

**MOTHER AND SON DUO MEET IN PRO FINAL AT ATLANTA DRAGWAY**

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(Commerce, GA – July 23) Bracket racing is known as a family sport, and for the second week in a row, family members found themselves paired off against each other for the final round. This week, two members of the “Wilson Gang”, mom Sue Wilson and son Bruce Wilson were happy to meet in the finals. Also, father Allen Smith and son Mark Smith made it to the semi-final round in Sportsman.

“Thank you for fixing my truck so I could beat you,” was one of the first things Pro winner and mom Sue Wilson said to her son Bruce Wilson after defeating him in the final round. Bruce had spent the previous week repairing the differential in Sue Wilson’s Tallapoosa, GA based ’85 S-10 pickup. Then, in the final round, Sue’s truck abruptly quit in the burnout box. Being a true sportsman (and also a smart son) Bruce immediately backed his ’70 Nova away from the burnout box, and went over to look at her truck. He discovered and repaired an electrical problem with the ignition, and it was game-on again.

They pulled up to the starting line, staged and both gave everything they had to win. Mom went first with a stellar .022 second react, followed by her son’s also very good .028. Mom then took the win stripe by mere inches (0.0041 seconds) with a dead-on 7.313 pass at 94.35mph (7.31 dial). Bruce was right there, but had to settle for runner up with his dead-on 6.991 at 98.62mph (6.99 dial). For what it was worth, Bruce did win the coin toss for lane choice in the final, and put her out of her favorite lane. Last week’s National Dragster Challenge Pro winner, Chad Brewer, was the lone semi-finalist. Photos courtesy of Atlanta Dragway.



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