



## News from Don Schumacher Racing and Matco Tools Racing

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### ***ANTRON BROWN CARDS PROVISIONAL NO. 5 SPOT FRIDAY AT SEATTLE***

**KENT, Wash. (July 9, 2010)** - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to the provisional No. 5 qualifying position Friday afternoon at Pacific Raceways near Seattle. The 24-time NHRA winner used a Friday-best lap of 3.964-seconds.

Brown, who enters the 14th race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fourth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings, opened qualifying at a hot Pacific Raceways track by posting the second quickest pass of the first qualifying session. The defending event champion of the Seattle race used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the bright blue Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a lap of 4.051 seconds at 294.75 mph. The run earned the Matco Tools flagship driver two bonus points. Only DSR teammate and U.S. Racing driver Tony Schumacher was quicker at 3.97-seconds. On Friday's second attempt, Brown improved with a lap of 3.964 at 303.03 to finish fifth in the 16-car order on Friday. He qualified 10th at Pacific Raceways last July.

"It was a hot one out there today, but we made two good laps," Brown said. "I can't believe it's in the 90s here at Seattle, but we love it. Our car has been running great in this hot weather and it's supposed to cool off for the rest of the weekend. I really think Saturday's first pass will be when we set the field."

Professional nitro qualifying resumes on Saturday afternoon at Pacific Raceways with sessions scheduled for 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. (PT). Top Fuel will run first followed by Funny Car. Brown has qualified third and 10th in two tries at the Seattle race. He defeated Schumacher in the final round of the Seattle race last year.

Don Schumacher Racing, headquartered in Brownsburg, Ind., consists of six 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/U.S. Army 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.

Q1 4.051 ET, 294.75 MPH No. 2  
Q2 3.964 ET, 303.03 MPH No. 5

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