



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
UAW-Dodge 400
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
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Gordon Okay After Violent Wreck at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

"It was a really, really hard hit," Jeff Gordon told reporters after visiting the infield care center at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. "It took me a while to be able to catch my breath and to get out.

"I looked down and I saw where the transmission was, and it was no longer there."

Gordon, who was running fourth on a restart with five laps to go, dove to the inside of Dale Earnhardt, Jr., and Matt Kenseth in turn 1. As he cleared Earnhardt, the No. 24 DuPont/Nicorette Chevrolet "pushed" up the race track in turn 2 and touched the No. 17 car driven by Kenseth. The contact sent Kenseth spinning and Gordon hard into the inside backstretch wall.

"That's probably the hardest I've ever hit, and it was my fault," said Gordon, who finished 35th. "We were all pushing so hard there. I got a little bit tight underneath Matt and turned it up into him. I was trying to stay out of hitting him after he spun and it just turned me sideways.

"I couldn't have hit the wall at a worse angle. It really tore the car up. But I'm more thankful that I've got an awesome team with this DuPont / Nicorette Chevrolet because they build a fast, safe race car.

"Several years ago, I wouldn't be standing here right now after that type of hit."

Gordon, who started fourth, led 19 laps in the 267-lap race. But the DNF left him 22nd in the point standings, 207* behind race winner and points leader Carl Edwards heading into the Kobalt Tools 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway next Sunday. Fox will broadcast the race live at 1:30 p.m. EDT while PRN Radio begins their live coverage at 2 p.m. EDT.

*There was an "issue" with the race winning car of Edwards during post-race inspection. The car will be transported to the NASCAR R&D center for further examination. If any irregularities are discovered, there could be monetary fines and points deductions for the team.

UAW-Dodge 400 results (unofficial)

1. Carl Edwards
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
3. Greg Biffle
4. Kevin Harvick
5. Jeff Burton
6. Kasey Kahne
7. David Ragan
8. Travis Kvapil
9. Denny Hamlin
10. Mark Martin

35. Jeff Gordon

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Carl Edwards
2. Kyle Busch
3. Ryan Newman
4. Kasey Kahne
5. Kevin Harvick
6. Greg Biffle
7. Jeff Burton
8. Martin Truex, Jr.
9. Elliott Sadler
10. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

22. Jeff Gordon