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DSR goes 4-for-6 on 'eastern swing'

Antron, Matt end 3-race run with Mello Yello points leads; DSR eager to stay hot when racing resumes at Norwalk

The past three weeks have kept Don Schumacher Racing teams on the road from Englishtown, N.J., to Epping, N.H and to Bristol, Tenn., before returning home to DSR headquarters near Indianapolis Monday evening.

Not all DSR teams found NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series winner's circle but all seven teams had a successful trip and collectively won four of a possible six nitro titles along the way to push DSR's season total to 14 over 11 events of the 24-race season and 254 overall.

That "eastern swing" served as a warm up for what's to come.

While members of the DSR family will have this weekend off, they will travel to Norwalk, Ohio, next week for the NHRA Summit Racing Nationals over the Fourth of July Weekend at one of the most fan- and racer-friendly tracks on the circuit.

From there, it will be a quick pit stop back to Indy on the way to racing the following weekend near Chicago at Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, Ill.

From Route 66, the teams head back to DSR headquarters for a weekend off before loading up for the most demanding stretch of the year: the grueling 5,600-mile roundtrip for the "Western Swing" that begins July 24-26 near Denver the proceeds to Sonoma, Calif. (July 31-Aug. 2) and Seattle (Aug. 7-9). Following an off week, they will head to Brainerd, Minn. (Aug. 21-22) with the fabled U.S. Nationals two weeks later over Labor Day Weekend.

And plans are underway for the 10th annual DSR Open House on Sept. 4 that kicks off the U.S. Nationals at nearby Raceway Park in Brownsburg.

"Shoe's News" has a lot of catching up to do and a lot to share, so here we go ...



Ron Capps and DSR's NAPA AUTO PARTS Intrepid Heroes Dodge Charger R/T will return to Norwalk July 2-4 with this patriotic theme.

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TOYOTA SUMMERNATIONALS – June 5-7

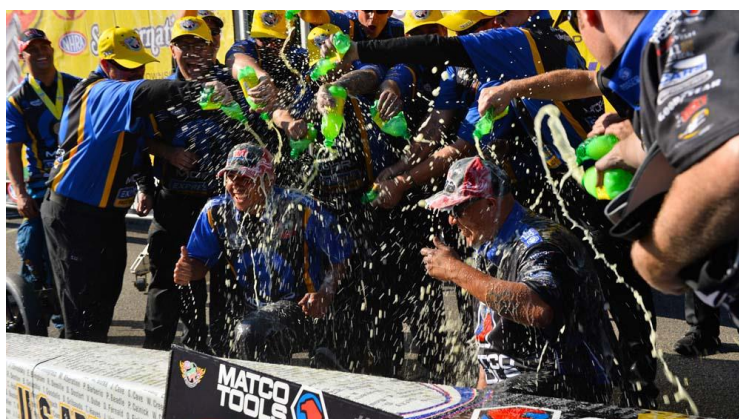
Monumental day for Antron; Matt wins, takes Funny Car lead



ENGLISHTOWN, N.J. (June 7, 2015) – Antron Brown reached a milestone 50th career title and first in Top Fuel near his hometown of Chesterfield, N.J., moments after Don Schumacher Racing teammate Matt Hagan won the NHRA Funny Car title in the NHRA Toyota Summernationals marking the 48th time the organization

left a Mello Yello Drag Racing Series event with multiple event titles.

Brown, driving for the Matco Tools/U.S. Army team led by crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald, won for the third time in nine events this season and extended their points lead to 118 over DSR teammate Tony Schumacher (U.S. Army), who was upset in the first round.



It also is the third win of the year for Hagan and the Mopar Express Lane/Rocky Boots 2015 Dodge Charger R/T Funny Car team led by Dickie Venables that enabled them to take the Mello Yello points lead from DSR teammate Ron Capps and the NAPA AUTO PARTS team.

“Everything just started clicking here this weekend. We’ve been getting better at every race. With everything there is a learning curve and Dickie just put a great car underneath me this weekend,” said Hagan, the two-time and reigning Funny Car world champion who won for the second time in three years at Englishtown and owns 17 NHRA Wally trophies.



The Mopar team won the first two titles of the season but hit a dry spell until winning again in the ninth race of the year.

"We were able to beat a lot of really tough race cars out here. Funny Car is the most competitive class out here and it just gets tougher and tougher every weekend."

