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Zizzo struggles to end the day in ninth

San Antonio, Texas; T.J. Zizzo and his Zizzo Racing Top Fuel dragster are in the 9th position after Friday night's action at the 5th annual Amalie Oil Texas Nationals presented by Ancira Cars, Trucks & RVs and the San Antonio Express-News. Zizzo struggled during both qualifying sessions and is determined to get his car into the field.

Zizzo was the second pair to the line to begin the first round of qualifying. He is on a good pass and has to gets out of it as he smokes the tires at half track and coasts to a 5.316 at 180.94 mph. The evening session had Zizzo as the forth pair to the tree and looses traction at about the 100-foot mark as the tires begin so smoke. He lifts and has to click it off concluding the second round of qualifying with a 12.337 at 71.51 mph and is in the ninth position.

"The objective on the first pass of the season was to get familiar with the car and get a handle on this track," explained a disappointed Zizzo. "After tonight's action I do not feel like we accomplished a thing. I did not expect to be on the outside looking in."

"The car was all over the place on the first pass so I had to get off it half way down the track before I hurt it. On the second pass the car was weak and the track had its way with us and just overtook us."

"I felt pretty comfortable behind the wheel on my two passes," Zizzo said. "The crew did a great job with the car we just missed on our set-ups. I really did not expect to be in this position at this point of the weekend but, I am confident my team will dig down and give a set-up to get it into the big dance."