



**Mountain Dew 250 Fueled by Fred's  
NASCAR Camping World Truck Series**

## **FAST FACTS**

- WHAT:** NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Talladega Superspeedway  
Race 22 of a 25-race schedule
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 31, 2009; 3 p.m.
- WHERE:** Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.
- TV/RADIO:** Live on SPEED Channel (2:30 p.m.) and MRN Radio Network/  
Locally Live on WTDR 92.7 FM
- RACE LENGTH:** 250 miles (94 laps)
- PURSE:** \$766,386
- QUALIFYING:** Friday, October 30, starting at 4:10 p.m.  
Two laps, all positions – Impound.
- DEFENDING  
RACE WINNER:** Todd Bodine (1 hour, 43min., 06 sec.)
- DEFENDING  
POLE SITTER:** Erik Darnell (181.753 mph)
- QUALIFYING  
RECORD:** Mark Martin, 182.320 mph; October 2006
- RACE RECORD:** Todd Bodine (1 hour, 43 min., 06 sec.) October 2008
- TICKETS:** Contact the Talladega Superspeedway ticket office at  
**1-877-Go2-DEGA** or log onto to [www.talladegasuperspeedway.com](http://www.talladegasuperspeedway.com).  
Qualifying for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series set for Friday,  
October 30: One-day general admission ticket is \$20. Kids age 11 and  
younger admitted free with a ticketed adult.  
The Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's NASCAR Camping World Truck  
Series race on Saturday, October 31: Two-day Saturday/Sunday tickets  
start at \$60; Single-day Saturday tickets start at \$40; Kids age 11 and  
younger admitted free with a ticketed adult.
- PARKING:** Day parking for automobiles is free on Talladega Superspeedway grounds

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**NOTES OF INTEREST:**

**TRICK OR TREAT WITH TRUCKS AT TALLADEGA** - The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series heads to Talladega Speedway for the Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's on Saturday, Oct. 31. The Halloween race will feature one former winner, Todd Bodine, who has back-to-back wins on the 2.66-mile track. Talladega made its debut on the series' schedule in 2006. Mark Martin won the inaugural event.

**STEVE PARK RETURNING TO NASCAR** – NASCAR veteran Steve Park will return to competition at Talladega Superspeedway during the Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's.

**WALLACE FAMILY TO MAKE NASCAR HISTORY** - Mike Wallace and Chrissy Wallace will make NASCAR history this weekend as they will attempt to become the first father-daughter duo to compete in a national series event. Mike Wallace finished fifth in this race a year ago. In 113 series stars he has four wins including the inaugural tuck race at Daytona in 2000. Chrissy made her series debut at Martinsville Speedway in March last season. She finished ninth in the ARCA Re/MAX Series race at Talladega in 2008.

**BODINE GOING FOR THREE IN A ROW** - Todd Bodine is proving to be a superspeedway ace. Bodine grabbed his second win in five starts at Daytona to kick off this season, becoming not only the first repeat winner in the series at the track but the first back-to-back winner. The lowest he's finished at Daytona is fifth in 2007. Looking to Talladega, Bodine has been just as dominant. He has back-to-back wins (2007, 2008) and a fourth place finish (2006) in three starts.

**IN THE GARAGE – ALABAMA NATIVES**

Randy Armstrong (No. 4 gas man) – Mobile  
Rick Crawford (No. 14 driver) – Mobile  
Jimmy Kitchens (No. 30 spotter) – Hueytown  
J.R. Norris (No. 15 truck chief) – Mulga  
Greg Passen (No. 51 tire specialist) - Birmingham  
Talmadge Patton (No. 16 catch can) – Hueytown  
Kevin Ray (No. 11 spotter and team manager) – Eastaboga  
Alan Steele (No. 1 rear tire carrier) – Ohatchee

**CLOSE COMPETITION** – The 2007 Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's featured one of the closest, and most exciting, finishes recorded in any of the series that race here. The final time the trucks crossed the start/finish line Todd Bodine, Rick Crawford and Johnny Benson were three wide. The race went to Todd Bodine by 0.014 seconds over Crawford with Benson's front bumper on Crawford's door.

**POSITIONS STILL UP FOR GRABS - Ron Hornaday Jr. (No. 33 Copart Chevrolet)** appears to have a lock on the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship. **Matt Crafton (No. 88 Menards Chevrolet)** looks strong in second and third-place **Mike Skinner (No. 5 PC\*MILER Navigator Toyota)** has more than 100 points over his closest competitor. But behind them, positions are all up in the air.