Brown, 39, grew up in Chesterfield, which is about 30 miles from Old Bridge Township Raceway Park in Englishtown, N.J. He won twice at the track in Pro Stock Motorcycle (2002 and 2005) but his first in NHRA's premier category moved him into the top-10 for professional event titles in the sport's history.

"To do it at my hometown ... I grew up around this racetrack so it means a lot to me. I won here twice in the bikes, and that was like a dream come true. But my biggest dream – the biggest dream – was to be a professional racer out here. You can dream about it but you never know if you ever will.

"To win your 50th time at your home track in front of your family, friends ... you couldn't write a better script. It's a dream come true for this Chesterfield kid.

"It's just a true blessing to be out here with your family and show our heritage from my Grandpop who passed away in 1981. He got my dad (Albert) and uncle (Andre) started in all of this. We were Sportsman racers. He started this Brown family legacy out here in NHRA drag racing so this is for Grandpop."



NEW ENGLAND NATIONALS – June 12-14



'The Sarge,' team have perfect shopping day for Army's 240th

EPPING, N.H. (June 14, 2015) - It was a banner day to be a multi-time NHRA Mello Yello Series champion and that was highlighted by Tony "the Sarge" Schumacher's 79th career victory on the 240th birthday of the U.S. Army. It also is Schumacher's 75th win flying the black and gold colors of the U.S. Army.

A day after earning his 78th career No. 1 qualifying position, the winningest Top Fuel driver in NHRA won his second consecutive NHRA Wally trophy at New England Dragway.



"There's only one race a year you can do that on, so it's very special," Schumacher said of winning on the U.S. Army's birthday. "To go out there and qualify No. 1, the odds are against you. People think it's easy to win from the No. 1 spot, but it's difficult. It was a rough first round, but Mike (Green) and Neal (Strausbaugh) made the correct changes to go fast and we won the race."





In the Funny Car final, Make-A-Wish Dodge Charger R/T driver Tommy Johnson came up just short against John Force in a close final-round race. Johnson left the starting line first, but Force scored the narrow win 4.160 to 4.195. It was Johnson's slowest elapsed time of the weekend after earning his 11th career No. 1 qualifying position at 4.047 seconds on Saturday.

"The team is back on track and running really good numbers, it's unfortunate that we had a mechanical issue in the final," Johnson said. "It was a really good weekend as a whole and we're back on track with the Make-A-Wish car. The confidence level is through the moon for the team. To run like we did all weekend at Epping and knowing we're going to Bristol, a race we won last year, gets us all excited."

