

- Bodine Leads Truck Series Championship Battle by 282-point margin
- Has Earned Four Wins this season, 21 in his Truck Series Career
- Germain Racing has 22 Truck Series Victories and Nine Pole Awards

October 26, 2010 (Mooresville, N.C.) - Talladega Superspeedway will be a welcome sight for the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series points leader, Todd Bodine, and the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra crew of Germain Racing. Bodine cleared one of the two remaining unknowns on the 2010 Truck Series schedule as he seeks his second championship title. He and the Germain Racing team left Martinsville Speedway with a third-place finish and a 282-point lead and turned their sights on the last big variable in the championship puzzle—Talladega.

“Talladega is the last big unknown on the schedule for this Germain Racing team. We have been to victory lane at Talladega twice, we’ve sat on the pole there, but, we know that when we unload the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra at Talladega, there’s a lot about how it finishes that’s beyond our control. As a crew chief, I’ve got even less control than the man behind the wheel,” said crew chief Mike Hillman Jr.

Truck Series champion Todd Bodine, who continues to lead the 2010 standings by a record-setting margin after racking up four wins and two pole awards to add to his NASCAR career totals, calls Talladega a wild card.

“We saw it at Daytona, how close we came to winning that race and how we missed out at the very last second. Talladega is an even bigger wild card than a Daytona or a Martinsville. It’s a track where you have to be as lucky as you are good. This No. 30 Valvoline Tundra team is really good at Talladega. We have two wins there. With the right luck this week, we’ll get our third win at that track,” said Bodine, who has finished fourth or better in each of the four Truck Series events at Talladega, including two wins and one pole award. Further, Bodine has finished fifth or better in each of the 10 superspeedway races.

While Talladega is a wild card on the schedule as far as the final result, Hillman Jr. explains that this team knows what to expect when they unload in the Alabama infield.

“The truck we are racing is the same truck we’ve used for all four of our superspeedway wins. We know this truck. We know that the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra will be one of the top trucks right off the trailer. A lot of that confidence comes from all of the hard work put into this truck by the guys in the paint shop, the fab shop, and by our team members. And, a lot of our confidence comes from the guy behind the wheel - Todd Bodine. He has a unique talent for tracks like this and it kind of makes my job from the pit box a little bit easier,” said Hillman, whose team has chosen chassis TRD-058 for Talladega duty.

Watch Bodine the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra on Saturday, October 30th, at Talladega Superspeedway. You can watch the action on SPEED beginning with practice at 10:00 AM Eastern on Friday, followed by qualifying that afternoon at 4:40 PM and racing on Saturday at 3:00 PM. If you won’t be by a TV, set your DVR, and tune your radio dial to your local MRN affiliate. Follow Germain Racing on Twitter @GermainRacing or on the web at germainracing.com or become a Facebook fan.

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