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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 FRAM-Autolite
July 16-18, 2010
Infineon Raceway
Sonoma, Calif.***

Antron Brown on Sonoma

"I'm so excited to get back to racing at Sonoma. Last year we had an awesome weekend winning the race and sweeping the Western Swing. I still have to sometimes pinch myself to believe that our Matco team accomplished that. We can't sweep the swing again, but we're way overdue to win a race. We're tired of playing bridesmaid after six runner-ups. Our Matco Tools dragster is running great and it's our time and hopefully Sonoma is the place."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Sonoma

"Our goal is to always qualify well and take things one round at a time and go some rounds on race day and we've been doing that. We've been to the final round at the last two races and our car has been consistent and Antron (Brown) has been on his A game. We've got a great team and we're ready to get back to the winner's circle."

Antron Brown Sonoma NHRA Notebook

Last weekend at Pacific Raceways near Seattle, Brown kicked-off the grueling Western Swing by qualifying his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster fifth at 3.964-seconds. On race day, he advanced to his sixth final round of the 2010 season by defeating Steve Chrisman, seven-time champion Tony Schumacher and 31-time winner Doug Kalitta, before falling to 34-time winner and DSR teammate Cory McClenathan 3.887 to 3.909. It was Brown's sixth runner-up finish for the season and second straight final round at the Seattle race.

Last July at Sonoma, Brown qualified his Matco Tools dragster fourth at 3.844 seconds at 311.05 mph. After winning the Denver and Seattle races the previous weeks, Brown was in position to become just the fifth Top Fuel driver to sweep the

famed NHRA Western Swing. Brown advanced to the final round and edged FRAM driver McClenathan 3.990 to 4.002 in a close drag race to join the likes of champions Tony Schumacher, Larry Dixon and Joe Amato as Top Fuelers to sweep the swing. In eight tries at the Sonoma race, Brown has an average qualifying position of 5.4.

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 has secured a spot in the Countdown to 1 playoff and trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 296 points. Brown has six final-round appearances this season (Gainesville, Charlotte 1, Houston, Englishtown, Norwalk and Seattle) 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 14 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. Oswald won the Sonoma race in Funny Car in 1988.

-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 (14 of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (7) 1,321 - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (3) 1,149 -172
3. Tony Schumacher (4) 1,140 -181
4. **ANTRON BROWN** 1,025 -296
5. Doug Kalitta 984 -337
6. Brandon Bernstein 878 -443
7. Shawn Langdon 695 -626
8. Morgan Lucas 661 -660
9. Steve Torrence 566 -755
10. David Grubnic 520 -801
11. Terry McMillen 506 -815

Antron Brown's Career Results at Infineon Raceway

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

2002 No. 5 Second round-Shawn Gann

2003 No. 13 Second round-Geno Scali

2004 No. 2 Runner-up-Angelle Sampey

2005 No. 5 Semifinals-Andrew Hines

2006 No. 3 Runner-up-Chip Ellis

2007 No. 10 First round-Eddie Krawiec

2008 **No. 1-3.805** ET Semifinals-Hillary Will

2008 No. 4-3.844 ET **WINNER**-def. Cory McClenathan

Brown's Sonoma NHRA Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Thurs., July 15, 7-9 p.m. Matco Tools Customer Appreciation Dinner
Matco Iron Eagle Club-Infineon Raceway

Fri., July 16, 4:45/7:15 p.m. TF Qualifying 1/2, Infineon Raceway

Sat., July 17, 12:30/3 p.m. TF Qualifying 3/4, Infineon Raceway

Sun., July 18, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, Infineon Raceway

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.-3.805 seconds* Sonoma, Calif. July 2008

MPH-316.45 mph* Sonoma, Calif. July 2008

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FRAM-Autolite Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat., July 17, 11 p.m.-1 a.m. Qualifying Highlights

Sun., July 18, 1-1:30 p.m. NHRA Race Day

Sun., July 18, 6-9 p.m. Final Eliminations Coverage

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.

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