

Dale Earnhardt Jr did not have the fastest car at the start of the Quicken Loans 400. But 400 miles later he did as the No. 88 displayed in the No. 1 position on the scoring pylon. Earnhardt started the race 17th and quickly fell back to 25th. But 11 laps into the race crew chief Steve Letarte called for a spring rubber and a chassis adjustment on the black, Batman sponsored No. 88 and the car came to life after that. By lap 70 Earnhardt passed pole-sitter Marcos Ambrose for the lead and quickly pulled away. Earnhardt took the lead for the final time on lap 172 and never looked back for the final 28 laps. The crowd in the grandstands roared their approval until there were only 5 laps to go. That's when an eerie silence fell over the speedway except for the sounds of the engines. Fans seemed to be holding

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