

**Southern Nationals: Hector Sr. & Wilkerson Break Out of Winless Droughts**

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The 35th Annual Summit Equipment NHRA Southern Nationals at Atlanta Dragway provided fans with a superb weekend of racing action.

Hector Arana Sr. earned his first win the Pro Stock Motorcycle Class since 2009. His Lucas Oil Buell had an E.T. of 7.236 with speed of 196.30 mph defeating Eddie Krawiec, Screaming Eagle Vance & Hines Harley-Davidson. Arana Sr. was the seventh fastest qualifier. He defeated Andrew Hines, Jim Underahl and Hector Arana Jr. in the three rounds prior to the finals. Arana Sr. is Number 3 in the Pro Stock Motorcycle points. Eddie Krawiec is the point's leader.

Tim Wilkerson earned his first Wally since 2011, piloting his Ford Shelby Mustang for the victory. Wilkerson had an E.T. of 4.318 at 260.31 mph defeating Ron Capps. This was Wilkerson's 18th NHRA win and his first ever at Atlanta Dragway. Wilkerson was the Number 6 qualifier. He has finished in the top 10 for seven consecutive seasons. He is 8th in the points.

Ron Capps beat the Number 1 Qualifier

Cruz Pedregon, Alexis DeJoria and Matt Hagan on his route to the final round. Capps, the Gainesville and Houston winner retained the points lead in the Funny Car Division.

Antron Brown had a great weekend, qualified first and won the Top Fuel Class. This was Brown's fourth career win at Atlanta. And his second win of the 2015 season. Brown had an E.T. of 3.887 with of speed of 310.48 mph defeating Leah Pritchett. Brown has 49 career wins. Brown defeated Shawn Langdon, Doug Kalitta and Terry McMillen in the first three rounds. The low E.T. of Top Fuel with 3.758 belonged to Brown but the top speed of the class of 326.48 mph was obtained by Spencer Massey.

This was Leah Pritchett's first career final round appearance in Top Fuel. 2015 is her third year in Top Fuel and she qualified third. She is 12th in the points.

The Summit Racing Equipment owners, sponsor of the event, were ecstatic that both of their Summit sponsored Pro Stock cars were in the final round. Jason Line was the #1 Qualifier and the Winner

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