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MOHNTON, Pa (Oct 10, 2010) — To say this weekend was a success for Darren Nicholson and Joe Cantrell's J C Auto Glass Top Alcohol Dragster would be an understatement. Not only did Nicholson win the rescheduled Englishtown Division 1 divisional race contested here this weekend, but he also made it to the semi finals.

After qualifying the J C Auto Glass/B.R.A.K.E.S. entry in the #7 spot, Darren started the day by defeating Richard Bourke in round one, taking the lead at the 60 ft mark and never looking back. In round two, he would meet up with 4 time national champion Bill Reichert. Nicholson took the lead on the starting line and lead all the way to the finish stripe. In taking out Reichert, he ruined Bill's chance to attain any more national event points this year. The semi final round proved to be detrimental for the Mission Viejo, Ca-based driver. In a battle of the blown cars, Nicholson fell to eventual event winner Mike Austin, due to excellent track conditions of all things.

"The right lane was just ridiculously well-prepped. The NHRA Safety Safari just did an amazing job, giving us some of the best track conditions I've seen in years. So well in fact, that one of our crew members, Adam Rhoades, thought we wouldn't have enough power to get down it. So we went back and tuned it up a bit, but it just wasn't enough," said Nicholson.

"Joe Cantrell is really serious about his racing and wants us to do well, so he replaced some of our older parts and that really improved our horsepower. We know this car is capable of running 5.20's, we just don't know how to get it there. We'll go out to the Las Vegas and Pomona national events not just to race, but to really kind of test and get ready for next year," quoted the optimistic driver.

"After winning the divisional and making it the semi finals in the national event, I'd say the Toyo Tires NHRA Nationals was a very good weekend for us. Obviously I would've liked to win it and double up, or even went to the finals, but it was still a great race for us," stated Darren.

Darren Nicholson and the team will head back to Atco Raceway in Atco, New Jersey next weekend to compete in the Division 1 divisional event that was rescheduled due to unsafe conditions. This will be their last chance to earn points for the Division 1 points standings. They will then head west to compete in the last two NHRA national events of the year, the NHRA Las Vegas Nationals and the Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals.

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