

MPE Motorsports Report:

NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals
Bristol Dragway, Bristol, Tenn.
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Clay Millican
Drummonds, Tenn.
Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel Dragster
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Clay Millican didn't improve his Friday qualifying time of 3.897 seconds (307.23 mph) during Saturday's two attempts at Bristol Dragway, so he will start Sunday's Thunder Valley Nationals Top Fuel eliminations from the No. 6 berth.

That doesn't mean, however, that his 7.575- and 5.526-second 1000-foot runs went for naught. "We have improved our 60-foot times this weekend. We've been on a mission and we went from near the bottom to the middle of the pack. All of us are very happy with the improvements crew chief Lance Larsen made. Our 60-foot times in our four runs put us eighth, ninth, eighth and seventh.

"After saying that, I have to add that one thing is for sure Sunday -- everything that happened Saturday, in terms of data gathering, can be thrown out the window. The temperature Sunday is supposed to be in the mid-60s and it was in the 80s Saturday. Lance and the crew chiefs will have to give the combination a big boost and hope it holds in the first round."

Millican squares off against Morgan Lucas (No. 11, 3.952 seconds at 300.53 mph) in the opening round of eliminations.

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