def. Dakin (.093) 6.848 ET, 91.93 MPH
E3 **BROWN** (.064) 4.865 ET, 219.36 MPH def. McClenathan (.066) 7.884 ET, 101.01 MPH
E4 Dixon (.091) 3.880 ET, 313.29 MPH def. **BROWN** (.066) 3.907 ET, 307.65 MPH

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