

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

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Good second lap puts happy Millican 10th at Phoenix

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Clay Millican wore a satisfied smile Friday evening in the Firebird Raceway pit area, the result of a solid 1,000-foot run of 3.914 seconds at 307.65 mph in the Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel dragster. The time was 10th overall going into Saturday's final qualifying sessions for Sunday's Lucas Slick Mist Nationals.

"That was nice," Millican said. "That was plan A that we have been working on for two races. The car simply went right down the race track, which was most-important. Now Lance Larsen, our crew chief, knows what it takes to get it down the track. He said there was a lot of e.t. (elapsed time) left in it."

That attempt followed his second NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series run earlier in the day, a tire-smoking effort that saw him coast through in 6.345 seconds. Millican missed the starting lineup two weeks ago in the rain-plagued season-opener in Pomona, Calif.

"We are seeing the results of what Lance worked on during the winter," added Millican. "Last year, our main problem was that the car's 60-foot times were slow - in the .880 range. Now, after two runs here, those times were down to .86 seconds. We're looking forward to Saturday's two runs."

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