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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

56th annual U.S. Nationals

Sept. 1-6, 2010

O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis

Clermont, Ind.

Antron Brown on Indianapolis

"Our DSR Matco Tools team is fired up about Indy. The U.S. Nationals is our biggest race of the year and it's now or never. They playoffs are here with the Countdown (to 1) and we need to get back to our winning ways. We tested great last week and we have a lot of confidence and will do our best to win this race for Matco Tools."

Brian Corradi (crew chief) on Indianapolis

"Our test session at Indy was very successful and we're looking forward to applying what we learned to our tune-up at the U.S. Nationals. We're very confident heading into Indy and the Countdown (to 1) and we're hoping for a win."

Antron Brown Indianapolis NHRA Notebook

Three weeks ago at Brainerd, Minn., Brown qualified his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster in the No. 8 position at 3.923-seconds. It was the 15th time in 17 races this season that he started from the top half of the 16-car field. On race day, Brown bested Morgan Lucas before his car smoked the tires against Doug Kalitta in the quarterfinals. It was his seventh second-round finish this year, equaling his total from last season.

Brown is a two-time winner of the storied Indianapolis NHRA race. The 16-time Pro Stock Motorcycle winner scored two wins aboard his Suzuki at O'Reilly Raceway Park, including the 50th anniversary U.S. Nationals in 2004. Brown's first U.S. Nationals triumph came in his third try at O.R.P. when he bested John Smith 7.268 to 7.354. Four years later, Brown took home the gold "Wally" trophy by edging Shawn Gann 7.213 to 7.238. In 12 U.S. Nationals appearances, Brown has qualified in the top half of the field nine times and has an average qualifying position of 5.25. His only career pole at the U.S. Nationals was last September when he paced the Top Fuel field.

Last September at O'Reilly Raceway Park, Brown earned his first career pole at the prestigious drag race when he paced the Top Fuel field with a qualifying-best lap of 3.835 seconds at 319.22 mph. It was top speed of the event. On race day, the Matco Tools flagship driver was upset in round one by 2009 Rookie of the Year Spencer Massey, 3.881 to 3.872. It was his first opening round loss of the '09 season.

Brown, who won a category-best six races last season, enters the 18th race on the 2010 NHRA schedule ranked fifth in the Top Fuel standings. He trails two-time champion Larry Dixon by 60 points. Brown has six final-round appearances this season (Gainesville, Charlotte 1, Houston, Englishtown, Norwalk and Seattle) and five No. 1 qualifiers (Gainesville, Las Vegas 1, Topeka, Bristol and Denver). Last year, Brown had 10 finals and seven poles. His average qualifying position in 16 races this year is 4.7.

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.

-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 (17 of 23 races)

1. Larry Dixon (9) 2,110 - - - -
2. Cory McClenathan (3) 2,080 -30
3. Tony Schumacher (4) 2,070 -40
4. Doug Kalitta (1) 2,060 -50
5. **ANTRON BROWN** 2,050 -60
6. Brandon Bernstein 2,040 -70
7. Shawn Langdon 2,030 -80
8. Morgan Lucas 2,020 -90
9. Steve Torrence 2,010 -100
10. David Grubnic 2,000 -110

Antron Brown's Career Results at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis

Year Qualified Finish/Winning Driver

1998 No. 5 Semifinals-Matt Hines

1999 No. 4 Semifinals-Matt Hines

2000 No. 2 **WINNER**-def. John Smith

2001 No. 2 Semifinals-Shawn Gann

2002 No. 7 Semifinals-Shawn Gann

2003 No. 7 Semifinals-Shawn Gann

2004 No. 2 **WINNER**-def. Shawn Gann

2005 No. 4 First round-Geno Scali

2006 No. 12 Semifinals-Matt Smith

2007 No. 9 Second round-Chip Ellis

2008 No. 8-3.878 secs. Semifinals-Doug Kalitta

2009 **No. 1-3.835 secs.** First round-Spencer Massey

Brown's U.S. Nationals Schedule

Date/Time Event/Location

Wed., Sept. 1, 4-6 p.m. DSR Riley Hospital for Children Visit
702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202
Thur., Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. U.S. Army school visit, Lincoln Tech
7225 Winton Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Thur., Sept. 2, 7-9 p.m. Matco Tools Customer Dinner, ORP
Fri., Sept. 3, 9-11 a.m. Army Y.E.S. Program, ORP
Fri., Sept. 3, Noon DSR Open House Autograph Session, DSR
1681 E. Northfield Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112
Fri., Sept. 3, 3 p.m. U.S. Army 10th Anniversary Event, ORP
Fri., Sept. 3, 7 p.m. TF Qualifying 1, ORP
Sat., Sept. 4, 4/7 p.m. TF Qualifying 2/3, ORP
Sun., Sept. 5, 12:30/3:30 p.m. TF Qualifying 4/5, ORP
Mon, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. Final Eliminations, ORP

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.-3.835 seconds* Clermont, Ind. Sept. 2009
MPH-319.22 mph* Clermont, Ind. Sept. 2009
**1,000-foot*

U.S. Nationals TV Schedule (ESPN2)

Date/Time (ET) Coverage

Sat. Sept. 5, 10-11 a.m. Qualifying Highlights
Sat., Sept. 5, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Qualifying Highlights
Sat. Sept. 5, 5-7 p.m. Qualifying Highlights
Sun., Sept. 5, 11-11:30 a.m. NHRA Race Day
Mon., Sept. 6, 1-6 p.m. Final Eliminations

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.

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