

Greaves Takes His Chances, “Goes for Broke” and Comes Up Short in Baldwin Cup Round #2 at LA Fairplex

Pomona, CA (May 19, 2007) - Johnny Greaves came into the second round of the Jason Baldwin Memorial Cup Race at the Fairplex in Pomona with high hopes and a very fast TRD built truck, but it was thwarted early with a transmission problem on the first qualifying lap on Friday. That sent the Monster Energy Potawatomi Toyota to the end of the line in the starting order for the feature race and virtually guaranteed his fate as a 13th place starting position is hard to overcome on this very narrow track against thirteen of the fastest drivers on earth. That did not stop Greaves from making a good show of though and his familiar style worked his Toyota Tundra to the fifth position by the ninth lap and mandatory caution flag to re-group the field.

As the green flag reappeared, Greaves made a strong move to the inside and jammed his way into third position monetarily as they went into the first turn 3 wide. It appeared that Greaves had pulled off the big move when a charging Adrienne Cenni made contact with Greaves' back bumper and pushed the defending champion into the wall were he spun-out and came out of the fray in a disappointing 8th position. A flat rear tire soon appeared and Greaves limped in for an 8th place overall finish.

“I look at these races as win or go home – winner takes all, so I new I had to make my move immediately on the restart and go for before the leaders checked-out. Somebody hit me pretty good just when I though I had it,” said a disappointed Greaves. “When you start out in last place you have to hang it out.”

Greaves did give the huge crowd a taste of his skills as he made several really good passes as he was working his way past most of field from the last place start. One in particular when he passed Curt Leduc in turn three and made slight contact as Leduc tried to hold him off. Leduc was noticeably irritated and tried to pay him back in the next turn getting the fans on their feet as the two veterans went at it. Leduc let Greaves know it by pulling up beside him on the caution lap and gesturing rather “politely” as they made their way around during the caution. “I was real proud of that pass and don't feel I have anything to apologize to Curt about,” said Greaves. “Curt will be fine, it's not the first time we have bumped in a turn.”

The good thing about the Baldwin Cup races is that there are no series points at stake. Greaves was looking forward to putting Saturday behind him and moving on to the series race on Sunday where he can get a solid qualifier in and do what he does better than anybody in CORR history – win championship titles.

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