

Step in the Right Direction for No. 10 Team

SPARTA, Ky. (September 3, 2010) – Jennifer Jo Cobb and her No. 10 Driven team improve with every race. Week in and week out, Cobb and crew chief Steve Kuykendall show progress with the speed and handling of their F-150s. Although this week's Built Ford Tough 225 didn't net one of Cobb's best results, her performance throughout the event reflected how far her team has come since Daytona in February. Cobb finished the night in 23rd-place, but her truck was just a few adjustments away from pacing with NASCAR's best.

"We are on the verge of getting our trucks just the way we need them," Cobb said. "Steve (Kuykendall) has them handling really well. We just need to figure out how to make our entry into the corners better. Our trucks handle great just about everywhere on the track, except going into the corners. Once we make gains in that area, we'll be battling for top-15 finishes every week.

"This was one of our best handling trucks at a mile-and-a-half track. We're definitely doing the right things to get faster each week. We just need to keep it up."

Cobb started the race from 30th-place. Her F-150 was "free on entry" throughout the first green flag run and preventing her from carrying speed through the corners. Cobb picked up one position before the first yellow flag slowed the action on Lap 19. Kuykendall used the caution period to make a wedge adjustment on the No. 10 truck to make it more stable when entering the turns. She returned to the track in 25th-place.

Green flag action got back underway on Lap 27. It didn't take Cobb long to realize that the adjustments were too severe. "We're way too tight now," radioed Cobb. "My truck just won't turn." Kuykendall reminded Cobb to hang strong and he would correct the issues during the next pit stop.

A caution flag halted the pace on Lap 46 with Cobb riding in the 28th position, one lap down to the leaders. Cobb reported that the Driven F-150's handling had improved significantly when the fuel load burned off and was content with her machine. Since her truck was running well, Kuykendall elected to leave Cobb on the track so that she would receive the "wave around" and return on the lead lap. Cobb passed the pace car and rejoined the field in 28th-place.

The green flag waved on Lap 51. Cobb pedaled her way into 26th-place before the next yellow flag slowed the field on Lap 76. Cobb brought her truck down pit lane, where her crew changed tires, topped off the fuel cell and made a minor wedge adjustment to free up the truck. She lined up in 27th place for the restart.

On Lap 81, the race returned to green. Cobb picked up one position on the ensuing run, moving into 26th-place. A spin on the track brought out another yellow flag on Lap 92. Kuykendall summoned his driver into the pits for her final stop of the night. The No. 10 team filled her F-150 with enough fuel to go the distance and changed tires. Cobb left the pits in the 24th position.

The field took the final green flag of the night on Lap 96, with 54 laps remaining. Cobb hung strong for the balance of the event. She passed one more truck before taking the checkers, bringing home a 23rd-place finish.

"It was a good race for us," said Cobb after the event. "I wish we had a better result to show for our effort, but I'm proud of the progress. I think with a few adjustments at the shop, we'll be much more competitive. Our next intermediate track is at Las Vegas. I can't wait to get this truck back there and see what we can do."