

Cobb Avoids Trouble to Finish 26th at Martinsville

Jennifer Jo Cobb drove a smart race and avoided trouble on the track throughout Saturday's caution-filled Kroger 250 at Martinsville Speedway, bringing her No. 10 Driven Ford home with a 26th-place finish.

After starting the race in the 14th position, Cobb dropped toward the back of the pack, battling a tight truck that she could not accelerate out of the corners. The Driven Ford got better as the afternoon wore on, with the No. 10 crew making improvements with each of her three pit stops. As her competitors were banging bumpers and bouncing off the wall, Cobb was steering around the trouble with the help of her spotter, veteran driver Carl Long, and gradually making up positions.

The team was looking at a top-25 finish with just 12 laps to go when the No. 10 Ford suffered an electrical failure on the track, bumping Cobb back one position to finish in 26th. The team now prepares for the April 2 race at Nashville Superspeedway.

Comments from Driven Ford driver Jennifer Jo Cobb after the Kroger 250:

"We have a lot of positives to bring out of today's race. At the beginning, I didn't feel like I could be as aggressive as I wanted to be. But we made the Driven Ford better with each pit stop and about halfway through the race I really started having fun. We figured out how to make our truck get through the corners better and I was running my best lap times and making good progress.

"I have to give credit to my spotter, too. It was a messy race with a lot of cautions, and Carl (Long) helped me steer me clear of everything. We just had that power issue at the end or we would have finished one spot higher. But we avoided the wrecks and we learned a lot that we can take with us into next week."