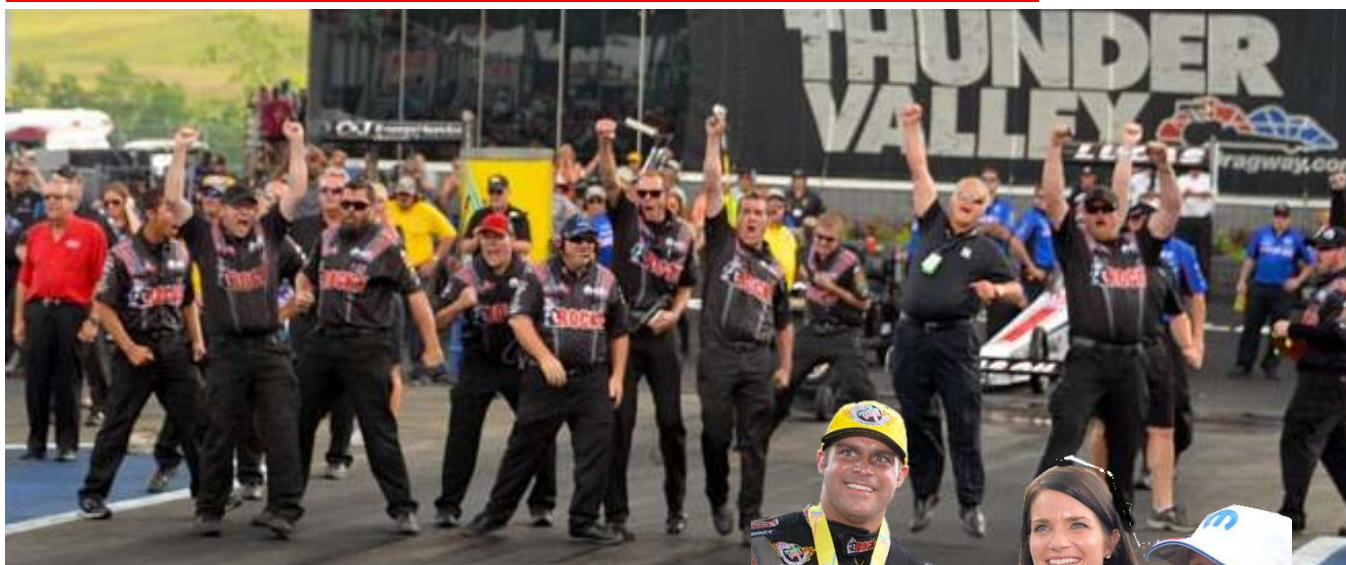


While Johnson reached his 26th career NHRA final round, the other DSR Dodge Funny Cars teams struggled with the tricky New England Dragway strip. Last week's winner Matt Hagan for Rocky Boots and Mopar Express Lane bested colleague Jack Beckman's Infinite Hero Charger R/T in round one before losing in the next round.

Schumacher's triumph was win No. 253 for DSR. Team DSR has 13 wins in 10 races this season.



THUNDER VALLEY NATIONALS – June 19-21



Matt enjoys perfect Father's Day with first home win at Bristol Dragway



BRISTOL, Tenn. (June 21, 2015) - It was a great Sunday for Don Schumacher Racing's Funny Cars and a disappointing one for its three Top Fuel dragsters in the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway.

It was a wondrous Father's Day for David Hagan as he watched his son Matt win his fourth NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series event title of the season and extend his championship points lead to 87 over DSR teammate Ron Capps, who was runner-up for the NHRA Wally trophy for the third time in 11 events to go with two event titles in his NAPA AUTO PARTS

Dodge Charger R/T.

And a very memorable one for Hagan, who was joined on the winner's stage by his young children Colby and Penny.

The 18th victory for Hagan, the two-time and reigning world champion, moved the Rocky Boots/Mopar driver into the top-10 in NHRA all-time Funny Car titles.

It also moved DSR's wins total this season to eight in Funny Car to go with six in



Top Fuel for an all-time total of 254. Bristol was the last of three events in three weeks that produced four of the six nitro titles for DSR.

For Hagan, he couldn't have imagined having a greater win considering it was at what he considers his home track because it's less than a two-hour drive from his home in Christiansburg, Va., and along with his father and mother, his wife, Rachel, and their two

children were with him at the track.

"This is just such a special race for me, I'm two hours down the road and I have so many friends, so many family members out there," he said. "My mom and dad came out, my wife brought my kids Colby and Penny so it is so, o special.

"I consider it my home track so it's nice to be able to pull down four win lights and hold a Wally up at the end of the day."

DSR captured three of the four spots in the Funny Car semifinals with Jack Beckman winning his first two races of the day.

"The competition in Funny Car is phenomenal right now," Hagan said. "I pinch myself knowing we've won four races out here already this year and there's still so much racing left. It's so tough.

"We have a great team and a great group and I just can't say enough about Dickie Venables. The guy has taken it to another level. I'm very, very proud to have him as a crew chief. Our guys get along great and we have a great chemistry and we look like we've got another shot at hunting this championship this year."



In Top Fuel, Antron Brown and the Matco Tools/U.S. Army Top Fuel dragster led by crew chiefs Brian Corradi and Mark Oswald overpowered the hot track and were upset in the opening round after qualifying No. 6 for eliminations.

But the Matco team was able to leave Bristol as the points leader for the fifth straight event but only are two points ahead of teammate Tony Schumacher because his U.S. Army dragster had a mechanical problem that prevented the team from making the run in the second round of eliminations.

Schumacher reset the track elapsed time record twice in qualifying to earn his second straight pole and for the first time in three No. 1 qualifying performances this year that he did not end Sunday in the winner's circle.

An NHRA Wally trophy from Bristol still eludes Antron and is one of only three of the 21 tracks on the circuit where he has not been in the winner's circle.



Jack Beckman, right, was joined by his father, Bob, last weekend for Father's Day at the Thunder Valley Nationals.

