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ANTRON BROWN MAKES EARLY EXIT AT U.S. NATIONALS

CLERMONT, Ind. (Sept. 6, 2010) - Antron Brown suffered a rare opening-round loss Monday at the 56th running of the prestigious U.S. Nationals at Indianapolis. The two-time U.S. Nationals winner now ranks seventh in the NHRA Countdown to 1 standings.

A day after qualifying his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster fifth for the second time this season (Seattle), the Matco Tools flagship driver was paired against young gun Shawn Langdon, a two-time NHRA Super Comp champion. Brown used a tune-up from crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald to power his Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster to a lap of 3.851 seconds at 316.75 mph, but Langdon's slight starting line advantage was enough to score the narrow win for the blue and white dragster. Langdon clocked a slower, but winning pass of 3.853 at 309.20 to advance to the quarterfinals. The Matco Tools team is now 26-18 in 44 rounds this season. It was Brown's fourth career holedrag loss against eight wins by holedrag.

"That was a tough loss," Brown said. "Two years in a row like that. We must just have some bad mojo here at ORP or something. I don't know how to explain it. We made a solid run and just came up short. We were on the wrong side of close drag race. We'll regroup and come out at Charlotte in a few weeks and try and bring it home at zMax (Dragway at Concord)."

The next NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series event is the third annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Carolinas Nationals, Sept. 16-19, at zMax Dragway at Concord. Brown was the runner-up at the inaugural Charlotte race two years ago and posted a final-round finish at the Four-Wide Nationals at zMax Dragway in March. The fall Charlotte race is round 19 of 23 races on the 2010 NHRA schedule and race two of six in the Countdown to 1 playoff.

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 280 final rounds and eight world championships.

E1 Langdon (.049) 3.853 ET, 309.20 MPH def. **BROWN** (.057) 3.851 ET, 316.75 MPH

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