

Lofton 10th in Texas

Fort Worth, Texas -- Justin Lofton scored his first top-10 finish of the Camping World Truck Series season on Friday at the Texas Motor Speedway. After starting 25th, the California racer drove a consistent race and wheeled his way to 10th following a final green-white-checked flag restart.

"It feels good to come home in the top-10. We had a few close calls out there, but the Lofton Cattle Tundra looks pretty good after the race, and that's a good thing. I like racing here at Texas, but I haven't had the best of luck. It's really cool to get a top-10 here," Lofton said.

With temperatures lingering in the upper 90s throughout the two-day trip to the 1.5-mile Texas track, the Lofton Cattle team did their best to ready the No. 77 Toyota for night racing.

Throughout the Thursday afternoon practice sessions under the blazing sun and heat of the day, Lofton noted that the truck wasn't picking up as much speed as he had hoped. But with the field taking the green flag under the night sky and slightly cooler temperatures, Lofton looked forward to the changing track conditions giving him an advantage.

Once underway on Friday night, two early caution flags allowed Lofton to visit pit road for early adjustments. The team's third stop of the day fell just after the 50-lap mark, with Lofton taking the restart from the 14th position.

As the race hit the halfway point, the 77 team opted to make various calls on pit road. From two tires to an additional stop for fuel, the calls mixed things up for Lofton in the rundown. Various changes to the truck throughout the night worked as well, as Lofton radioed to his crew that the truck was "running pretty good" and struggled only with a minor aero problem while racing other trucks.

Lofton's final stop of the night fell on lap 121, with the No. 77 Lofton Cattle entry showing in the 23rd position for the restart on lap 123. Consistently clicking off positions, Lofton had cracked the top-15 just 20 laps later.

The final yellow flag of the night waved on lap 162, extending the race by one lap in order to make for a final green-white-checkered three-lap dash to the finish. Lofton took the final restart from the 13th spot.

With just three laps remaining, he dug in and charged his way to 10th, claiming his first top-10 finish after the season's first nine races. The result also moved him up three positions in both driver and owner point standings.

Lofton and the No. 77 Lofton Cattle team will next hit the track on July 7th at Kentucky Speedway.

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