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ENNIS, Texas (September 25, 2012) – Though his weekend ended early in the first round, Blake Alexander is content with the performance of the Auto Service Plus Funny Car at the AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals. After all, he earned his career-best qualifying position and gave first round opponent Ron Capps a run for his money.

“We went into the weekend with the goal of running high four-teens and qualifying well. We achieved both of those, qualifying 11<sup>th</sup> with a 4.18. I tried my best first round. I staged so shallow that the stage light flickered. I think it threw off both of us. I got off the line first and held the lead until the 330 mark,” Blake said.

The young Funny Car rookie was unable to get the win over Capps, running 4.189 to Ron’s 4.119. “There’s a reason that he’s the Funny Car points leader,” Blake added.

The weekend was a step in the right direction for Alexander, who struggled at his last race in Indianapolis.

“It felt good to get back to making runs. I didn’t really make any full pulls with all eight cylinders lit at Indy so it was great to be able to run well again,” said Alexander, who earned his nitro Funny Car license just after last year’s Fall Nationals. “I can’t wait to get back in the Auto Service Plus car at the Uni-Select/Auto-Plus race in a few weeks.”

Blake’s next event will be the Auto-Plus Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway, October 5-7.

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Blake Alexander Racing is a company that was started and maintained by nitro funny car driver Blake Alexander while in college. Blake worked his way up from Jr. Dragsters through the competitive sportsman ranks, now achieving his goal of driving a professional Nitro Funny Car. Through his efforts on and off the track, Blake secures corporate sponsorships and works actively with each supporter to activate and stimulate their respective brands from market to market. Blake Alexander drives for iconic master tuner Paul Smith, who owns and operates Paul Smith Racing out of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Companies that support Blake Alexander Racing include: Auto Service Plus, Gates Rubber Company, Exide Batteries, Tenneco Automotive, Valvoline, Standard Motor Products, Spy Optics, and Pro Jack Race Car Stands.

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