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July 07, 2008 ¦ Eric Brown

Perseverance prevailed on the track last Thursday, as Liberty University sophomore Stephen Berry overcame numerous obstacles to grab a solid tenth-place finish at South Boston Speedway. Just days before the race, complications with his No. 71 Monte Carlo forced the Huddleston, Va., native into a backup car. Unfazed by the setback, Berry performed exceptionally well in practice and started the 200 lap event fourth out of 28 drivers.

At lap 98, Berry visited pit road to remove a piece of debris from the car's front end, placing him at the back of the pack. Despite the remainder of the race being caution-free, the sport management major passed 10 drivers to climb back into the top 10 at race's end.

After the race, Berry felt pleased with his performance and remained confident about the future.

“We didn't have a caution the rest of the night. That really hurt us,” commented Berry. “We felt like it was a good race, a good debut for us and we can only get better from here.”