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CRAFTON FIGHTS TO 4TH PLACE FINISH AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Matt Crafton showed the grit that exemplifies the NCWTS championship-challenger as he battled to a 4th place finish in the Heluva Good! 200 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday.

Crafton suffered damage to the right-front fender of his No. 88 Sylvania/Menards Silverado early in the race, and fought a resultant tight truck for the duration. Crafton, who started 8th, scrapped his way into the top-5 by mid-race, however, and never relinquished position en route to his eighth top-5 finish of the season.

“We’re disappointed, because we expected to battle for the win at New Hampshire,” Crafton said. “The guys on our No. 88 Sylvania/Menards Silverado team had a great truck for me, but unfortunately, we weren’t able to show what we had. I’m thankful to Bud (crew chief Haefele) and the guys for continuing to fight their tails off for me, to make the adjustments they made to keep us running up front. Like always, they never gave up. All things considered, we were able to salvage a decent day out of it, and we’re looking forward to getting to Las Vegas next weekend.” Crafton finished 3rd at Vegas last season.

Crafton is in 2nd place in the NCWTS points-standings with six races remaining this season. “We’re focused on trying to win races,” Crafton said. “Nothing else really matters to us right now. We’ve always had the approach that, as long as we’re taking care of the things we can control, and focusing on continuing to find ways to improve, we’ll be in position for good things to happen. That’s where we continue to put our energies.”