

NASCAR Loop Data Says Bodine Posted 50 “Fastest Laps” in 2009 at Dover

Bodine Has Raced in 5 NCWTS Events at Dover

Bodine has Three NASCAR Wins at Dover in NNS

Bodine’s Best Truck Series Finish at Dover is Third

Bodine is Second in Truck Series Championship Standings

May 10, 2010 ( Mooresville, N.C.) - Dover International Speedway has earned its reputation as the “Monster Mile” with Germain Racing. Just last year, the team had arguably the fastest truck in the field, but spent most of the race fighting back from falling laps-down due to unscheduled green-flag pit stops to replace some troublesome tires. In the 200 lap race, NASCAR Loop Data Statistics say the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra posted 50 of the race’s fastest laps, yet finished 18th, three laps down to the leaders. This year, driver Todd Bodine and crew chief Mike Hillman Jr. look forward to returning to Dover with the chassis setup that made their truck so fast there in 2009. But, both are curious about how the new tire compound will work for them this year.

“Well, I’m definitely looking forward to going to Dover but I’d say I’m cautiously optimistic because we are going with a new tire and that changes everything,” explained Bodine, whose first NASCAR career top-five and first victory both came at Dover. “Dover’s always been one of my favorite tracks. I’ve always run well there – it doesn’t matter what I’m in. If we can go back and get the Germain.com Tundra setup to handle as good as it did last year then we will have a real shot at getting a win.”

The setup, according to crew chief Mike Hillman Jr., is what makes Dover a “monster” for crew chiefs.

“The biggest challenge for Dover is that your chassis setup has to be perfect when the race truck rolls off the hauler. With the tire quantity limitations in the Camping World Truck Series, we basically get one set of tires for practice. At Dover, one set lasts about 30 laps before the tires are corded. Goodyear is bringing us a new tire for Dover this year which might give us a few more laps on each set of tires. But, as a crew chief, I can’t plan on those extra laps. I have to make sure the Germain.com Tundra setup is perfect when it unloads,” explains Hillman. “Thirty laps of tire wear doesn’t give us room for making a lot of changes. For a crew chief, that’s a ‘Monster’ part of racing at of Dover.”

Dover has been home to many huge memories for Todd Bodine, his first top-five, his first win, and, really, his performance at the concrete oval served as the foundation of his career. The track is a special venue for the 2006 Truck Series champion to return to each year.

“When you have a lot of success at a track and you always run well at it, then you always enjoy going there. Dover is a track that really suits my style – ‘get up on top of the wheel and go’ kind of style – I’ve just always enjoyed it. It’s always fun to go to Dover,” said Bodine.

After five races, Bodine is second in the Truck Series championship standings with four top-five finishes.

Look for Bodine in the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra starting with practice on Thursday, May 13th at 2:30 PM Eastern. Final practice follows at 4:15 with qualifying live on SPEED Friday morning, May 14th at 10:10 AM. Racing action is Friday afternoon at 4:45 PM with race coverage on SPEED at 8:00 PM. Follow Germain Racing on Twitter @GermainRacing or on the web at Germainracing.com or become a Facebook fan.

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***Notes: Bodine, No. 30 Germain.com Tundra, Dover Int’l Speedway***

- \* Bodine ranks 2nd in Truck Series Championship standings heading into Dover
- \* NASCAR Loop Data Statistics show Bodine leads his Truck Series competitors in Passing on the Backstretch and in Turn Four
- \* Bodine has four top-five finishes in five races this season
- \* Bodine’s Average Running Position is 10.4 and his Average Driver Rating is 95.6, both rank fifth among Truck Series competitors
- \* Germain.com is the central website for the Germain Motor Company, a top-25 automotive retail network with locations in Ohio, Florida and Arkansas. As car and truck buying moves from being a local process to a regional process, Germain.com is seeing increased business from neighboring cities and states
- \* Chassis TRD–122 has raced this year at Martinsville and will get back to work at Dover. The truck has been a solid performer for Germain Racing and has one Pole award (Nashville, 2008).
- \* Germain Racing has won two or more races each year in the Truck Series since its first race in 2004. The team has 18 wins, seven pole awards and one Truck Series championship
- \* Bodine has earned 17 wins and five pole awards of Germain Racing’s Truck Series total of 18 wins and seven pole awards
- \* Germain Racing competes in NASCAR’s three premier, national series, has earned top-ten finishes in each and consecutive top-ten points finishes in the NNS division. In 2010, Germain Racing expands its competition portfolio to the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East.
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