

Race Report for Johnny Greaves
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Jason Baldwin Memorial Cup Race #1

Johnny Greaves Delivers For Inaugural NBC Race With Legendary Performance

When Johnny Greaves stalled his new Monster Energy Potawatomi Toyota Tundra at the start of the first CORR race to be televised on a national network, no one figured this to be a performance that very well may define Johnny Greaves career and be one of the most remembered races in CORR's history. But Richard Petty could not have scripted a better race to introduce the nation to this sport as Greaves went on to capture the victory in grand style.

Greaves won the pole position but immediately went to last place because he stalled at the start. "We had just been sitting there for so long while they were doing some interviews and my clutch-leg got to shaking really bad. When the green flag dropped, I just snubbed it," explained Greaves.

The crowd may have given up on Greaves but he started passing trucks one at a time until he pulled into third place by the time the mandatory caution flag came out. "I knew I had to get back in the race pretty quick, I was just afraid I was going to run out of laps on this short track," stated Greaves. "I was just charging really hard to get back up front where the race was going on".

Rick Huesman lead most of the first half of the race until his hood obstructed his windshield and slowed him down. Carl Renezeder took advantage and moved into the lead with Scott Douglas, Troy Herbst and Ricky Johnson following close. Meanwhile Greaves was building his winning run as he was passing trucks in this 15-truck field with grand style and aggressive moves that had the crowd on its feet. When the mandatory caution flag came out Greaves had moved into third behind Johnson and Renezeder. On the restart, Greaves went after Renezeder trying to make a pass on the veteran rival at every turn, but the seasoned Renezeder managed to hold Greaves off until the white flag lap where Greaves made a beautiful clean pass in the first turn. Carl was not finished though and pulled side-by-side with Greaves for most of the last lap. As they headed for the checkered it was Greaves who managed to get the better position in the last turn and cross the finish line in front for what was one of the best races in CORR history. The finish was Greaves, Renezeder and Johnson.

"This was really fun," stated an excited Greaves. "I really had fun out there in this kind of close racing, I just thought I was going to run out of time." When asked about the significance of this win in his career, he responded in typical Greaves fashion with a big smile, "Well, this is just what we do. It was definitely a good race, but I want to go do again."