

## **MPE Motorsports Report:**

24th annual O'Reilly Super Start Batteries NHRA Fall Nationals  
Texas Motorplex  
Ennis, Texas, Sept. 26, 2009  
Round 2 of 6-race Countdown to 1

Clay Millican  
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Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel Dragster  
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**Millican's 3.984-second run puts him  
In starting line-up at hot, humid Dallas**

After losing traction on Friday's first two qualifying tries, Clay Millican rebounded on Saturday's opening run, driving the Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel dragster down the 1,000 feet in 3.984 seconds. The time was 13th quickest for Sunday's O'Reilly Super Start Batteries Fall Nationals at sweltering Texas Motorplex.

This is the second of six NHRA Countdown to 1 Full Throttle championship showdowns. Millican, 10th with 2,031 points, will be trying to climb higher in the standings. He races Shawn Langdon, 4th, 3.878 at 315.58, in the opening round.

"We may be back into our kind of racing weather Sunday -- hot," Millican said. "Our car doesn't slow down too much when it's hot. The weather forecast is for temperatures in the mid-90's.

"The track has been a challenge for everyone."

Millican's second lap at 4.010 seconds was sixth-quickest of the session. "We were in the 'make a good run so we can qualify' mode on the first one and Lance (Larsen, crew chief) left it alone for the next one to see what happens.

"We'd like to take advantage of the heat like we did in Topeka earlier in the year," concluded Millican. "We went to final round there."

Another performance like that would definitely help him in Countdown points.

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