

# 88

# PREVIEW

No. 88 Menards/Herculiner Chevrolet Silverado

## HISTORICAL STATS:

Hometown: Tulare, CA  
 Birthdate: 6/11/1976  
 10<sup>th</sup> year in NCWTS with  
 ThorSport Racing  
 Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in points in 2010  
 Starts: 247  
 Wins: 1 (Charlotte)  
 T5: 43 T10: 129 Poles: 4  
 2010 Starts: 25  
 T5: 10 T10:10 Poles: 1

## DAYTONA:

2010:  
 St: 17<sup>th</sup> Fin: 5<sup>th</sup> Laps: 100/100  
 2009:  
 St: 2<sup>nd</sup> Fin: 8<sup>th</sup> Laps: 100/100  
 2008:  
 St: 7<sup>th</sup> Fin: 24<sup>th</sup> Laps: 60/100  
 2007:  
 St: 26<sup>th</sup> Fin: 8<sup>th</sup> Laps: 100/100  
 2006:  
 St: 22<sup>nd</sup> Fin: 26<sup>th</sup> Laps: 100/102  
 2005:  
 St: 25<sup>th</sup> Fin: 11<sup>th</sup> Laps: 99/100  
 2004 (w/Kevin Harvick, Inc.):  
 St: 5<sup>th</sup> Fin: 19<sup>th</sup> Laps: 91/100  
 2003:  
 St: 21<sup>st</sup> Fin: 12<sup>th</sup> Laps: 106/106  
 2002:  
 St: 24<sup>th</sup> Fin: 23<sup>rd</sup> Laps: 94/100  
 2001:  
 St: 34<sup>th</sup> Fin: 27<sup>th</sup> Laps: 50/104



## NASCAR Camping World Trucks

TRACK: Daytona International Speedway

EVENT: NextEra Energy Resources 250

DATE: Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

TIME: 7:30PM

COVERAGE: SPEED/MRN Radio

DISTANCE: 100 laps/200 miles

CHASSIS: 24 CREW CHIEF: Bud Haeefe

## Quoting Driver Matt Crafton on Daytona....

### ON PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS:

"Daytona is the track that everyone wants to race - not to mention, it's our 'Super Bowl' every year. So there is a lot of pressure, especially based on pre-season predictions, for the veteran teams to perform. The 88 team is no different - we're coming off a 2010 season with a solid 4th place points finish. We've got a simple strategy this year on the 88 team - that's to win races as much as possible and not listen to the predictions. There is a lot of competition in Trucks this year, and I can't wait - it's time to get down to business and show that the 88 can hit Victory Lane in 2011. It's my job to take it to the track and wheel it. The guys have really put in the hours in the shop in the offseason."

### ON No. 88 CHANGES MADE AT TSR:

"We changed to ECR engines, and that has made a huge difference in horsepower, which is where we had challenges last year. At Daytona, it's what it's going to take to bring the last push home and what will distinguish the veteran drivers - since we all want a strong finish. We also made a few personnel changes, so it's a strong team. I'm proud of my guys, and it's great to be with Bud (Haeefe) again this year. We finish each other's sentences - and he knows when something's up in the Truck just by my differences in breathing over the radio. It's a great bond."

### ON THE NEW SURFACE/SPEEDS AT DAYTONA:

At Daytona, we're dealing with a lot more grip thanks to the new surface - so handling won't be an issue. What Bud and I will be watching out for is the rest of the field. This is going to be exciting, fast racing; pair that with a great big mix of aggressive veterans and young rookies, and we'll be making the spotters earn their keep more than usual up in the stand. We'll definitely be using the last few years of track history, fuel management and the 'luck factor' to determine our last 10 laps - since the first 90 will be spent staying clear."

### OVERALL VIEWPOINTS:

"I'd love to say I'm gunning for a win at Daytona - but that would be pretty rash. It's safe to say that the entire field wants a win, especially at Daytona...and a lot of guys out there will do anything to get it. I'd rather say that I want a strong finish, and I know I've got the Truck and team that will push for the 88 to get a strong finish. And there is nothing more that I'd like to do, in the 10th anniversary of Menard's with ThorSport Racing in the Series, than to give that to my sponsor."

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