

Clay Millican
Drummonds, Tenn.
Hope4Sudan/Motorvation/Matco/Lucas Oil Top Fuel Dragster

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Resilient Millican focusing on round wins at Atlanta

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With thirteen races remaining in the Full Throttle Racing Series regular season, Clay Millican is 11th in Top Fuel points and still very much in contention for one of the coveted 10 berths in NHRA's Countdown to the Championship.

Granted, this is a tad early to be checking point totals, but this may be the season the popular driver from Drummonds, Tenn., earns his first NHRA top-10 finish. There are many more 1,000-foot laps to be run before the 10 finalists are decided at the U.S. Nationals in September, and the Hope4Sudan/Motorvation team would like to be one of them.

Millican has bounced back after he was one of two Top Fuel drivers who didn't make the starting Winternationals line-up in February when rain washed out all but one of the qualifying sessions. He started 10th at Phoenix and Gainesville and fourth at Houston.

Crew chief Lance Larsen's tune-up change at Houston resulted in an impressive performance improvement – a 3.871-second elapsed time at 313.80 mph and the No. 4 berth. Millican won his first 2009 elimination round en route to a quarterfinal finish.

Millican and Larsen continue their quest for round wins in the Summit Racing Equipment Southern Nationals, Friday through Sunday, at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, Ga.

“The car is running good and I'm ready to go,” said Millican, who did not compete at Las Vegas (April 5). “The car ran well in Houston and it looks like Lance has things headed in the right direction. We've had some good runs at Atlanta. We went to our first NHRA final round there in 2004 and I got to the finals at Atlanta for the first time when I was driving Super Comp a long time ago. We'd like to get to the finals again . . . only win it this time.

“Past performances at a race track don't mean anything, unless you win.”

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