

No. 5 Valvoline Toyota Tundra News and Notes

- ***This Week's Tundra...*** The No. 5 Valvoline team and Germain Racing driver Todd Bodine will utilize GR-019 in Wednesday's 200-lap NCWTS race at Bristol Motor Speedway. Mike Hillman Jr. will once again be atop the pit box calling the shots for the defending series champion as this marks the sixth race of a collaborative effort between Germain Racing and Randy Moss Motorsports to field the No. 5 Tundra.

· ***One Spot Better...*** While all 21 of his truck series victories have occurred on tracks one mile or larger, Bodine has three runner-up finishes in six truck series starts at Bristol.

Bodine, however, knows his way to victory lane at Bristol Motor Speedway, collecting two victories in NASCAR Nationwide Series competition.

· ***Holding Steady...*** With his 11th-place finish last race at Pocono, Bodine maintained his 10th-place standing in the driver points and is just 39 points out of the top five.

· ***Meet Todd...*** Fans in the Bristol, Tenn., area will have the opportunity to meet Todd Bodine on Thursday, August 25. The driver of the No. 5 Valvoline Toyota Tundra will join fellow NASCAR competitors to meet fans during a free autograph session as part of the annual Food City Fan Fest. The Food City Fan Fest will be held in the streets of downtown Bristol on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 EDT p.m., with Bodine scheduled to participate from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. the night after the truck series race.

• **Watch and Listen...** The O'Reilly 200 from Bristol Motor Speedway will be broadcast live on SPEED, MRN Radio and Sirius-XM NASCAR Radio, channel 90, on Wednesday night.

SPEED kicks off its pre-race coverage at 7:30 p.m. EDT, and MRN Radio will begin its live broadcast at 7:45 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, August 24.

SPEED will also carry live a broadcast of qualifying on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Todd Bodine on Bristol Motor Speedway:

"Bristol is just one of those tracks that you really have to get on the wheel and drive hard. It's a half mile that you're on for 15 or 16 seconds. There's no time to relax, you have to get on the wheel and go. That's kind of been my style. It's always been what I liked. From the first time I ever raced at Bristol, I ran well. I've had some success with a couple wins. Really it's been a good track for me in all three NASCAR series, but I'm still looking for a Camping World Truck Series win there. I feel that this week is a week we could get it done with our Valvoline/International Trucks Tundra."

"To win at Bristol, first you have to have a truck that handles. It has to drive good and do everything you need, but maybe the bigger half of the battle is staying out of trouble. It's so fast and so tight there that it's really easy to get tangled up in someone else's mess."

"There's so much to pay attention to at Bristol that the spotter becomes even more important. He has to be on his toes. He's got to watch your race truck and watch ahead of you and keep you out of trouble. The spotter is a huge part of the team at Bristol."

Comments about the Food City Fan Fest...

“I like being a part of the festival for the Bristol fans. Food City has always been very important to Bristol Motor Speedway. In the old days, I did a lot for them. They do a great job for the fans with this event and it makes it a lot of fun.”