

Fontana, Calif. (October 11, 2010) – With a respectable finish in sight, NASCAR Nationwide Series driver Michael Annett was struck with tough luck after a cut tire went down with only 25 laps remaining in Saturday's 150 lap CampingWorld.com 300 at Auto Club Speedway.

Annett secured a 22nd place starting position for Saturday afternoon's race and within 10 laps quickly advanced 10 spots to 15th. Determined to battle with the frontrunners, he continued to work his way forward, tapping into the top-10 on lap 25. Although he fought a loose handling racecar, Annett consistently contended with the top-10 cars and continued to run lap times comparable with cars competing in the top-five spots.

In a five lap side-by-side battle with the No. 62 and No. 98 cars, Annett's top-10 finish in the making was slashed when he cut a right front tire. With the blown tire limiting his control of the car, Annett and the No. 62 were both forced into the wall.

With a caution out for the incident on lap 125, Annett brought his No. 15 Pilot Flying J Coffee Toyota Camry to pit road for his crew to survey the damage. The right side of the Camry proved to need a generous amount of repair, which brought the car to pit road three times during yellow flag conditions.

Commending his hardworking team for getting him back on the track, Annett restarted one lap

down in 28th with only 17 laps to go. Despite the heavy damage to the right side of his car, Annett was now in a race for the Lucky Dog. Earning his way back on the lead lap for the restart on lap 145, Annett pushed his way to a 20th place finish in the remaining five laps of the CampingWorld.com 300.

Approaching the final five races of the 2010 season, Annett will head to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the fourth and final race in the Nationwide Series new car before its full introduction into the series in 2011. The Nationwide Series Dollar General 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway commences at 8 p.m. ET with live coverage on ESPN 2 beginning at 7:30 p.m. ET.

For more information on Michael Annett and Germain Racing's No. 15 NASCAR Nationwide Series team, check out www.MichaelAnnett.com and www.GermainRacing.com. Get live updates on Twitter @MichaelAnnett.

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