



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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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

#### ***23rd annual Northwest Nationals***

***July 9-11, 2010***

***Pacific Raceways***

***Kent, Wash.***

#### **Antron Brown on Seattle**

"I'm excited to get back to Seattle. It's an awesome city, especially in July. Our DSR Matco Tools team is excited to hit this Western Swing hard. It's a busy three weeks, but the way our Matco Tools dragster is running, we can make up some ground in the standings. Our car has been running really strong and we want to keep that going and build on our momentum heading into the Countdown (to 1)."

#### **Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Seattle**

"We're ready to get back to racing. Our Matco team is doing a great job and our car is running really well. It's always exciting to back to a track that you've done well at. We'd like to keep running strong and hopefully head into the Countdown (to 1) ranked in the top three."

#### **Antron Brown Seattle NHRA Notebook**

-Two weeks ago at Norwalk, Ohio, Brown qualified his Matco Tools dragster in the No. 2 position for the second time this season at 3.795 seconds. It was Brown's fourth 3.7-second elapsed time this year. On race day, he bested Luigi Novell, Pat Dakin and DSR teammate Cory McClenathan to advance to his fifth final round of the season. Brown fell in a close match to two-time Top Fuel champion and current point's leader Larry Dixon 3.880 to 3.907. On this heels of advancing to his 20th career Top Fuel final round, Brown moved to fourth place in the standings.

-Last July at Pacific Raceways, Brown qualified his Matco Tools car in the No. 10 position at 3.952 seconds at 305.84 mph. It was the only time during the 2009 season that Brown qualified in the bottom half of the field. On race day, he advanced to his sixth final round of the season and defeated seven-time Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher in a close final round match, 3.983 to 3.990, to earn his third win of the '09 season. Brown went on to become just the fifth Top Fuel driver to sweep the three-race Western Swing. In his two tries at the Seattle race, Brown's average qualifying position is 6.5.

-Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the 14th race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fourth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 327 points. Brown has five final-round appearances this season (Gainesville, Charlotte 1, Houston, Englishtown and Norwalk) and four No. 1 qualifiers (Gainesville, Las Vegas 1, Topeka and Bristol). Last year, Brown had 10 finals and seven poles. His average qualifying position in 13 races this year is 4.9.

#### 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. Oswald is one of 14 drivers in NHRA history to have won races in both Top Fuel and Funny Car. He won the Funny Car title at Pacific Raceways in 1990 and earned the No. 1 qualifying award at Seattle in 1992.

-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 (13 of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (7) 1,256 - - -
2. Tony Schumacher (4) 1,080 -176
3. Cory McClenathan (2) 1,030 -226
4. **ANTRON BROWN** 929 -327
5. Doug Kalitta 901 -355
6. Brandon Bernstein 843 -413
7. Shawn Langdon 622 -634
8. Morgan Lucas 608 -648
9. Steve Torrence 534 -722
10. Terry McMillen 474 -782
11. David Grubnic 468 -788

#### Antron Brown's Career Results at Pacific Raceways

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

No. 3-3.831 ET First round-Bob Vandergriff, Jr.  
No. 10-3.952 ET **WINNER**-def. Tony Schumacher

#### Brown's Seattle NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thurs., July 8, Noon NHRA Media Luncheon-Space Needle  
400 Broad St., Seattle, WA 98109

Thurs., July 8, 7-9 p.m. Matco Tools Customer Appreciation Dinner  
Matco Iron Eagle Club-Pacific Raceways

Fri., July 9, 9-11 a.m. Starbucks Media Event-Starbucks  
2401 Utah St. S, Seattle, WA 98134

Fri., July 9, 2:30/5 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Pacific Raceways

Sat., July 10, 12:30/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Pacific Raceways

Sun., July 11, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Pacific Raceways

#### 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.-3.831 seconds\* Kent, Wash. July 2008

MPH-312.06 mph\* Kent, Wash. July 2008

*\*1,000-foot*

#### Northwest Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., July 10, 10 p.m.-Midnight Qualifying Highlights

Sun., July 11, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., July 11, 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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 145 national events in 278 final rounds, and eight world championships.

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