



**DuPont Motorsports Post Race Report
Chevy Rock & Roll 400 – Richmond International Raceway
September 8, 2007**

At Richmond, Team DuPont Collects 15th Top-Five Finish of 2007

Even though Jeff Gordon and Team DuPont led the most laps in the Chevy Rock and Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway on Saturday night and finished fourth, their commanding lead in the point standings evaporated at the conclusion of the 400-lap event. In fact, Gordon now trails Jimmie Johnson by 20 points heading into the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup, NASCAR's "playoffs" that span the final 10 races of the season.

Beginning this season, the 12 drivers participating in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup were seeded based on wins accrued through Saturday night's race, event No. 26 of the 2007 season. Each Chase driver's points were reset to 5,000, with 10 additional points given for each win. Gordon's four wins give him a total of 5,040 points, 20 shy of Johnson. Johnson's win on Saturday was his sixth of the season.

Gordon, who started second behind Johnson, quickly moved to the point once the green flag dropped. When the race's second caution flag flew on lap 23, Gordon pitted with Team DuPont making air pressure adjustments to help correct a tight-loose condition on the No. 24 DuPont/Nicorette Chevrolet.

Gordon restarted fifth behind drivers that elected not to stop, but maneuvered his way up to second. "I'm not able to turn where I'd like in the corners," Gordon radioed his crew under caution on lap 63. "I'm tight in the middle and loose coming off the turns."

Team DuPont made chassis adjustments to further assist with the handling on Gordon's Chevrolet during the caution period. A quick four-tire stop by the No. 24 team allowed Gordon to win the race off pit road, and he held the lead until lap 167.

"We're going to do all we can to get you rolling through the corners better," crew chief Steve Letarte said before caution-flag pit stops on lap 183 with Gordon running second.

After the stop, Gordon restarted second but assumed the lead on lap 207 when leader Denny Hamlin and Clint Bowyer spun in turn 4. He led until Tony Stewart passed him on lap 270.

Team DuPont's final pit stop occurred during a caution period on lap 336. He restarted second behind Johnson, but Gordon began losing spots late in the race due to an ill-handling race car and finished fourth.

"I was happy with how the team stepped up tonight," Gordon said following the race. "We were trying to score those 10 bonus points because every point matters heading into the 'Chase' in New Hampshire.

"I thought we were going to be in a good position to battle for the win, but the car just didn't seem to work late in that final run.

"But we've got some really great momentum heading into next weekend. I'm really proud of the championship caliber team I have around me. We're going to be fired up next weekend.

"It's now time to prove ourselves and race for the championship."

The "Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup" begins next Sunday for the Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway. Coverage begins on ABC and MRN at 1 p.m. EDT.

Chevy Rock and Roll 400 Results (unofficial)

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Tony Stewart
3. David Ragan
- 4. Jeff Gordon**
5. Johnny Sauter
6. Denny Hamlin
7. Kevin Harvick
8. Kasey Kahne
9. Kurt Busch
10. J.J. Yeley

Point standings entering "Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup" (unofficial)

1. Jimmie Johnson (5,060)
- 2. Jeff Gordon (5,040)**
3. Tony Stewart (5,030 points)
4. (tied) Carl Edwards (5,020 points)
Kurt Busch
6. (tied) Denny Hamlin (5,010 points)
Matt Kenseth
Jeff Burton
Kyle Busch
Martin Truex, Jr.
Kevin Harvick
12. Clint Bowyer (5,000 points)