

MPE Motorsports Report:

Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals
Bandimere Speedway
July 10-12, Morrison, Colo.,

Clay Millican
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Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel Dragster
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Millican 10th following Friday's rain-delayed qualifying in Denver

MORRISON, Colo., July 10, 2009 -- A stubborn rain disrupted Friday's Mile-High Nationals qualifying, but it didn't prevent Clay Millican from putting the new LifeLockracing.com Top Fuel dragster into the provisional No. 10 starting position for Sunday's race at Bandimere Speedway.

And Millican sent the many patient spectators home discussing his late-night run that saw the car's front wheels jump high off the track and come down hard with sparks flying. He stopped the timer in 4.985 seconds at 154.46 mph. His first 1,000-foot time was 4.125 seconds at 292.14 mph.

"The car shook (on the last run) and I pedaled it," said Millican, "and the front wheels came up and I had to step off the throttle. When I did that, the car came down hard in a shower of sparks. I'll be we made the highlight reel. We were going for a lower elapsed time and the track was phenomenal.

"The crew will have some work to do to get the car ready for Saturday's (two) qualifying runs. The damage wasn't too bad. The A-arms need to be replaced and they'll need to do some welding around where the fuel tank sits on the chassis. It will be ready to go Saturday."