Standing fourth is two-time defending race winner **Todd Bodine (No. 30 Copart Toyota)**, who leads Dover winner **Brian Scott (No. 16 Albertson's Toyota)** by 10 points—2,815 to 2,805. The next three drivers are all within 53 points of Bodine. Michigan winner **Colin Braun (No. 6 Con-way Freight Ford)** is sixth with 2,797 points, ahead of Martinsville victor **Timothy Peters (No. 17 Strutmasters-Red Horse Racing Toyota)** with 2,768 points. Eighth is leading Raybestos Rookie of the Year candidate **Johnny Sauter (No. 13 Fun Sand-Rodney Atkins-Curb Records Chevrolet)**, who has 2,762 points.

**LOOP DATA - Colin Braun (No. 6 Con-way Freight Ford)** showed all kinds of promise last season, his rookie year in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

After starting the season with a disappointing 31st-place finish at Daytona, Braun clawed his way up the standings to finish 13th.

Almost the exact same scenario is playing out this season. After finishing outside the top 20 in three of the first four races this season, Braun sat 21st in the series standings, the dreaded "sophomore slump" label just about sealed.

But just like last season, the slow and inevitable climb back began. Braun won his first race, at Michigan, and now sits sixth, just eight points outside the top five.

Now Braun heads to Talladega for the second time in his career. The first resulted in a finish uncharacteristic of a rookie – fourth.

In that event, Braun had a Driver Rating of 115.9, an Average Running Position of 5.7, three Fastest Laps Run and a Laps in the Top 15 percentage of 86.2%.

So, Braun comes into Talladega with experience on his side. He also has momentum.

Braun has scored top-10 finishes in four of the last six races, a span where he has gone from seventh to fifth in the standings. Over those races, Braun has an average finish of 9.0, a Driver Rating of 99.9, an Average Running Position of 7.6, 51 Fastest Laps Run and a Laps in the Top 15 percentage of 92.6%.

He's also driving the No. 6 truck in which **Mark Martin** won the inaugural Mountain Dew 250 in 2006.

**BILLY BALLEW MOTORSPORTS MAKING 300<sup>TH</sup> START - Billy Ballew Motorsports** will make its 300th start in NASCAR Camping World Truck Series competition at Talladega Superspeedway. The team will field trucks for **Kyle Busch (No. 51 Miccosukee Resort-Graceway Pharmaceuticals Toyota)** and **Aric Almirola (No. 15 Graceway Pharmaceuticals Toyota)** on Saturday.

The team is the fourth active team to reach the 300-start plateau, joining **Roush Fenway Racing, Thorsport** and **Circle Bar Racing**.

"It's overwhelming," Ballew said. "I've been fortunate to have success with that many drivers for this many years. This started as a dream—to have my own team—and over the years it has been become something pretty close to my heart. It is even more special that this 300th start is occurring in Talladega, which is close to my home base of Atlanta, Ga."

In addition to Busch and Almirola, other drivers for Ballew's team include **Geoffrey** and **Barry Bodine**, former motocross champion **Rick Johnson**, 1996 Indianapolis 500 winner **Buddy Lazier**, **Rich Bickle**, **Bill Lester** and **Kelly Sutton**. **Mark Gibson** finished 12th in the team's debut at Bristol in 1996. The team has 15 wins, including 14 with Busch.

**DILLON TO MAKE FIRST TALLADEGA START - Austin Dillon (No. 3 Chevrolet)**, grandson of **Richard Childress**, will make his first career start at Talladega. He will also be the first **Richard Childress Racing** driver to start at Daytona or Talladega in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

"I'm really excited to be heading to Talladega," Dillon said. "It'll definitely be one of the biggest thrills of my career to say I raced there. It's really cool because I'll be in the No. 3 truck and that number means a lot to the great fans that show up at 'Dega. I'm also excited to get the chance to run where my grandfather started his entire racing career 40 years ago."

**MANUFACTURER STANDINGS** - Toyota holds the lead as the series heads to Talladega this weekend, and a finish ahead of Chevrolet earns the manufacturer the title. **Todd Bodine** has delivered Toyota their two wins at the track, with **Mark Martin** triumphing for Ford in 2006.

**PRE-RACE DIGNITARIES** – Lead singer of The Lost Trailers, Ryder Lee, will sing the National Anthem for Saturday's Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's.

Randy L Hagan of Alabama Raceway Ministries will deliver the invocation prior to the Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's.

Keith Curtis, Executive Vice President of Merchandising for Fred's, will wave the green flag as Honorary Starter of the Mountain Dew 250 fueled by Fred's, while Michael Hayes, Chairman of the Board for Fred's, will serve as Grand Marshal.