



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
Sharpie 500  
Bristol Motor Speedway  
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**Gordon Remains Ninth in Standings Following Team DuPont's Fifth-Place Finish at Bristol**

"That was a great top-five finish," Jeff Gordon said after a fifth-place finish in the Sharpie 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway on Saturday night. "We had a good car all night, we had good track position all night and we had good pit stops all night.

"That's what we needed."

Gordon, who started third at the 0.533-mile high-banked short track, never ran outside of the top five during the 500-lap event won by Carl Edwards. The driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet also collected five bonus points for leading at least one lap during the event. With only two races left before the 12-driver "Chase for the Sprint Cup" field is set, Gordon is ninth with a 108-point margin over 13th-place.

"It was typical Bristol," Gordon told the media after the race. "We were tight through the middle of the corners and loose off, which is normally what we face here. We kept adjusting on it and adjusting on it, but we never seemed to have a the car working well enough to battle Carl and Kyle (Busch) during the event.

"We made a change during the final pit stop that finally got rid of the loose condition -- it was just way too tight then.

"I could have battled harder to keep third or keep fourth there at the end, but we needed to make sure we completed all the laps. We're working to secure a spot in the Chase, and we didn't need to battle too hard and throw it away."

Next Sunday night, Auto Club Speedway hosts the Pepsi 500. Gordon and Team DuPont, who finished third at the two-mile track earlier this year, will look to continue their march toward a Chase berth -- and a fifth championship. ESPN will begin their live broadcast of the 500-mile event at 7 p.m. EDT while MRN Radio's live coverage begins at 7:15 p.m. EDT.

Sharpie 500 results (unofficial)

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

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Kyle Busch
2. Carl Edwards
3. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
4. Jimmie Johnson
5. Jeff Burton
6. Tony Stewart
7. Greg Biffle
8. Kevin Harvick
- 9. Jeff Gordon**
10. Matt Kenseth