Mooresville, N.C. (07-26-2010) – Thirty-six trucks took the green flag for Friday night’s 200-lap NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event at O’Reilly Raceway Park. Of those, 23 didn’t manage to complete all of the race laps, and seven couldn’t make it to take the checkered flag. They had bad nights. Truck Series champion and current championship points leader, Todd Bodine, drove the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra from a sixth place starting position to a seventh-place finish. For Bodine and the Germain Racing team, it was a ‘bad night.’ The top-ten finish they earned on the ‘bad night’ is a key ingredient in the recipe for Germain Racing's championship performance level.

“Our Germain.com Tundra was a solid top-five truck at O’Reilly Raceway Park but I don’t think we had what we needed to beat Ron (Hornaday Jr., race winner). For us, knowing we raced a truck that wasn’t capable of competing for the win means Germain Racing had a bad night. That attitude is what keeps our team on top of the Truck Series points and it’s why we were able to bring home a top-ten finish as a result of our ‘bad night.’ We never give up,” said Mike Hillman Jr., crew chief for Bodine and the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra.

Bodine had said the race truck was loose in practice, and for much of the race, he had the same feedback. After the final pit stop, the adjustments made the race truck too tight.

“Our pit crew did another outstanding job on pit stops tonight for the Germain.com Tundra. On the last stop, we made some adjustments that worked too well. We got the truck too tight for Todd and he wasn’t able to drive it where he wanted to on the race track. We’ll take the seventh-place finish, the points we gained over Aric (Almirola), and get ready for Pocono,” said Hillman, who’s led the team to 9 top-five finishes including one win, can now add an actual top-ten finish to the tallies.

The points look much the same leaving O’Reilly, with Bodine and Germain Racing leading the driver’s and owner’s championship standings. Fellow Tundra driver Aric Almirola remains second, but now trails by 177 points with 13 races remaining.

The Germain.com Tundra races next at Pocono Raceway on Saturday, July 31st. It will be the first NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at the track which has played host to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series for years. Watch the racing action on SPEED. Follow Germain Racing on Twitter @GermainRacing or on the web at Germainracing.com or become a

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