

Dixon tops in Kragen Nationals

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CHANDLER, Ariz. — Larry Dixon raced to his first Top Fuel victory of the season and 42nd overall Sunday, beating Dave Grubnic in the final of the Checker Schuck's Kragen NHRA Nationals at Firebird International Raceway.

Jack Beckman and V. Gaines also won their divisions in the second NHRA POWERade Drag Racing Series event of the season.

Dixon drove his dragster to a 4.532-second, 327.19-mph victory over Grubnic to tie Tony Schumacher for ninth place on the NHRA career victory list.

Beckman drove his Dodge Charger R/T to a 4.868-second run at 320.20 mph to edge Robert Hight for his fourth career Funny Car win.

In Pro Stock, Gaines grabbed his first win in seven years, driving his Dodge Stratus to a 6.702 at 205.38 against Jason Line.



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Larry Dixon pilots his Top Fuel dragster to a victory over Dave Grubnic in the finals of the NHRA Kragen Nationals at Firebird International Raceway in Chandler, Ariz. Dixon covered the quarter-mile in 4.532 seconds at 327.19 mph.