HIGH-STAKES NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING SERIES ACTION RETURNS TO WILD HORSE PASS MOTORSPORTS PARK

CHANDLER, Ariz. – The adrenalinefilled excitement of the NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series returns to Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park for the 34th annual NHRA Arizona Nationals, which take place Feb. 23-25 at the facility just east of downtown Phoenix.

The event is the second on the 23-race schedule in 2018, meaning all the stars of the NHRA have a chance to grab early-season momentum. The high-stakes action will include plenty of 10,000-horsepower and 330 mph thrills, entertaining fans at an event that has become a fixture for Southwest race fans since 1985. The year's duel in the

Top Fuel win came at the track in 2016, while Pritchett's win a year ago capped off a stretch where she won the first two races of the season. Continuing that streak in Phoenix won't be easy, as Pritchett will face off with a host of stars, including reigning world champion Brittany Force, who met Pritchett in the finals in 2016. Others to watch include Steve Torrence, who won eight races in 2017, three-time world champ Antron Brown, Tony Schumacher, who has a class-best five wins at the track, Doug Kalitta, Clay Millican, Richie Crampton and Scott Palmer.

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desert will be just as memorable, delivering another sensory-filled experience high in intensity and incredible moments.

The best in Top Fuel, Funny Car and Pro Stock will look to get off to a hot start at the circuit's annual visit to the Valley of the Sun. Leah Pritchett (Top Fuel), Matt Hagan (Funny Car) and Greg Anderson (Pro Stock) were last year's winners of a race that will once again be televised nationally on Fox Sports 1 (FS1), including finals coverage starting at 6:30 p.m. EST on Sunday, Feb. 25.

In Top Fuel, Pritchett will look to continue her good vibes at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park and seek her third straight victory at the race. Her first career ing will feature two rounds at 1:30 and 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 and the final two rounds of qualifying on Saturday, Feb. 24, also at 1:30 and 4 p.m. Final eliminations are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25.

To purchase general-admission or reserved seats, call (800) 884-NHRA (6472) or visit www.NHRA.com/tickets. Kids 12 and under are free in general admission areas with a paid adult. To honor the Salute to First Responders, military and first responders can save 20 percent on general admission tickets at the gate. For more information about the NHRA visit www. NHRA.com.



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