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MATT CRAFTON

No. 88 Menards / Tarkett Chevrolet Silverado
NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race 25 of 25 – Homestead-Miami Speedway

FINISHING UP: Matt Crafton and the No. 88 Menards/Tarkett team head to sunny Homestead-Miami Speedway for the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series finale. Crafton has 10 previous starts at the 1.5-mile oval, with two top-five and five top-10 finishes and an average finish of 11.4. Crafton earned his best finish at the track when he was the runner up in the 2009 Homestead event, and he took the sixth spot in his last visit to the South Florida facility.

SUM IT UP: With 24 out of 25 races in the books, Crafton can look back at 2011 with a long list of positive season statistics. Crafton led the championship standings for three weeks (after races two, three and six), has one win (Iowa Speedway), two pole awards (Michigan International Speedway and Martinsville Speedway II), five top-five and 13 top-10 finishes. He has led 88 laps, earned an average start of 9.8 and an average finish of 12.8.

COMING UP: After making the announcement in September that he would be returning to ThorSport Racing's No. 88 truck in 2012, Crafton's off-season will be less silly season and more wedding season. Crafton and fiancée Ashley Greer will tie the knot in a January ceremony in Mexico before returning to the garage in February as Mr. and Mrs. Crafton.

BUY IT UP: Matt Crafton merchandise makes a great Christmas present for the race fans in your life. Even though the season is over, there's still plenty of time to head over to <http://store.thorsport.com> or click the Merchandise tab on ThorSport.com to find gear for Crafton all of the ThorSport Racing drivers.

CHASSIS HISTORY: The No. 88 team will utilize chassis No. 41 this weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway. This is the chassis Crafton drove to the pole earlier in the season at Michigan International Speedway. More recently, Crafton drove this truck to a second-place finish at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in October and a fifth-place finish in this month's event at Texas Motor Speedway.

PREVIOUS RACE RECAP: Crafton earned a fifth-place finish at Texas Motor Speedway after handling issues plagued the No. 88 Menards/Fisher Nuts team for a majority of the evening. Falling as far back as 18th, Crafton rallied back from outside the top 10 in the closing laps, bringing home his fifth top-five of 2011.



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Race Info:

November 18, 2011
Homestead-Miami Speedway
1.5-Mile Oval
Ford 200
134 Laps/201 Miles

Broadcast Info:

TV: SPEED will broadcast live at 8:00 p.m. EST
Radio: MRN will broadcast live at 7:45 p.m. EST

Team Facts:

Current Point Standings: 7th
Crew Chief: Bud Haefele
Chassis: 41
Engine: Earnhardt-Childress Racing (ECR)

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NASCAR Camping World Truck Series results
at Homestead-Miami Speedway:

Starts: 10
Wins: 0
Poles: 2
Top 5: 2
Top 10: 15
Laps Led: 24
Average Start: 14.3
Average Finish: 11.4

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THOUGHTS FROM THE DRIVER: Matt Crafton

How do you feel about Homestead-Miami Speedway?

"I really like Homestead and we've been really good there the last two years. I love that you can run right down on the white line or right up on the wall. Our team does really well on the mile-and-a-half tracks and we've had great finishes with the chassis we're bringing in the last two intermediate races. I'd really like to finish up this season on a positive note with a win."

What are your thoughts on the 2011 season?

"This season has had a lot of ups and downs, but overall I think we can look at 2011 as a good year. It certainly isn't exactly what we wanted, we'd much rather be up there fighting for the championship with our teammate, but we had some really good moments. Winning the race at Iowa earlier this season was huge for me and my guys, and the poles we won at Michigan and Martinsville were big too. We had a few stretches where we had some really bad luck, and we'd definitely be in the fight if we hadn't had those issues. But we led the points for a while there at the beginning of the season and we've got a lot to show for this season. I'm really hoping that we can leave Homestead with a championship for ThorSport Racing and hopefully next year it will be our turn."

What are your off-season plans?

"Every year after Thanksgiving my fiancée Ashley and I head out to the desert to play with the sand rail. I'm really looking forward to that, especially since I just got my brand new buggy last month and I didn't get a lot of time to drive it when we were out in Las Vegas. Then after the holidays we've got our wedding down in Mexico and our honeymoon. By the time we get back, it will practically be time to start racing again."

Matt Crafton 2011 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Stats

Date	Track	Sponsor	Chassis	Start	Finish	Status	Standings
2/18	Daytona International Speedway	Menards / HERCULINER	24	7	10	Running	6
2/25	Phoenix International Raceway	Menards / Ideal Door	34	6	7	Running	1
3/12	Darlington Raceway	Menards / Tarkett	30	4	4	Running	1
4/2	Martinsville Speedway	Menards / Tarkett	34	7	11	Running	2
4/22	Nashville Superspeedway	Menards / Ideal Door	35	15	6	Running	3
5/13	Dover International Speedway	Menards / CertainTeed	33	10	3	Running	1
5/20	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Menards / Great Lakes Wood Floors	32	14	26	Running	3
6/4	Kansas Speedway	Menards / Ideal Door	35	17	18	Running	4
6/10	Texas Motor Speedway	Menards / CertainTeed	36	11	29	Crash	5
7/7	Kentucky Speedway	Menards / Tarkett	41	15	32	Engine	8
7/16	Iowa Speedway	Menards / Ideal Door	35	11	1	Running	5
7/22	Nashville Superspeedway	Menards / Goof Off	35	15	11	Running	6
7/29	Lucas Oil Raceway at Indianapolis	Menards / Ideal Door	34	8	6	Running	6
8/6	Pocono Raceway	Menards / Ideal Door	41	13	8	Running	6
8/20	Michigan International Speedway	Menards / Schrock	41	1	21	Crash	6
8/24	Bristol Motor Speedway	Menards / Goof Off	33	18	21	Running	7
9/2	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Menards / Zecol	37	7	7	Running	7
9/16	Chicagoland Speedway	Menards / Fisher Nuts	37	10	7	Running	6
9/24	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	Menards / Great Lakes Wood Floors	34	10	6	Running	6
10/1	Kentucky Speedway	Menards / Ideal Door	41	6	23	Running	8
10/15	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Menards / Ideal Door	41	5	2	Running	6
10/22	Talladega Superspeedway	Menards / CertainTeed	40	12	31	Crash	8
10/29	Martinsville Speedway	Menards / Roto-Rooter	34	1	12	Running	7
11/4	Texas Motor Speedway	Menards / Fisher	41	11	5	Running	7
11/18	Homestead-Miami Speedway	Menards / Tarkett	41				

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About Tarkett

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