

Gaughan's Finish Overshadows Team's Efforts at Charlotte

Concord, NC (05-21-2011) – On Friday night, the No. 62 South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra started from deep within the 36-truck field. Driver Brendan Gaughan was dissatisfied with the 27th

-place starting spot on the grid, but it didn't take long for him to have the opportunity to show exactly why he was disappointed. Gaughan knew his Tundra was fast, and, ten laps into the 134-lap NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race, his competition knew his Tundra was fast, too.

"We were terribly fast tonight. Our Toyota was real quick. I think we drove ourselves to around 13th the first run and then drove ourselves into the top-10 in the second run.

We were going to have a strong night with the No. 62 South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra," said Gaughan, who was very excited about the performance level of his No. 62 Toyota Tundra.

After Gaughan moved just outside the top-ten by twenty laps into the race, he and his crew were discussing strategies and considering how to get the best finish out of the night. On their first pit stop, they adjusted for a slight loose condition with a wedge adjustment. Gaughan continued to move up through the field, making it into the top-ten by lap 50. The forward progress screeched to a halt by lap 70.

"In the end, I think we lost a rear end gear is what it looks like. I knew -- my instinct was that something was broke and it was still running. I knew to trust my instinct, I didn't. In the end it broke in the middle of the corner. I went up (the track) and tried to just stay out of the way. I think Max (Papis) was an innocent victim there. I guess he was trying to get underneath me and somebody pushed him into me," said Gaughan of the second caution of the night that he was party to.

"That's just been the luck for the Germain Racing team this year. Two teammates having

nothing to do with each other, one is going to have a good night and then we bang into each other. Our Tundra, from what I understood, was real dang fast.”

Gaughan’s run through the field to the runner-up position was punctuated by a 30th finish. Gaughan ranks 12th in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series standings after seven of 25 events.

The next race for the No. 62 South Point Hotel & Casino Tundra is Kansas Speedway on June 4th.

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