

Mooresville, N.C. (02-19-2011) In Friday night's 2011 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season opener at Daytona International Speedway, Brendan Gaughan may have had the biggest smile of all his competitors. The 8-time Truck Series winner was racing at Daytona again, in the No. 62 South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra, with friend Bryan Berry calling the shots from the pits. Gaughan, a native of Las Vegas, understood his odds were good joining Germain Racing over the off-season that he would have fine equipment to race. He knew after two days on track at Daytona that the odds were spot on.

"The South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra was by far the best truck I've ever raced at Daytona. We knew when we went into this deal that Germain Racing has an incredible history at Daytona. The Toyota they gave me to run tonight was a really great race truck," said Gaughan with all the enthusiasm that makes his fans love him.

Gaughan started and ended Friday's 100-lap race in the 26th position. He said that's just Daytona and it shouldn't take the focus off of the real racing that will happen next week in Arizona.

"I wanted to run with my teammate, Todd Bodine, tonight. We were able to do that. We worked together with (Ron) Hornaday and we just got caught up in a wreck from someone having a tire go down. That's just Daytona. It happens. But, the good news is that I've tested my Phoenix race truck twice and I can tell you that as good as my Daytona truck was, the South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra we have for Phoenix is even better. I'm looking forward to getting there so we

can do some real racing," said Gaughan.

The South Point Hotel & Casino driver is a two-time NASCAR K&N Pro Series West champion, so he will be happy to make the westward flight next week.

Germain Racing has earned two championship titles in the Truck Series. The Toyota team owns 22 victories and 9 pole awards in the series that continues to grow ratings on SPEED. For more information on Germain Racing, visit www.GermainRacing.com or follow the team on Twitter @GermainRacing.

Brendan Gaughan holds eight Truck Series victories to go along with his two K&N Pro Series West championship titles. Follow Gaughan at www.BrendanGaughan.com or on Twitter @Brendan62.

About South Point...The South Point (<http://www.SouthPointCasino.com>) is a 2,200-room resort in Las Vegas, Nevada providing affordable luxury while catering to visitors and locals alike. This casino destination features a world-class spa, bowling center, eight restaurants, showroom, equestrian arena, convention center, exhibit hall, bingo and all of the casino games that made Las Vegas famous. The South Point opened in December 2005.

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