

## ROBERT HIGHT AND AUTO CLUB CHEVY KEEP POINTS LEAD COMING OUT OF NHRA ARIZONA NATIONALS

CHANDLER, Ariz. (Feb. 24, 2019)  
— Robert Hight and the Auto Club of Southern California team maintain the points lead with a semifinal finish Sunday at the Magic Dry Organic Absorbent NHRA Arizona Nationals at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park outside of Phoenix. Hight defeated John Force in the second round and in Top Fuel, Austin Prock had a second-round finish and Brittany Force had an early Sunday with a first round exit.

In round one, Hight ran a 3.863-second pass at 329.67 mph uncontested after his would-be opponent, Jeff Diehl, had to push back from the starting line. The win set Hight up to race against team owner John Force in the second round.

The Auto Club Camaro crossed the finish line first with a 3.879-second pass at 327.82 mph to defeat Force's 3.988 at 325.92. Hight and Force also met each other in the semifinals of the NHRA Winternationals where Hight went on to win the event. Hight has now beaten Force four straight times, equaling the longest winning streak by either driver during their rivalry.

In the semifinals, Hight lined up with reigning Funny Car world champion J.R. Todd whom he battled with for the championship until the last day of the 2018 season. Hight ran a 3.922-second pass at 326.24 mph but was outrun by Todd's 3.919 at 327.19.

"Not a bad day for the Auto Club



**Robert Hight**

Chevy Camaro. We ran well all weekend and went some rounds today. The car slowed down, that was our slowest run," Hight said. "They outdrove us and I was late on the tree. We're leaving here with the points lead and Jimmy Prock and Chris Cunningham have this thing dialed in. They are happy with how we're

running and we're feeling good. We'll be testing tomorrow, trying some new things out. It will only get better. I'm excited for the rest of the season."

John Force lined up against Ron Capps for the 100th time in his career and picked up his 60th round victory over the veteran racer. Force and the PEAK Coolant and

Motor Oil Chevy Camaro ran 3.933 seconds at 317.19 mph bettering Capps' 3.968 at 319.98. For the second consecutive race weekend, Force would face his company's president, Robert Hight. Like the Winternationals, Hight, who ran 3.879 seconds at 327.82 mph, picked up the round win over Force who ran 3.988 at 325.92.

"You're always looking to see if your car is qualifying and maybe win some rounds, so life's good. But if you're going to run for the Championship, you have to start now. Robert has a head start and I have a lot of work to do with this car, my team and me as a driver. Brittany has the same work as me and we'll see where it goes," Force said. "I want to thank all of the sponsors. The new one with the young kid (Austin) Prock, Montana Brand / Rocky Mountain Twist, and of course PEAK, Advance Auto Parts, Auto Club and Chevy. We'll be testing tomorrow and we'll see where it goes from there."

Austin Prock made his second career race day start with a win over veteran racer Clay Millican. Prock powered his Montana Brand / Rocky Mountain Twist dragster to a 3.748-second pass at 328.22 mph to out run Millican's 3.862 at 306.74. Millican lost traction at half-track allowing Prock to drive past him.

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