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CRAFTON LOOKS TO KEEP CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES ALIVE AT TEXAS

Matt Crafton enters the WinStar World Casino 350 at Texas Motor Speedway on Friday looking to capture the victory that eluded him at the track in June.

“We had an awesome truck at Texas last time around, and were disappointed that we weren’t able to take it to Victory Lane,” said Crafton of his second-place finish. “Hopefully, we can put ourselves in position again on Friday, and finish the deal.”

Crafton has finished in the top-10 in nearly half of his numerous career starts at TMS. He also owns another top-5 finish at the track. “I love racing at Texas,” Crafton said. “We’ve had some really strong runs there over the years, and maybe don’t have all the results to show for it. But it’s a place where we always feel like we can win. It’s a place where you have to have the whole package. It’s always an exciting race for the fans, and usually a great time of year there, weather-wise. We expect our No. 88 Menards Chevy to be really good again on Friday, and, hopefully, that will translate to a trip to Victory Lane for us this time.”

Crafton remains in second-place in the points-standings with three races to go this season, and recognizes it would take special circumstances, indeed, to capture his first NCWTS championship. Given the unpredictable nature of the series, however, he still believes anything is possible.

“As we’ve said, our focus each week has to be on the things we can control and, after that, let the chips fall where they may,” said Crafton. “Do we still believe we have a chance to win this thing? Absolutely. There’s no reason to think otherwise, because we’ve seen that anything can happen in this series. No matter what, like always, you just have to keep shooting for wins each time out, race as hard and smart as possible each lap. We’ll pull out all the stops, and we’ll see what happens.”