

Mooresville, N.C. (10-25-1010) – The Germain Racing team knew Saturday's Kroger 200 at Martinsville Speedway was a wild card as far as the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series standings were concerned. In the spring, they brought a top-performing race truck to the track, only to see their race day cut short by someone else's mistake. Todd Bodine, the series points leader since May, entered the race 262 points ahead, and left with another twenty points cushion. With the help of strong performances by the No. 30 Germain.com Tundra pit crew, Bodine took the lead for 83 laps before finishing third. It was an outstanding effort by team and driver, who were reeling from the loss of Bodine's mother on Friday evening, as well as working to overcome a tough starting position.

"This race was a little eventful for us – not a normal, typical Martinsville for us. Starting 24th we knew we had to strategize our way to the front and (Mike Hillman) Junior (crew chief) did a great job and had a plan laid out to get track position that we needed and it worked.

We had a really, really good Toyota Tundra.

It kind of went away a little bit at the end.

I was overdriving it a little bit probably," said Bodine, who was pleased with the third place result of the Germain.com Tundra. "This was one of the wild cards we were worried about with the points race and anything can happen like in the spring time.

A guy stopped in front of me in the middle of the back straightaway and I ran into him, popped the radiator and blew the motor.

That's stuff that you can't control.

To come out of here with the Germain.com Tundra in third is a great day, a good run for us.

We've got a lot of good runs at Martinsville – we finally led some laps and ended up leading the most laps today so that was good points wise.

I'm proud of everybody at Germain Racing for sticking with me and doing a great job every single week."

Crew chief Mike Hillman Jr. was extremely proud of his team and driver and what they accomplished after 206 laps of Martinsville racing.

“I couldn’t ask for more from any one on this Germain.com Tundra team. We’ve all had a very long week for a variety of reasons. To come here, to a track that’s been one where we have struggled or seen our hard work end up in pieces in the garage, and to have a race like we had where we were out front, the truck to beat, for almost half the race. We are very happy with our third-place finish. It was a great reward for all that everyone has worked through this week,” said Hillman.

On Saturday, Bodine drove the race truck that went to victory lane at Darlington Raceway. He raced with a determined but heavy heart, which was very evident in his post-race interview with SPEED’s Adam Alexander.

“I’m really proud of this team. We didn’t have the fastest truck today, but we finished third. That’s because of what Junior did and the guys in the pits. This is how you win championships. We did really good. I’m proud of this Germain Racing team. It’s tough. I was good until we got on pit road and then it was pretty hard. It’s all good now. Mom and Dad were watching. They were in the grandstands in the sky rooting for me. Mom and Dad loved this race track and I know they were with me,” explained Bodine of his race, which came the day after he found out his mother, Carol June Bodine, had passed away.

The No. 30 Valvoline Tundra races next on Saturday, October 30th at Talladega Superspeedway, a track where Bodine and Germain Racing have combined for two victories and a pole award. You can watch the coverage 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.

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