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CRAFTON ROARS TO SECOND-PLACE FINISH AT TEXAS

Matt Crafton roared to a second-place finish in the WinStar World Casino 350 at Texas Motor Speedway on Friday night. Crafton started the race from the pole position. He also finished second in the spring race at TMS.

“Our No. 88 Menards/McGuire-Nicholas Silverado was awful fast tonight,” Crafton said. “Unfortunately, we just came up a little bit short. We were trying to save fuel a bit toward the end, because we knew we were gonna be close, and we probably waited too long to try to catch (race-winner Busch) Kyle. It was one of those situations where you just really don’t know, because, at the same time, if we’d tried to run him down earlier, we might’ve run out of gas at the end. I can’t thank our guys enough. They brought an awesome race truck, and we really thought we had the truck to beat. In clean air, our Silverado was better than any of ‘em tonight. It just wasn’t meant to be for us.”

Crafton remains in second-place in the NCWTS standings with two races remaining as he heads for Friday’s Lucas Oil 150 at Phoenix International Raceway. He owns a pair of top-five and five top-ten finishes in eight career starts at Phoenix.