



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
Pennsylvania 500  
Pocono Raceway  
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**Gordon Remains Sixth in Standings After Team DuPont Finishes 10th at Pocono**

Out of fuel for half of the final lap, Jeff Gordon coasted under the checkered flag to finish 10th in the Pennsylvania 500 at Pocono Raceway on Sunday. He remains sixth in the standings, 381 behind leader Kyle Busch and 177 up on 13th place with five races remaining before the field of 12 drivers is set for the "Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup." Carl Edwards won the 200-lap event.

Gordon, who started fourth, was running fifth just past the halfway mark on the 2.5-mile triangular track. With threatening skies approaching, crew chief Steve Letarte called Gordon onto pit road for right-side tires and fuel on lap 128. During the caution period, 19 drivers elected to stay on the track, and Gordon returned to the track in 23rd position. One lap later, the race was stopped for rain.

"It's going to be close, but we can make it with just one more stop if the race is restarted," Letarte informed Gordon during the rain delay. "Those that didn't pit will have to stop twice."

The rain shower was brief and the race restarted after a short delay to dry the track. But Gordon found conditions to be much worse back in "dirty" air.

"I'm super loose right now," Gordon radioed the crew on lap 135. "I don't know if it's the 'dirty' air, this set of tires, if the rain washed away some of the rubber (on the track) or what, but the car is not handling like it was before."

Gordon had fallen to 26th by lap 154 when the leaders were forced to stop for fuel. When Gordon made his final stop on lap 166, he was running 13th.

After a quick stop for four tires, chassis adjustments and fuel, the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion returned to the track in 30th position. With 30 laps to go, he was up to 25th. When that pit stop cycle was completed, the driver of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet was running 19th.

The chassis adjustments seemed to help as Gordon began passing competitors on the track -- and passing others when they were forced to make their additional stop for fuel. With 20 laps to go, he was 15th and, with 10 laps to go, he was up to 10th. Gordon was running eighth when he received the 'one-to-go' signal.

"We're running out!" Gordon radioed the crew as he exited turn 1 on the final lap. Fortunately, he was able to coast the car to a top-10 finish.

"I ran out of fuel off of turn 1, but I got it restarted for a little bit down the back straightaway and into the tunnel turn," Gordon said after the race. "But I ran out completely off the tunnel turn. We lost some positions on the last lap but I was able to get by (Dale Earnhardt) Junior -- who was coasting, too -- right before the finish line.

"We had a top-five car today, especially before the rain. But it was just super, super loose in the pack. I don't know what it was, but it was comfortable up front but a handful back in about 20th."

"I was happy with how the car performed today out front. We just need to figure out how to get the car to handle better in a big group of cars."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Watkins Glen International for the Centurion Boats at The Glen. ESPN begins their live coverage from the road course at 1 p.m. EDT while MRN Radio's live coverage begins at 1:15 p.m. EDT.

Pennsylvania 500 results (unofficial)

1. Carl Edwards
2. Tony Stewart
3. Jimmie Johnson
4. Kevin Harvick
5. David Ragan
6. Clint Bowyer
7. Kasey Kahne
8. Mark Martin
9. Jamie McMurray
- 10. Jeff Gordon**

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Kyle Busch
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
3. Carl Edwards
4. Jimmie Johnson
5. Jeff Burton
- 6. Jeff Gordon**
7. Kasey Kahne
8. Greg Biffle
9. Tony Stewart
10. Denny Hamlin