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

NHRA Lucas Slick Mist Nationals  
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Millican arrives .0596-second too late in first round at Firebird Raceway

CHANDLER, Ariz., Feb. 22, 2009 - Clay Millican's first competitive 1,000-foot elapsed time Sunday in NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series competition lasted 3.922 seconds at a speed of 305.29 mph at Firebird Raceway. It was, however, .0596-second too long.

That was Shawn Langdon's winning margin when he lit the win light in 3.876 seconds at 312.93 mph.

The setback, said Millican, was further indication that "we need to make our Hope4Sudan/Motorvation dragster run quicker early in the run. I know I sound like a broken record, but we are still struggling in that area. Our early numbers are slow. That certainly wasn't what we were looking for."

That elimination time was the slowest of the three full runs he made during the weekend.

Crew chief Lance Larsen will be looking for a solution to the perplexing problem before the traditional Gatornationals unfolds in Gainesville, Ga., March 13-15.