

## **MPE Motorsports Report:**

O'Reilly NHRA Summer Nationals  
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Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel Dragster  
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### **Clay Millican qualifies fifth at hot Topeka, setting up Important first-round race against Joe Hartley**

Clay Millican wants to see the hot weather in Topeka remain for Sunday's O'Reilly Summer Nationals because he has an important first-round race against Joe Hartley at Heartland Park Topeka.

Millican and team crew chief Lance Larsen know elapsed times like their 3.890-second Friday night qualifying run that put the Hope4Sudan/ Motorvation Top Fuel dragster into the No. 5 starting spot aren't likely to be seen on Sunday, thanks to temperatures expected to remain in the low 90s.

"We hope it's going to be hot again Sunday," Millican said after posting Saturday's quickest elapsed time (4.014 seconds at 296.96 mph) during a hot final qualifying session. "We feel like the heat will level the playing field. Usually I'm not too happy with a 4.01 (second) run, but I'm pretty happy about this one.

"The first round is huge for us because Hartley is just ahead of us in Full Throttle series points and we need to take advantage of this opportunity."

Millican is 11th (194 points) and trails Hartley by 108 points with nine more events remaining before the top 10 drivers advance to the Countdown to the Championship.

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