Western Tech/DSR interns earn full-time jobs at DSR, Vandergriff

The goal when Western Technical College and Don Schumacher Racing became marketing partners was to provide career opportunities for graduates of the school in El Paso, Texas.

That came to fruition this week when Eric Sanchez was hired full time on DSR's eight-time world championship U.S. Army team and Victor De La Rosa was hired by Bob Vandergriff Racing to join its Top Fuel dragster team with driver Dave Connolly.

Sanchez was an intern for the Mopar/Rocky Boots team while De La Rosa worked with the Matco Tools team.

The program that makes Western Technical College the Official Technical College of Don Schumacher Racing is paying off for all involved.

Western Technical College's mission is to provide quality training and education in a caring, professional environment that prepares new students and working adults with the skills they need to succeed and advance in their chosen careers. Those objectives are enhanced through the unique internship program with the biggest professional drag racing team in NHRA.

"We're always looking to add skilled and ambitious people to the DSR organization," team owner Don Schumacher said. "We started our relationship with Western Tech through Matco Tools and we expanded it last summer during the Western Swing internship program for all parties involved.

"We see this as an opportunity to help facilitate the skill set of the students as they move into professional working careers. We hope that a few of these students can call DSR and Brownsburg (Ind.) home in the next few years."

The program, created by DSR's Ted Yerzyk, began in 2013 with two students joining DSR for the three-week "Western Swing" as interns. Since then, 22 more Western Tech students have served as interns and a new group will join DSR for a three-race stint starting with this year's Western Swing (Denver, Sonoma, Calif., and Seattle) that begins on July 26.

"The students selected as DSR interns apply skills learned at Western Tech in an environment that is a once in a lifetime experience," said Jack Werner, Western Technical College Director of Automotive Technology, Heavy & Light Duty Diesel Technology and Performance Tuning. The teamwork, attention to detail and technical expertise learned by actively participating on a Don Schumacher team is training that a student will not receive anywhere else in the world."

Western Technical College is an accredited career college located in El Paso and since 1970, this family owned college's real-world approach has combined for student's classroom learning, with instructors who are industry professionals, and hands-on experience to prepare students for working in the career fields of their choosing.



Eric Sanchez, below left, and Victor De La Rosa won receive a Mello Yello shower after winning their first NHRA national event titles on June 7 at Englishtown, N.J.



STANDING PROUD

Infinite Hero Foundation helps paralyzed hero stand for first National Anthem in seven years

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Former U.S. Army special ops officer Gary Linfoot was paralyzed below the waist after his helicopter crashed in 2008 from mechanical failure during his last of 20 combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Sunday, the highly decorated resident of Clarksville, Tenn., stood for the National Anthem for the first time in seven years and fans and racers at the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway shared the emotional and inspiring moment on the final day of the 15th annual event near Bristol Motor Speedway.

Linfoot, 46, stood with assistance from the exoskeleton suit created by Ekso Bionics with financial support from the Infinite Hero Foundation (InfiniteHero.org.), a nonprofit organization focused on mental and physical issues facing returning veterans and their families.

Linfoot, who lives with his wife, Mari, and their family just northwest of Nashville, was a member of the Army's elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

He attends several NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series events as a representative of Infinite Hero and supporter of Don Schumacher Racing's Infinite Hero Dodge Charger R/T Funny Car team with driver Jack Beckman.

The team is funded by Terry Chandler of New Mexico and Infinite Hero does not contribute any money toward operating the team.

He's earned the Combat Action Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Parachutist badge, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal.

In October 2013, Linfoot became the first veteran recipient of an EKSO exoskeleton for home use through a grant from the Infinite Hero Foundation. By Memorial Day of 2014, Gary, with wife Mari and son Hayden as his support, had completed over 100,000 steps using the device.

For more information: InfiniteHero.org



Mari and Gary Linfoot with Jack Beckman at Bristol.

Sandvik Coromant employees raised \$3,000 for the Infinite Hero Foundation during an event in Fair Lawn, N.J., and presented the check to Laurie Baker of IHF during the Summernationals at Englishtown, N.J. From left: Terry Chandler, Baker, Sandvik Coromant Americas president Eduardo Martin, Jack Beckman and Spencer Massey.



