



DuPont Motorsports Post Race Report
Pennsylvania 500
Pocono Raceway
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Team DuPont Finishes Fourth at Pocono

Jeff Gordon and Team DuPont finished fourth in the Pennsylvania 500 at Pocono Raceway on Sunday. While he has yet to clinch a spot in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup, Gordon only needs to start the next five races to assure himself a berth in the 2007 edition of the Chase.

Gordon, who started 11th, was running fifth when the first round of green flag pit stops began at lap 28.

"The balance of the car is good," Gordon radioed the crew prior to making his pit stop on lap 29. "I'm just a little too loose. But I'm tight in traffic."

After the completion of all stops, Gordon was up to fourth. He remained in the top-five through the middle stages of the event, and only minor adjustments -- one-quarter pound of air pressure -- were made during team DuPont's pit stops.

As the race approached lap 140 with Gordon still running fourth, interim crew chief Jeff Meendering called for a "bigger" chassis adjustment -- wedge -- during their next pit stop.

"We'll try some wedge this time to help the handling of the car," Meendering told Gordon over the team radio. "If that doesn't work, we can always put it back (to the original position) during the final stop."

After stopping for four tires, fuel and the wedge adjustment on lap 139, Gordon restarted seventh on lap 142. By lap 152, he was running fourth.

"I'm loose into the corner and tight off," Gordon explained to Meendering. "But I'm getting looser the longer we run. I'm way too loose on entry."

During Gordon's final stop at lap 170, Team DuPont changed four tires and made another wedge adjustment. He returned to the track in fourth and remained there until the checkered flag waved at lap 200, trailing winner Kurt Busch, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Denny Hamlin across the line.

"Sure was a long day here at Pocono," Gordon said after the race. "Any time you run 500 miles here at Pocono, it's a long day."

"I'm real proud of these guys on this DuPont Chevrolet team. We got the car to where it was a top two or three car. We knew we weren't going to win because Kurt Busch was so strong, so we starting making some adjustments to make it better."

"Those adjustments actually got us a little bit behind, so we had to go back on those adjustments."

"That No. 2 car (driven by Busch) was in a league of its own today. We actually had a stronger car than the last time we were here. If the No. 2 car didn't exist today, then maybe some of us had a chance to win. "All the guys on this DuPont Chevrolet keep working hard and staying focused to get us top-fives. I was really proud of our performance today. We drove up from 11th and had a car that could pass and drive to the front. I was coming there at the end."

"I just ran out of laps."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series visits Watkins Glen International for the second -- and final -- road course event of the season. ESPN and MRN Radio will broadcast the Centurion Boats at The Glen live beginning at 1 p.m. EDT.

Pennsylvania 500 results (unofficial)

1. Kurt Busch
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
3. Denny Hamlin
- 4. Jeff Gordon**
5. Jimmie Johnson
6. Tony Stewart
7. Ryan Newman
8. Clint Bowyer
9. Mark Martin
10. Casey Mears

Point standings (unofficial)

- 1. Jeff Gordon**
2. Denny Hamlin
3. Matt Kenseth
4. Jeff Burton
5. Tony Stewart
6. Carl Edwards
7. Jimmie Johnson
8. Kyle Busch
9. Kevin Harvick
10. Clint Bowyer