

Mooreville, N.C. (11-1-2010) – Saturday, the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series competed in its fifth event at Talladega Superspeedway. The truck chosen to be the No. 30 Valvoline Tundra was chassis TRD-058, a truck that has produced impeccable results since making its debut as a Germain Racing truck in 2005. As with any gambling venture, sometimes the gambler has to even up with the odds. This week's Mountain Dew 250 – Fueled by Fred's was an event that evened the odds a bit, but there's still no argument, this chassis, with Todd Bodine behind the wheel, has been outstanding.

“Our Valvoline Tundra did exactly what we expected it would do this week in Talladega. We can expect our trucks to be that good because of the extra effort that everyone at Germain Racing puts into our speedway trucks. The attention to detail shows in our level of competition,” said crew chief Mike Hillman Jr., who, for the first time since becoming crew chief of Todd Bodine and the No. 30 Tundra team, saw chassis TRD-058 finish outside of the top-five on Saturday. “Talladega is a wild card race for every truck and driver out there. A finish like we had Saturday was bound to happen. We've taken this race truck, with Todd Bodine behind the wheel, to Daytona five times and Talladega five. We now have one finish outside of the top-five after ten superspeedway races. That is still a record for the Valvoline Tundra that we can be proud of.”

Bodine, the Truck Series points leader since May's Charlotte Motor Speedway race, was confident in the Valvoline Tundra heading into Saturday's 94-lap event.

“The Valvoline Tundra is good. It drives good, does everything we need and that's the

important thing. We knew it wasn't going to qualify that great, but we were willing to sacrifice that for the race," explained Bodine after qualifying 10th for Saturday's race.

For more than half of the scheduled 94 laps of Talladega racing, Todd Bodine kept the Valvoline Tundra very visible. He stayed in line, in the lead pack, mostly running in the number-two or three positions, aside from one trip to the tail end of the lead pack due to a pit road speeding infraction. As the field worked lap 92, Bodine ran out of favor with Lady Luck at Talladega.

"It's a shame that things like that happen. I think the 95 (Grant Enfinger) just gave me a huge shove and thought he was going to bump me somewhere. Instead, it turned the Valvoline Tundra sideways and caused a big wreck," said a disappointed Bodine after climbing from the wreckage that was a top-three running Valvoline Tundra. "My guys being the great crew they are, they did the best they could to get the truck back together to pick up a few spots in the final two laps after the red flag. What we were driving to the checkered flag wasn't pretty, but it did the job."

The Mountain Dew 250 concluded after 95 laps with a fellow Toyota driver, Kyle Busch, taking the win and Bodine finishing 18th. Bodine leads the Truck Series standings by 216 points over Aric Almirola as the Truck Series heads to a track where Germain Racing has collected seven wins – Texas Motor Speedway.

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