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25th annual Toyo Tires Nationals
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Millican qualifies 13th, vs. McClenathan in key race at Reading

A second day of inclement weather Saturday denied Clay Millican and the LifeLockracing.com Top Fuel team of another qualifying run, so he'll start Sunday's Toyo Tires Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway from the No. 13 position.

Crew chief Lance Larsen made a number of mechanical changes prior to the event and hoped for good weather to make all four runs. But that went out the window when rain eliminated the second runs Friday and Saturday.

Millican's best run of 4.011 seconds at 302.89 mph came Friday and puts him against Cory McClenathan (No. 4, 3.903 at 312.21) in the opening round. "The car just didn't make it down the track on our Saturday run, said Millican. "The tires didn't seem to want to grip the track about mid-track.

"It has been a wet couple of days in Reading," said Millican. "Sunday's weather forecast doesn't look favorable, either. We're not sure about that, but we are sure of one thing – we will be here. And we will be big Doug Kalitta fans in the first round."

Kalitta races Joe Hartley, the only driver who can pass Millican as they contend for the 10th Top Fuel playoff position. Millican has a 24-point advantage with only one event remaining prior to the start of the six-race playoffs.

"Waiting around like we have been makes for long days, but ESPN's television crew did give me something to play with while I was waiting – a TV camera in a cell phone. They told me to shoot what I wanted. I had a lot of fun and used up all but four of the 60 minutes."

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