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# PREVIEW

No. 88 Menards/Tarkett Chevrolet Silverado

## HISTORICAL STATS:

Hometown: Tulare, CA  
 Birthdate: 6/11/1976  
 10<sup>th</sup> year in NCWTS with TSR  
 Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in points in 2010  
 Starts: 249  
 Wins: 1 (Charlotte)  
 T5: 43 T10: 130 Poles: 4  
 2011 Starts : 1 (Daytona)  
 T10 : 2 (10th Daytona, 7th Phoenix)  
 2010 Starts: 25  
 T5: 10 T10:10 Poles: 1

## DARLINGTON:

2010:  
 St: 15th Fin: 6th Laps:147/147  
 2004 (w/Kevin Harvick, Inc.):  
 St: 10th Fin: 8th Laps: 150/150  
 2003:  
 St:13th Fin:11th Laps: 146/147  
 2002:  
 St: 14<sup>th</sup> Fin: 14th Laps: 146/147  
 2001:  
 St: 24<sup>th</sup> Fin: 8<sup>th</sup> Laps: 135/135

**2011 POINTS:**  
**Current NCWTS Driver Points Leader**



## NASCAR Camping World Trucks

TRACK: Darlington Raceway

EVENT: Too Tough to Tame 200

DATE: Saturday, March 12th, 2011

TIME: 5:00PM ET

COVERAGE: SPEED/MRN Radio

DISTANCE: 147 laps/200.6 miles

CHASSIS: 30 CREW CHIEF: Bud Haeefe

## Quoting Driver Matt Crafton on Darlington....

### ON THE RACETRACK:

"I'm not going to lie, Darlington is not my favorite race track to run. You definitely race the track – it's not about the competition around you, and that will play mind games on you. I was running as high as third last year, and I realized you just can't go side by side here. It's miserable to pass, and that's just being honest! You won't see much passing going on by the veterans – it's just tough and the track is not very wide. You really have to trust your instincts and what you feel in the truck on the track, rather than go for position against your competitors."

### ON LEARNING FROM OTHERS:

"It's funny, I don't normally say that I learn a lot from other drivers – this is my 10th year in the NCWTS. Hopefully, I know what I need to improve upon since I'm my own worst critic. But last year, Bodine passed me at a pivotal point in the race. I remember saying to myself at that point, 'Wow. That just helped me. I'm doing that next lap.' So he's the one to watch here, and he just performs so well at this track. If I learn anything, it will probably be from Todd."

### DARLINGTON QUICK STATS:

AVG START: 14.2  
 AVG. FINISH: 8.3  
 Top 10: 3

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### ON PREPARATION:

"It's mental. I do TiVo races, and Darlington is definitely one I'll be watching this week (the race from 2010). That was an exciting race, but a lot of veteran drivers got taken out. Since the repave, it's a lot like Daytona when you're talking about surface. I loved the old pavement, it was just enough grip. Now, it's so much grip that it gives a false sense of security. It's still an amazing track that we as drivers have to respect – I mean, it IS Darlington after all."

### ON BEING FIRST IN DRIVER POINTS:

"Talk to me in ten weeks! When we have ten races to go, or even five races to go, I'll really care. Yes, I'm happy to be at the top of the boards, but no, it doesn't mean anything right now with all the racing we have left this season. It is unreal, the competition this year in our Series. I love it. What I will tell you is that I'm proud that we're ahead of the game already this year. Last year, we started having some challenges right about this time – it was Atlanta for us. I think our energy is high coming into Darlington – the whole team – so it makes a huge difference. We have to keep it up!"

