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Hope4Sudan/Motorvation/Matco/Lucas Oil Top Fuel Dragster

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Millican's 3.907-second effort Saturday puts him in 10th place

Clay Millican accomplished his first goal Saturday afternoon in the Lucas Slick Mist NHRA Nationals when he qualified the Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel dragster 10th in the 16-car lineup with a run of 3.907 seconds at 311.13 mph at Firebird International Raceway.

"We went two-for-four in qualifying runs, getting down the track twice and smoking the tires twice," said Millican, "We were really encouraged with the results because we've made just five runs overall in 2009. We would have preferred to qualify in the top half of the field, but this is a lot better than qualifying 17th like we did two weeks ago in Pomona (Calif.)."

The 3.907-second effort was fifth-quickest of the third qualifying session. The car shook and smoked the tires in Saturday's final round.

Millican, whose opening round foe is Top Fuel rookie Shawn Langdon (seventh at 3.888 seconds, 305.63 mph), got down the track Friday on his second run, posting a time of 3.914 seconds at 307.65 mph.