



## **TONY SCHUMACHER: Career Highlights**

### **2016**

- Embarked upon his 16<sup>th</sup> full season with sponsorship from the U.S. Army, a relationship that began at the 2000 U.S. Nationals in Indianapolis.
- Finished an uncharacteristic eighth in the season-ending points despite a pair of event titles, five final-round appearances in all, and a No. 1 qualifying effort.
- Scored his first victory of the season in the NHRA Mile-High Nationals on the outskirts of Denver to up his record career total of event titles to 81.
- Followed up that win by qualifying No. 1 at Pacific Raceways on the outskirts of Seattle for the record 80<sup>th</sup> time in his career.
- Scored his second event title of the season and the 82<sup>nd</sup> of his career at the Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals in Indianapolis. It made him the winningest driver in U.S. Nationals history with his 10<sup>th</sup> career win there.
- Also won the TRAXXAS Shootout all-star event within the main event at Indianapolis.

### **2015**

- Followed up his eighth career championship season by finishing second to Don Schumacher Racing (DSR) teammate Antron Brown in the Top Fuel standings behind three event titles, four runner-up finishes and three No. 1 qualifying efforts.
- Scored his first victory of the season in the second event at Phoenix, and added wins at Epping, New Hampshire and Chicago to lift his record-setting career total to 80 Top Fuel event titles.
- Was No. 1 qualifier at Phoenix, Epping and Bristol, Tennessee to lift his career total to 79 top qualifying efforts.
- Was No. 1 or No. 2 qualifier at 12 of the first 19 events of the season.
- Finished with a 39-21 round won-loss record for the season, and upped his career totals to 742-344.

### **2014**

- Earned his eighth career NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series Top Fuel world with five event titles (Las Vegas, New Hampshire, Charlotte, Dallas and Reading), four fast qualifier efforts (Denver, Seattle, Indianapolis and Reading), and an elimination round record of 39-19 through 24 events.
- Finished 131 points ahead of second-place J.R. Todd in the final Top Fuel standings.
- The eight top fuel championships is an NHRA record, as is his 77 career event titles and 76 fast qualifier positions.
- Entered the six-event Countdown to the Mello Yello Championship fourth in the standings after the two regular-season event titles at Las Vegas and Epping, New Hampshire. Promptly scored event titles in the opening two Countdown stops at Charlotte and Dallas – finishing both in a 24-hour period after rained-out eliminations from Charlotte were completed on Saturday of the following weekend at Dallas, and then completing the unprecedented back-to-back wins Sunday at Dallas.
- Added a third Countdown win two events later at Reading, beating Doug Kalitta on a holeshot in the semifinals.
- Reached his fourth Countdown final round at the Pomona season finale, where he was beaten by Morgan Lucas.
- Qualified for every race to bring qualifying streak to 272, which is second on NHRA overall active driver list.

### **2013**

- Finished seventh in points despite winning three event titles, reaching three other event finals, and three semifinal rounds, and ending his streak of consecutive top-five season-ending points finishes at 11.
- Event titles came in round two at Phoenix, round four at Las Vegas, and round 11 at Chicago.
- His six final-round appearances brought his career total to 125.
- Was fast qualifier in the season opener at Auto Club Raceway in Pomona, Calif., bringing his career total to 72.
- Qualified for every race to bring qualifying streak to 248, which is second on NHRA active driver list.

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**2012**

- Finished second in points, narrowly missed winning eighth world championship by seven points after losing final round of season's last race by 0.0081 seconds.
- 11<sup>th</sup> straight season among top-five in points
- Added nine final-round appearances to bring career total to 119
- Won two races, including his ninth Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, surpassing Don Garlits for the most Top Fuel wins at Indianapolis
- Earned four number one qualifying positions to increase career top qualifiers to 71
- Qualified for every race to bring qualifying streak to 223, which is second on NHRA active driver list

**2011**

- Secured fifth-place finish in final standings
- 10<sup>th</sup> straight season among top-five in points
- Added seven final-round appearances to bring career total to 110
- Recorded six number-one qualifying spots

