

NEWTON, Iowa (July 11, 2010) – Gauging by the practice sessions that led up to the Lucas Oil 200 at Iowa Speedway, Jennifer Jo Cobb appeared on the way to a third top-20 finish of the season. Along with guidance from crew chief Steve Kuykendall, Cobb grew more and more comfortable behind the wheel of her No. 10 Driven F-150 in preparation for her inaugural race at the 7/8 mile race track. Her lap times consistently improved as her team made changes during the two practice outings, before Cobb eventually reached 21st-fastest on the speed charts.

Unfortunately, when the Iowa 200 got underway, Cobb's F-150 began snapping loose through the corners and prevented her from making any progress during the event. The condition grew worse, despite adjustments made while on pit road. The team had no choice but to bring Cobb's truck behind the wall to try and find the culprit, however, they could not identify the problem. Cobb returned to the track, but the Driven F-150 still snapped through the turns. Cobb and her team made the decision to bring her truck into the garage early to prevent any potential accidents. She finished the day in 25th-place.

"We made great strides during practice on our Driven Ford F-150," said Cobb after the event. "We got better and better throughout the weekend. After final practice, we were at our best. Unfortunately, it was like a completely different truck during the race. It just kept snapping around. No matter how I changed my entry or moved around my marks, the back-end kept wanting to come around. We tried fixing it, but couldn't get it corrected. It was so bad that I had to bring it in the garage. The last thing I wanted to do was wreck one of our trucks or potentially wreck someone else. I don't know if something broke or what, but it wasn't anything close to what we had during practice.

"We had problems with the brakes, the loose condition and blew out a right front tire and managed not to wreck. Sometimes you just have to know when it isn't your day. We'll take the truck back to the shop and figure out what the problem was. This was a learning experience and we'll make sure that we're stronger because of it."

The Iowa Speedway graciously opened its garages on Monday to allow several teams to work on their trucks in preparation for Gateway. JJCR and several other teams will stay in the Midwest from Iowa through ORP. Cobb will return to competition in Friday night's Camping World 200 at Gateway International Raceway.