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ANTRON BROWN RACES TO NO. 8 QUALIFYING SPOT AT BRAINERD

BRAINERD, Minn. (Aug. 14, 2010) - Antron Brown, a four-time winner at Brainerd International Raceway, drove his Don Schumacher-owned Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to the No. 8 qualifying position Saturday at B.I.R.

Brown, who entered the final day of qualifying for the 29th annual Brainerd race in the provisional No. 9 qualifying position after clocking an elapsed time of 5.106-seconds on Friday, improved his position on Saturday's opening pass. The 24-time NHRA winner used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power the Matco Tools/U.S. Army car to a lap of 3.923 seconds at 302.62 mph. That placed Brown eighth in the order. On his final qualifying effort, the former college track star's bright blue Matco-backed car lost traction and slowed to pass of 4.585 at 167.66 after losing the blower belt on the run. It is the 15th time in 17 races this season that Brown will start from the top half of the 16-car field. He also qualified eighth at the Joliet race in June. His average qualifying position this season is 4.7 with five No. 1 qualifiers. Doug Kalitta earned the Top Fuel pole on Saturday at Brainerd at 3.842-seconds.

"We struggled during qualifying this weekend here at Brainerd, but we've been trying some things on our Matco Tools car too," Brown said. "We'll go back to what we know for race day and I'm confident we can go some rounds. Morgan (Lucas) will be tough. We'll have to throw down a good lap to get by those Geico boys, but this DSR Matco team is up to it."

Brown will face off against No. 9 qualifier Morgan Lucas in the opening round of eliminations on Sunday at 11 a.m. (CT) at the Brainerd track. Brown is 6-1 in his career against Lucas and 1-0 this season. Brown has a mark of 25-16 in 41 rounds this 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. DSR also manages the Abu Dhabi/Yas Marina Circuit Top Fuel dragster driven by Rod Fuller. Since 1998, Don Schumacher Racing teams have won 145 national events in 278 final rounds and eight world championships.

Q1 5.106 ET, 140.23 MPH No. 9

Q2 canceled rain
Q3 3.923 ET, 302.62 MPH No. 8
Q4 4.585 ET, 167.66 MPH No. 8

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