**2010**

- Finished second in points, marking the ninth straight season he's placed in the top-three
- Captured six victories, which included his first career win at Heartland Park Topeka (Kansas) and his fourth career win in the history-laden Gatornationals at Gainesville (Fla.) Raceway
- Posted total of eight final-round appearances in 23 races
- Set national speed record for 1,000 feet (325.61 mph) in the fall Las Vegas race

**2009**

- Collected his sixth consecutive world championship and the seventh of his career
- Won five races in seven final-round appearances
- Pocketed his eighth Mac Tools U.S. Nationals victory, tying Don Garlits for the most Top Fuel wins at Indianapolis
- Recorded his 500<sup>th</sup> career round victory at the fall Las Vegas race and became only the eighth professional driver in NHRA history to accomplish the feat

**2008**

- Captured a Top Fuel-record sixth career world title
- Became the winningest driver in Top Fuel history after winning the inaugural Charlotte race; moved past Joe Amato on the win list
- Set records for most consecutive Top Fuel victories in a single season (seven) and most consecutive round wins (31)
- Won his seventh Mac Tools U.S. Nationals title

**2007**

- Won his fourth straight world championship (which is an NHRA Top Fuel record) by winning the season finale
- At the Auto Club finals, had to rally from fourth place in the standings while erasing a 67-point deficit
- Collected more than 10 poles for the third straight year
- Won six races, including a sixth career victory at the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals
- Tied Don "The Snake" Prudhomme for most consecutive world titles with the U.S. Army as his sponsor (Prudhomme captured the 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978 crowns driving the Army Funny Car)

**2006**

- Schumacher staged the biggest comeback in NHRA history to win his third straight world title and the fourth of his career
- Coming from 336 points down after 10 races, he needed to win the season finale at Pomona, Calif., while setting the new elapsed time record, which he nailed in the final round with a 4.428-second pass
- By winning three straight crowns, he became only the second driver in Top Fuel history to accomplish such a feat
- En route to another championship, he also banked a record-setting 13 poles while capturing five race wins
- One of those wins was at the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, which was his fifth career victory in the NHRA's most prestigious race

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**2005**

- While winning his third career NHRA POWERade Top Fuel world championship, he also became only the sixth Top Fuel driver since 1974 to win consecutive world titles
- Set the national elapsed time world record (4.437 seconds) and national speed world record (336.15 mph)
- Set records for most consecutive Top Fuel victories in a single season (five), most Top Fuel poles in a single season (11), most consecutive rounds won in Top Fuel (20), most consecutive final rounds in Top Fuel (seven) and the largest margin of victory for a Top Fuel world title (415 points)

**2004**

- Captured his second career Top Fuel world championship
- Recorded an NHRA Top Fuel-record of 10 wins in a single season
- Advanced to a total of 13 final rounds in 23 races

**2003**

- Finished in the top-10 for the fifth consecutive season
- Won three of the last eight races, including a second straight win at the prestigious U.S. Nationals
- Set the national elapsed time record at Reading, Pa. (4.441 seconds)

**2002**

- Won two races, including the U.S. Nationals
- Qualified number one at Reading, which was his first number-one qualifying award since the Memphis, Tenn., race in 2000

**2001**

- Finished eighth in standings
- Reached final in Bristol
- Recorded fastest speed in NHRA history at 333.08 mph in Reading

**2000**

- Finished second in the standings, despite missing two events following a Memphis crash where he sustained
- Returned from injuries to reach final round at the final race in Pomona
- Won a career-best four events in 10 final-round appearances wins came at Phoenix, Columbus, Brainerd and U.S Nationals
- Debuted U.S. Army sponsorship at Indianapolis and won first U.S. Nationals

**1999**

- Won NHRA Top Fuel world championship
- Won first-ever national event, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual O'Reilly Fall Nationals at the Texas Motorplex in his ninth career final round
- Became the first driver to eclipse the 330-mph barrier (330.23 mph) in the first round of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Checker Schuck's Kragen Nationals at Phoenix

**1998**

- Finished 15th in the standings despite competing in only 13 events
- Advanced to the final round at Houston

**1997**

- Two runner-up finishes while competing in first full pro season

**1996**

- Raced Peak Brothers Top Fuel Dragster to the final round in his first NHRA national event at Indianapolis