

Mooreville, N.C. (08-02-2010) – With the love Todd Bodine has for the area and the race track, 500 laps might not have been enough for him to get his fill of “The Tricky Triangle” known as Pocono Raceway. Certainly, the 50 scheduled race laps for Saturday’s NASCAR Camping World Truck Series debut at the Long Pond, PA, tri-oval were far too few for the division points leader.

“The Germain.com Tundra was really good today. We ran up front and were able to lead some laps. I think the race was just way too short. It was a good show for the fans, it just needed to be longer,” said Bodine, who led the Pocono Mountains 125 and spent the majority of the 50-lap event racing among the top-five trucks.

Pocono Raceway produced intense, high-speed battles throughout the 125-mile event. At lap 42, Bodine was in a heated battle for 5th-place. After some bumping and rubbing, Bodine found himself sliding through the infield grass and bringing out the fourth caution flag of the race.

“It was just a racing deal. We had a good truck and were running up front with a shot to win. We had some contact with the 3 truck. I know Austin (Dillon) didn’t mean it, it’s just one of those deals -- racing accidents,” said Bodine, who restarted in 24th place, narrowly missed a huge crash with three laps to go, then finished 12th.

As thrilling as Bodine's bumpy slide through the grass was, the wreck he narrowly missed was what people were talking about with him after the race.

"All I was thinking about was getting the Germain.com Tundra back up front with the leaders. I thought, if I had 75 laps, I could do it. I guess while I was driving and thinking I had a very close call. It happened behind me, so I didn't see it, but a few people have told me we were very close to getting caught up in someone else's wreck with three to go," said Bodine, who picked off an easy dozen trucks in the final laps of the race to finish 12th.

Crew chief Mike Hillman Jr. was pleased with the Truck Series debut at Pocono.

"There were a lot of unknowns going into this race because Pocono was new to the Truck Series and we had some rules changes for the event. The race turned out to be a great race for the Truck Series fans, and our No. 30 Germain.com Tundra was a contender for the win. We were able to recover from the spin through the grass and get a decent finish, which is a great testament to how Germain Racing works as a team and we never give up," said Hillman.

The 12th place finish at Pocono kept Bodine 149 points in front of his nearest competitor in the Truck Series championship standings. Fellow Tundra driver Aric Almirola still trails Bodine as the Truck Series heads into race no. 14 at Nashville Superspeedway on August 7th. Follow Germain Racing on Twitter @GermainRacing or on the web at Germainracing.com or become a Facebook fan.

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