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ANTRON BROWN RACES TO SECOND ROUND AT BRAINERD

BRAINERD, Minn. (Aug. 15, 2010) - Antron Brown raced his Don Schumacher-owned Matco tools/U.S. Army dragster to a quarterfinal finish Sunday at Brainerd International Raceway. The 24-time NHRA winner finished the 2010 regular season ranked fifth in the NHRA Top Fuel standings.

A day after qualifying eighth for the second time this season (Joliet), Brown defeated defending Brainerd winner Morgan Lucas before falling to perennial title contender Doug Kalitta in the quarterfinals. Entering the six-race Countdown to 1, Brown trails points-leader Larry Dixon by 60 points.

As the first pair of Top Fuel cars to go down the Brainerd track on Sunday, Brown got the jump out of the starting gate to score the wire-to-wire win. The four-time Brainerd Pro Stock Motorcycle winner powered to low elapsed time of the round at 3.843 seconds at 310.48 mph to advance to the quarterfinals. Lucas' Geico-backed rail dropped a cylinder and slowed to run of 3.950-seconds. Brown is now 7-1 against Lucas and 2-0 this season.

Squaring off against the Michigan racer for the fifth time this season, Brown got the jump at the start, but the Matco-backed rail lost traction instantly and slowed to a run of 6.256 at 110.98. Kalitta sped to low elapsed time of the round at 3.822 at 320.13 to advance to the semifinals. Brown is now 9-5 against Kalitta and 3-2 this season. Brown has a mark of 26-17 in 43 rounds this year.

"I'm surprised it smoked the tires like that," Brown said. "That's unusual for us. We've been struggling with some clutch disc issues and we hope to work that out in testing before the U.S. Nationals. We made a great lap with that 3.84 in the first round, but I guess it was just too hopped up against Doug (Kalitta) and the track wouldn't hold it. We'll head back to our DSR shop in Brownsburg (Ind.) and gear up and test and then come out strong at the Indy."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the 56th annual U.S. Nationals, Sept. 1-6, at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis. Brown, who resides just minutes away from the historic track, is a two-time Pro Stock Motorcycle winner of the prestigious U.S. Nationals. He earned the Top Fuel pole last season at 3.835-seconds.

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.

E1 **BROWN** (.055) 3.843 ET, 310.48 MPH def. Lucas (.087) 3.950 ET, 297.68 MPH
E2 Kalitta (.089) 3.822 ET, 320.13 MPH def. **BROWN** (.071) 6.256 ET, 110.98 MPH

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