DSR drivers 2015: career & current stats, standings (thru Bristol, 11 of 24)

DSR TOP FUEL

ANTRON BROWN: Matco Tools/U.S. Army

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	1st	11	3	1	2	2	3	3	0	20-8
CAREER		321	50 (34 TF/16 PSB)	41	65	85	76	40	3	537-268

Best Time, Speed: **3.701 sec.-NHRA record** (2012, Reading, Pa.); 328.78 mph (2012, Reading)

TONY SCHUMACHER: U.S. Army

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	2nd	11	2	2	0	4	3	3	0	18-9
CAREER		419	79	56	64	111	101	79	8	721-332

Best Time, Speed: 3.719 sec. (2015, Topeka); 330.55 mph (2014, Las Vegas 2)

SPENCER MASSEY: Sandvik Coromant/Red Fuel Powered by Schumacher

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	5th	11	1	0	4	3	3	1	0	15-11
CAREER		131	18	14	31	31	34	8	2	205-110

Best Time, Speed: 3.728 sec. (2012, Englishtown, N.J.); 332.18 mph, (2015, Pomona; 2012, Charlotte 1)

DSR FUNNY CAR

MATT HAGAN: Rocky Boots/Mopar Express Lane Dodge Charger R/T

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	1st	11	4	0	2	3	2	2	0	23-7
CAREER		155	18	16	23	47	47	19	4	212-133

Best Time, Speed: 3.975 sec. (2015, Phoenix); 324.83 (2015, Phoenix)

RON CAPPS: NAPA AUTO PARTS Dodge Charger R/T

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	2nd	11	2	3	1	1	4	0	0	20-9
CAREER		446	45 (44 FC/1 TF)	45	77	89	172	16	18	558-383

Best Time, Speed: 3.964 sec., (2012, Englishtown, N.J.); 324.12 mph (2015, Topeka)

TOMMY JOHNSON JR.: Make-A-Wish Dodge Charger R/T

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	6th	11	0	1	2	6	2	1	0	13-11
CAREER		357	10 (8 FC/2 TF)	16	47	86	154	11	47	268-303

Best Time, Speed: 3.999 sec. (2014, Joliet, Ill.); 322.73 mph (2014, Pomona 1)

JACK BECKMAN: Infinite Hero Dodge Charger R/T

	Pts	Events	Wins	Rup	Semi	Qtr	1st rd	Poles	DNQ	W/L
2015	5th	11	2	1	1	2	4	1	1	14-8
CAREER		215	17	21	38	60	72	11	7	265-191

Best Time, Speed: 3.972 sec. (2015, Topeka); 322.04 mph (2015, Topeka)

2015 NHRA MELLO YELLO CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

(Unofficial after Bristol; 11th of 24 races; **DSR drivers in CAPS**)

TOP FUEL

DRIVER (WINS) POINTS BEHIND

1. Antron Brown (3)	826	----
2. Tony Schumacher (2)	824	-2
3. Richie Crampton (3)	754	-72
4. Larry Dixon	699	-127
5. Spencer Massey (1)	693	-133
6. Doug Kalitta (1)	666	-160
7. Shawn Langdon (1)	626	-200
8. Brittany Force	585	-241
9. JR Todd	563	-269
10. Clay Millican	511	-315

FUNNY CAR

DRIVER (WINS) POINTS BEHIND

1. Matt Hagan (4)	866	----
2. Ron Capps (2)	779	-87
3. John Force (2)	713	-153
4. Del Worsham	704	-162
5. Jack Beckman (2)	669	-197
6. Tommy Johnson Jr	643	-223
7. Cruz Pedregon	592	-274
8. Robert Hight	576	-290
9. Alexis DeJoria	574	-292
10. Tim Wilkerson (1)	570	-296

NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series results (NOTE: order of events only correct for 2015)

