



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
Chevy Rock & Roll 400  
Richmond International Raceway  
September 12, 2009

**Team DuPont Finishes Third at Richmond; Gordon Only 30 Points Behind with 10 Races Remaining**

With 11 drivers battling for the eight remaining spots in the 12-driver "Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup" field, two drivers that had already clinched a berth in the 10-race playoff battled for the victory in Saturday night's Chevy Rock and Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway. Jeff Gordon and Denny Hamlin combined to lead 396 of the 400 laps, but Hamlin was able to secure the victory after Clint Bowyer nudged the No. 24 DuPont/National Guard Chevrolet out of the racing groove with less than 75 laps remaining. Gordon recovered to finish third, and he enters the first race of the Chase only 30 points behind new leader Mark Martin.

Gordon, who started seventh, passed Hamlin for the top spot on lap 67. The four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion paced the field for 97 of the next 138 laps before Hamlin regained the lead for good on lap 206. Gordon appeared ready to challenge for the victory with less than 100 laps to go, but contact from Bowyer's Chevrolet sent Gordon out of the racing groove.

"They dropped the green and we drove to the front," said Gordon after the race. "That was probably one of the best cars I've had here in a while and the pit crew was incredible all night.

"We pushed hard all night but, unfortunately, Clint Bowyer pushed a little too hard and ruined any shot we had when he moved me out of the groove. But I'm glad we were able to recover to finish third."

Following the event, the points were reset for the 12 drivers with 10 bonus points awarded for each win accrued through the end of Saturday night's event. Gordon enters next Sunday's Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (ESPN and PRN Radio, 1 p.m. EDT) sixth but only 30 points out of the lead.

"This DuPont team is solid and I think we have a great shot at the championship," Gordon said. "I know we've got some points to make up but I think this team is really capable and ready to do that.

"I'm excited about these next 10 races, and I think we are going to give the other teams a lot to think about over that span."

Chevy Rock and Roll Results (unofficial)

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Kurt Busch
- 3. Jeff Gordon**
4. Mark Martin
5. Kyle Busch
6. Clint Bowyer
7. Brian Vickers
8. Sam Hornish, Jr.
9. Kevin Harvick
10. Ryan Newman

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Mark Martin
2. (tie) Tony Stewart (-10)
2. (tie) Jimmie Johnson (-10)
4. (tie) Denny Hamlin (-20)
4. (tie) Kasey Kahne (-20)
- 6. (tie) Jeff Gordon (-30)**
6. (tie) Kurt Busch (-30)
6. (tie) Brian Vickers (-30)
9. (tie) Carl Edwards (-40)
9. (tie) Ryan Newman (-40)
9. (tie) Juan Pablo Montoya (-40)
9. (tie) Greg Biffle (-40)