



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Camping World RV 400 presented by Coleman
Kansas Speedway
September 28, 2008

Gordon up to Sixth in Standings Following Fourth-Place Run at Kansas

Jeff Gordon was "under the weather" during Sunday's Camping World RV 400 at Kansas Speedway but battled hard to post a fourth-place finish in the third race of the "Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup." With seven races remaining in the 2008 season, the driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet is now sixth in the standings -- 143 behind points leader and race winner Jimmie Johnson.

Gordon, who arrived at the track on Thursday night not feeling well, qualified 13th on Friday for the 400-mile event. When the race started on Sunday, future Hendrick Motorsports teammate Brad Keselowski was on "standby" during the race in case Gordon could not complete the full distance.

But Gordon showed he was up to the task early, passing seven cars on the 1.5-mile layout before a round of green flag pit stops began at lap 49.

"I'm a little tight in the middle," Gordon radioed the crew. "The car is not rolling the middle of the corner like I want it to."

Crew chief Steve Letarte called for a chassis adjustment during Gordon's four-tire stop on lap 51, and quick pit work moved Gordon up to fifth once stops cycled through.

When the first caution flag waved at lap 74, Letarte once again called Gordon onto pit road for a four-tire stop with adjustments. And once again, a very quick stop by the No. 24 DuPont crew moved Gordon up two positions to third for the restart.

The event's second caution waved less than 20 laps later, and Letarte elected to change four tires while other teams chose not to pit or only change two tires. Gordon was forced to restart seventh on lap 98, but he was in the top five less than 10 laps later.

He remained in the top five through a cycle of green flag pit stops just past the halfway mark, and was up to fourth when a caution waved at lap 217. Once again, a fast four-tire stop with adjustments by the No. 24 crew allowed Gordon to gain a spot on pit road. He restarted third with 45 laps to go, and held that same position at lap 260. Although Gordon tried many blocking maneuvers to hold off the fast approaching Greg Biffle during the final seven laps, he was unable to fend off a rally on the last lap and finished fourth.

"I guess I need to be sick more often," Gordon joked after the race. "That was a good run and a good car, and I know I could have gotten more out of it if I'd been healthy. I'm real proud of this DuPont Chevrolet team. They were awesome in the pits and made good adjustments to the car.

"I'm just aching all over. When you have a car and a team as good as this No. 24 team, it's hard to let someone else get in the car.

"The best I felt all weekend was driving this car."

Shortly after the race, Gordon visited the infield care center for dehydration. After receiving IV fluids, he was released.

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Talladega Superspeedway for the Amp Energy 500. ABC will broadcast the race live beginning at 1 p.m. EDT, while MRN Radio's live broadcast begins at 1:15 p.m. EDT.

Camping World RV 400 results (unofficial)

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Carl Edwards
3. Greg Biffle
- 4. Jeff Gordon**
5. Matt Kenseth
6. Kevin Harvick
7. Jeff Burton
8. David Ragan
9. A.J. Allmendinger
10. Elliott Sadler

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Carl Edwards (-10)
3. Greg Biffle (-30)
4. Jeff Burton (-121)
5. Kevin Harvick (-136)
- 6. Jeff Gordon (-143)**
7. Clint Bowyer (-164)
8. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. (-190)
9. Matt Kenseth (-192)
10. Denny Hamlin (-243)
11. Tony Stewart (-255)
12. Kyle Busch (-311)