REGULAR SEASON	2013 DSR WINNERS	2014 WINNERS	2015 WINNERS
1. Feb. 6-8 Pomona, Calif.	TF Langdon/FC C. Force	TF alBalooshi	FC J. Force
2. Feb. 20-22 Phoenix	TF TONY/FC RON	TF ANTRON	FC DeJoria
3. March 13-15 G'ville, Fla.	TF ANTRON/FC GRAY	TF Kalitta	FC Hight
4. March 27-29 Charlotte	TF SPENCER/FC MATT	TF ANTRON	FC Hight
5. April 10-12 Las Vegas	TF TONY/FC Cruz	TF TONY	FC DeJoria
6. April 24-26 Houston	TF Vandergriff/FC Cruz	TF ANTRON	FC Hight
7. May 15-17 Atlanta (PSM)	TF ANTRON/FC GRAY	TF SPENCER	FC Hight
8. May 22-24 Topeka, Kan.	TF Langdon/FC GRAY	TF SPENCER	FC C. Force
9. June 5-7 Englishtown	TF Langdon/FC MATT	TF Crampton	FC C. Pedregon
10. June 12-14 Epping, N.H.	TF SPENCER/FC C. Force	TF TONY	FC RON
11. June 19-21 Bristol	TF S. Torrence/FC J. Force	TF Langdon	FC TOMMY
12. July 3-5 Norwalk, Ohio	TF alBalooshi/FC GRAY	TF ANTRON	FC J. Force
13. July 10-12 Chicago	TF TONY/FC MATT	TF ANTRON	FC MATT
14. July 24-26 Denver	TF SPENCER/FC Cruz	TF Todd	FC Hight
15. Jul 31-Aug. 2 Sonoma	TF Langdon/FC RON	TF alBalooshi	FC C. Force
16. Aug. 7-9 Seattle	TF Lucas/FC MATT	TF Kalitta	FC J. Force
17. Aug. 21-23 Brainerd	TF SPENCER/FC RON	TF Lucas	FC RON (Indy)
18. Sep. 3-7 Indianapolis	TF Langdon/FC Hight	TF Crampton	FC DeJoria
	FC Traxxas JACK	TF Traxxas TONY	TF
COUNTDOWN	2013 DSR WINNERS	2014 WINNERS	2015 WINNERS
19. Sept. 18-20 Charlotte	TF Lucas/FC Hight	TF TONY (Dallas)	FC MATT (Dallas)
20. Sept. 25-27 St. Louis	TF ANTRON/FC J. Force	TF ANTRON	FC C. Force
21. Oct. 2-4 Reading, Pa.	TF Langdon/FC J. Force	TF TONY	FC MATT
22. Oct. 16-18 Dallas	TF Kalitta/FC Cruz	TF TONY	FC C. Force
23. Oc. 30-Nov. 1 Las Vegas	TF ANTRON/FC J. Force	TF SPENCER	FC Worsham
24. Nov. 13-15 Pomona	TF Langdon/FC MATT	TF Lucas	FC MATT
DSR TOTALS:	TF = 11/FC = 12	TF = 14	FC = 7

DSR 2015 SEASON TOTALS

- 6 - Top Fuel event titles (Antron 3, Tony 2, Spencer 1,)
- 8 - Funny Car event titles (Matt 4, Ron 2, Jack 2)

DSR 2014 SEASON TOTALS

- 2 - World championships (Tony's 8th in Top Fuel, Matt's 2nd in Funny Car)
- 14 - Top Fuel event titles (Antron 6, Tony 5, Spencer 3)
- 7 - Funny Car event titles (Matt 4, Ron 2, Tommy 1, Jack 0)

DSR ALL-TIME TOTALS

- 13 - World championships (Tony 8, Matt 2, Antron 1, Jack Beckman 1, Gary Scelzi 1)
- 254 - NHRA Mello Yello event titles (Top Fuel 127, Funny Car 102, Pro Stock 3, Pro Stock Motorcycles 18)

ABOUT DON SCHUMACHER RACING

Don Schumacher Racing, headquartered near Indianapolis in Brownsburg, Ind., fields seven professional NHRA teams in the Mello Yello Drag Racing Series. In Top Fuel, the U.S. Army dragster driven by eight-time and reigning world champion Tony Schumacher, the 2012 NHRA Top Fuel world champion Matco Tools/U.S. Army dragster driven by Antron Brown and the Red Fuel by Schumacher/Sandvik Coromant dragster driven by Spencer Massey; and in Funny Car, two-time and reigning world champion Matt Hagan in the Mopar Express Lane/Rocky Boots 2015 Dodge Charger R/T, 2012 NHRA world champion Jack Beckman in the Infinite Hero Foundation Dodge, the NAPA AUTO PARTS Dodge of Ron Capps and the Make-A-Wish Dodge driven by Tommy Johnson Jr.

DSR has won 254 NHRA national event titles and 13 world championships.

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