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### ***ANTRON BROWN POSTS SIXTH RUNNER-UP FINISH OF THE SEASON SUNDAY AT SEATTLE***

**KENT, Wash. (July 11, 2010)** - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to its sixth runner-up finish of the season Sunday afternoon at Pacific Raceways. The 24-time NHRA winner fell in a close match to DSR teammate Cory McClenathan in the final round of the 23rd annual Northwest Nationals.

A day after racing to the No. 5 qualifying position at Pacific Raceways with a 3.964-second elapsed time, Brown defeated West Coast runner Steve Chrisman, DSR teammate and seven-time Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher, and 31-time winner Doug Kalitta before losing to McClenathan in the final round at Pacific Raceways. Brown remains fourth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings.

Brown earned his 320th career round win by carding the wire-to-wire win over Chrisman. The former college track star used the starting line advantage to power his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a pass of 3.908 seconds at 309.13 mph, his quickest lap of the weekend. Chrisman's car lost traction and slowed to a run of 10.026-seconds. Brown is now 2-0 against Chrisman.

Facing off against his DSR teammate for the third time this year, both drivers used solid reaction times as Brown powered his Matco-backed rail to a tire-spinning lap of 4.162 at 225.45 to score the win over the U.S. Army dragster for the first time in 2010. Schumacher's car also lost traction and posted a lap of 4.328 at 228.07. Brown is now 8-10 in 18 career races against "the Sarge." It was Brown's 110th career Top Fuel round win.

Racing in the semifinals for the seventh time in 14 races this season, Brown used a starting line advantage to notch the narrow win over the Michigan racer. Brown powered the Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a slower, but winning pass of 4.153 at 256.80 to score the holeshot win over Kalitta. It was Brown's first holeshot win of the season and eighth in Top Fuel. Kalitta's red dragster carded a run of 4.145 at 226.05. Brown is now 9-4 against Kalitta.

Competing in his sixth final round of the season, the drivers used nearly identical reaction times as Brown powered his Brian Corradi/Mark Oswald-tuned car to a lap

of 3.909 at 308.92, but it wasn't enough to hold off McClenathan's hard-charging FRAM car which turned in a run of 3.887 at 311.70. Brown is now 0-6 in final rounds this season. It was McClenathan's 34th career Top Fuel win. The Matco Tools flagship driver has a mark of 24-14 in 14 races this season.

"That was another great final round, unfortunately for us, we were on the short end again," Brown said. "It's all good though. This DSR Matco Tools teams just keeps going rounds. It's a lot like last year. We've been to six finals this year and just haven't broke through yet. Our time will come. We had a few breaks today and took advantage and got back to the final round. If we're going to lose, you want to lose to your teammate and keep that 'Wally' here at DSR.

"We're gonna pick right back up and head to Sonoma this week and try and do it again. I love the way our car is performing and the track at Infineon is a great track and we expect to do well. We want to qualify well there on Friday night and take things one round at a time on race day."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 23rd annual FRAM Autolite Nationals, July 16-18, at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. Brown is the defending event champion of the Sonoma race where he defeated McClenathan.

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 146 national events in 281 final rounds and eight world championships.

E1 **BROWN** (.079) 3.908 ET, 309.13 MPH def. Chrisman (.113) 10.026 ET, 86.45 MPH  
E2 **BROWN** (.072) 4.162 ET, 225.45 MPH def. Schumacher (.078) 4.328 ET, 228.07 MPH  
E3 **BROWN** (.070) 4.153 ET, 256.80 MPH def. Kalitta (.096) 4.145 ET, 226.05 MPH  
E4 McClenathan (.084) 3.887 ET, 311.70 MPH def. **BROWN** (.085) 3.909 ET, 308.92 MPH

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