

Big weekend for Zizzo ends in first round

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (September 3, 2007) - TJ Zizzo piloted his Peak Antifreeze / O'Reilly Auto Parts Top Fuel team through one of the toughest qualifying fields in U.S. Nationals history. While Zizzo's team found the consistent combination they were looking for, it wouldn't be enough to unseat "Chase for the Championship" contender Bob Vandergriff. In the first round of eliminations, Zizzo would push the tree, throwing away a valiant effort (4.663 at 299.33 mph) when he went -.051 red with his reaction time. Vandergriff would post a 4.582 at 322.11 mph for the round win.

"I knew I went red and clicked it a little early," Zizzo said. "That was maybe a .63 run and I knew I needed to push the tree a little. As it turns out it looks like I would have needed a perfect tree to have a shot at it (the round win)."

"It was a good weekend," Zizzo continued. "We learned a lot. The last time we came to Indy flying the Peak banner we ran over every engine part we had. This time we made six passes and didn't hurt a thing and made a good showing for Peak, O'Reilly, Herculiner, Race News Magazine, HTP and Champion Packaging." Zizzo Racing was also honored at the race when they received the "Best Appearing Crew" award.

"Thank God for my dad (team owner Tony Zizzo)," TJ said. "He could have easily quit this a long time ago."

"I'm very proud of this team," Tony Zizzo added. "These guys went out here and did a great job. It was a good effort that we can continue to build on for the future."

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