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**Tune-up change results in 3.871-second run in last session**

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BAYTOWN, Texas, March 28, 2009 -- Crew chief Lance Larsen tweaked the tune-up in the Hope4Sudan/Motorvation Top Fuel dragster Saturday afternoon at Houston Raceway Park, sending Clay Millican to his quickest 2009 1,000-foot time of 3.871 seconds at a fast 331.80 mph. The effort put Millican fourth in the starting line-up for Sunday's O'Reilly Spring Nationals.

"Lance said he was going to go in 'test' mode for our last attempt if we ran good on our first run of the day," said Millican, who then posted a 3.937-second time at 301.20 mph. It was second-quickest of the session in elapsed time and second-fastest speed."

The performance will send Millican against Troy Buff (13th, 3.997 at 288.52 mph) in the first round.

"Lance has been wanting to try this change, and we are all glad he did," added Millican. "It was one of those things we wish we'd found a few races ago. It really was a nice run, and it was pretty impressive."

Four more laps like that Sunday and Millican just might take him his first NHRA Top Fuel victory.