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Clay Millican's 4.308-second run good for 10th After first qualifying round of U.S. Nationals

Clay Millican's first U.S. Nationals qualifying attempt didn't turn out exactly as he and crew chief Lance Larsen expected, but the LifeLockracing.com Top Fuel dragster did go quick enough to wind up 10th with four more runs on the docket before Monday's eliminations.

"We were looking to rotate the earth," said Millican of his 4.308-second, 201.45-mph 1,000-foot attempt, "but the earth is pretty strong.

"After seeing how well the Funny Cars ran before us, we expected something better. But the track just wasn't like it was for Funny Car."

Millican is trying to maintain his hold on 10th place in points and qualify for the six-race Countdown to the Championship. He leads Joe Hartley by three points. Hartley did not get down the track on his first run.

"So now we have one qualifying run out of the way, and we still have four more to go in this marathon race."

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