

News from Cruz Pedregon Racing FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CRUZ PEDREGON REMAINS IN TOP-THREE IN COUNTDOWN 2008 NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series

Round 5 of 24

NHRA Nationals, Las Vegas, Nev.

Race Date: April 10-13, 2008

LAS VEGAS (April 14, 2008) – Cruz Pedregon and his Advance Auto Parts NHRA Funny Car team qualified in the top half of the ladder and raced into the opening round of the NHRA Nationals at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Heading into Las Vegas as the POWERade Championship point leader, Pedregon faced the No. 12 qualifier, Gary Densham in the opening round of Sunday's final eliminations. He was quick off the line with a .050 reaction time to Densham's .096. Pedregon, facing track temperatures of 119 degrees, was ahead at every marker when, at about half track, a dropped cylinder caused him to move out of the groove and brush the wall.

"We had the lead," said Pedregon. "And our car was on pace for a quick run, but at 300 mph it doesn't take much to move these cars over near the wall.

"Hot track conditions are part of drag racing. One of our strong points is our ability to get down the warmer tracks- that's why we're looking forward to racing in the heat of Atlanta in a couple of weeks. It was another solid weekend- we made some good runs in the heat and qualified 5th. We're in the top three in points and our strong races are ahead of us."

NEXT RACE: 4NHRA Southern Nationals, Atlanta, Ga., April 24-27, 2008.

Cruz Pedregon Race Results:

QUALIFIED: 5thst, 4.873 ET / 309.56 MPH

FIRST ROUND: Pedregon DQ-HW – Densham 5.016 / 309.42

NHRA POWERade Countdown to the Championship Points

1.	A. Force	326
2.	T. Wilkerson	321
3.	Cruz Pedregon	294
4.	R. Hight	290
5.	T. Pedregon	285
6.	J. Beckman	280
7.	G. Densham	260
8.	J. Force	229
9.	D. Worsham	219
10.	R. Capps	204