Fort Worth, Texas (November 8, 2010) – Texas Motor Speedway’s O’Reilly Auto Parts Challenge produced a middle-of-the-road day for Michael Annett and the No. 15 Germain Racing team. Fighting an ill-handling racecar that wouldn’t respond to changes, Annett worked hard on the track to secure an 18th place finish in Saturday’s race.

Despite a 35th place starting position, Annett worked his way just outside the top-20 in 21st on lap 38. The first of five cautions came out on lap 43. Reporting that his car was free through the corners, Annett came to pit road for service on lap 44. The No. 15 Germain Racing pit crew was on top of their game on pit road, moving the No. 15 Pilot Flying J Coffee Toyota Camry four spots, pushing Annett to 17th for the restart on lap 48.

Still battling a car that was aero tight and wouldn’t turn in traffic, Annett made his second trip to pit road under the second caution on lap 82. This time losing three spots on pit road, Annett restarted 18th on lap 85.

Lap 140 brought the No. 15 Pilot Flying J Coffee Toyota Camry to pit road under green flag conditions for four Goodyears, fuel and air pressure adjustments to help free the car’s tight condition. The third yellow flag soon came out on lap 147. Annett returned to pit road for four tires, fuel, track bar and air pressure adjustments. Back to green on lap 152, he restarted 16th.

Still fighting a challenging racecar, Annett reporting being loose in the center and tight off. The caution was back out on lap 184. Knowing that there would be only 10 laps to go on the restart and that the car wasn’t responding to changes, crew chief Ryan Fugle did his best to help Annett with track position by opting to change only right side tires on the stop, advancing Annett to sixth for the restart on lap 190.

Unable to battle with cars that had four fresh tires, Annett was shuffled back to 17th when the yellow flag was brought back out on lap 197. Coming in one last time for four tires, fuel and a track bar adjustment, Annett was back on the track for a green, white, checkered flag finish. He earned a hard-fought 18th place finish in the O’Reilly Auto Parts Challenge.

With only two races remaining, the Nationwide Series will head west to Phoenix International Raceway for the WYPALL 200 powered by Kimberly-Clark Professional on Saturday. The 200 lap race will preview the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway that takes place on November 20. Tune to ESPN2 and MRN Radio for live coverage of the WYPALL 200 powered by Kimberly-Clark Professional beginning at 4 p.m. ET on November 16.

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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