

Courtney Force featured athlete in 2013 ESPN Magazine 'Body Issue'



Three-time NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series Funny Car winner and 2012 Automobile Club of America Road to the Future winner Courtney Force will be one of 21 featured athletes in ESPN The Magazine's fifth annual The Body Issue. The 25-year old NHRA Funny Car driver will join Matt Harvey, Colin Kaepernick and Kenneth Faried in the issue. The Inaugural Auto-Plus NHRA New England Nationals Funny Car winner, Mets' strike-out specialist, the Super Bowl QB and the Nuggets standout rebounder join 17 other elite athletes to be included in ESPN The Magazine's The Body Issue, which hits newsstands Friday July 12.

"This summer I got the opportunity to be featured in the ESPN The Magazine's Body Issue. This was the perfect chance to reach out to millions of people and to shine a light on to the athleticism of our sport NHRA drag racing and to show what it takes to drive one of these nitro burning machines," said the seven-time Funny Car national event finalist. "It is very important to be both physically and mentally fit when you are driving one of these 10,000 horsepower Funny Cars. Being featured in The Body Issue allowed me to show that race car drivers are athletes too."

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Atlanta Dragway: Double Header Summit ET event Fletcher wins second in a row, another Brown in Super Pro Final

(Commerce, GA – June 22) Racers coming to Atlanta Dragway had a chance at double the fun, where not one, but two complete Summit ET Series events were contested. For the second week in a row, David Fletcher enjoyed the Super Pro Motorcycle winner's circle, for Race #1. Don Brown Sr. made it to the final round in last week's Super Pro action, and this week his son Don Brown Jr. went all the way to the Race #2 Super Pro win.

David Fletcher out of Lawrenceville, GA earned his way to a Super Pro Motorcycle win, defeating Athens, GA racer Jay Rhyne (for the second week in a row) in the final. Fletcher's '84 Kawasaki broke out a bit with a 9.20 at 140.04mph (9.24 target), but the win was already his after Rhyne's '81 Suzuki broke the starting line beams 0.020 seconds before the green, which resulted in illuminating the dreaded cherry colored foul light. Howard Bowman ('02 Harley – Homer, GA) and Scott Saemisch ('78 Kawasaki – Dacula, GA) ended their day in the semi-final round. "I'm glad I could win two in a row. I'd like to make it a double header today," added Fletcher.

In Super Pro action, another Brown found himself in the final round for the second week in a row. Last week, Don Brown Sr. finished in the Super Pro runner up spot. This week, Brown's son, Don Brown Jr. took his '03 Spitzer dragster all the way to victory lane after defeating Jesse Young of Danielsville, GA.

Both racers were very quick at the starting line, and it came down to who did the best job this time of racing the finish line stripe. Young actually took the stripe first, but went too quick, breaking out with a 4.82 at 140.02mph (4.86 dial). Brown slowed his car a little to 4.86 at 133.25mph (4.84 dial) for the win.



David Fletcher, Super Pro Motorcycle winner

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 Aug. 2-4: Pacific Raceways • Seattle, WA
 Aug. 15-18: Brainerd Int'l Raceway • Brainerd, MN
 Aug. 28-Sept. 2: Lucas Oil Raceway at Indianapolis • Indianapolis, IN

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 Sept. 19-22: Texas Motorplex • Dallas, TX
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