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MOHNTON, Penn. – After months of testing and years of competing in the sportsman ranks, Blake Alexander will be making his NHRA Fuel Funny Car debut this weekend. The Uni-Select Auto Plus Nationals at Maple Grove Raceway will be the first race in a Funny Car for the former Comp driver.

Blake is eager to get going, but will be taking precautions this weekend to make sure that his Pro debut goes smoothly.

“I’m more than ready to race the Paul Smith Racing Funny Car at Auto Plus’ event. I haven’t made any night runs in the Funny Car, so we will be sitting out Friday’s qualifying passes. We want to save up the good runs for Saturday. We’re not holding anything back on Saturday; we want to do more than just get in the field,” said Alexander.

The 23 year-old driver recently completed the licensing procedures required to drive a 300 mph+ Funny Car. Due to a combination of clutch and track issues, the car couldn’t make full runs until this past Monday, at Texas Motorplex.

“I really wasn’t as excited as I thought I would be after the 4.358 pass. The first 4.33 pass was a lot more exciting for me because I shook or smoked the tires, along with a few other problems, in previous licensing attempts. When I stood on the gas and ran that first full pass, I was thrilled. I actually got out of the car and ran down the concrete barrier” claimed Alexander.

Blake will be competing in the Paul Smith-tuned car that Jon Capps drove to a semi-final finish last weekend at the Texas AAA Fall Nationals. After the Auto Plus Nationals, Blake will drive Larry Miersch’s Top Alcohol Dragster with primary backing from Exide Batteries, in Las Vegas for the Nevada Nationals. He’ll finish the year in Pomona, California at the Auto Club NHRA Finals, once again in the Exide Top Alcohol Dragster.

The 27th Annual Uni-Select Auto Plus NHRA Nationals takes place September 29-October 2nd, at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. ESPN2’s coverage begins at 12:30 am ET on October 2nd, with eliminations coverage starting at 7 pm, also on October 2nd.

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