



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Aaron's 499
Talladega Superspeedway
April 26, 2009

Gordon Drops to Second in Standings After Early Race Wreck at Talladega

Jeff Gordon's Aaron's 499 lasted about five minutes.

Gordon, who started 14th in the 188-lap race at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday, passed by the start/finish line in fourth position on lap 6. Unfortunately for Team DuPont, the car was brought back to the garage area on a wrecker after Gordon was involved in a 13-car accident in turn 3 later that lap.

"The car was driving good," Gordon said after being checked by the medical staff at the infield care center and released. "We were having a good time, and I was actually working well with Matt (Kenseth) getting up to the front through the middle.

"I am not really sure what happened. I was just kind of cruising along in the middle. Matt got up there -- I think behind the No. 1 or No. 11 -- and he went low, so I stayed in the middle.

"He went low and I guess there just wasn't enough room. Matt came up and I was already there, and it started the 'big one.' The car was destroyed."

The No. 24 crew worked hard to repair the damage and get the car back on track to gain valuable championship points. Gordon rejoined the event and finished 37th, completing only 128 laps. He fell to second in the standings, only five points behind leader Kurt Busch.

Brad Kezelowski won the event after contact with Carl Edwards in the tri-oval on the final lap sent Edwards' car airborne. Edwards' car went into the catchfence, but the fencing kept the car from entering the grandstands.

Next Saturday night, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Richmond International Raceway for the Crown Royal presents the Russ Friedman 400. FOX will broadcast the race live beginning at 7 p.m. EDT while MRN Radio's coverage begins at 6:45 p.m. EDT.

Aaron's 499 results (unofficial)

1. Brad Kezelowski
2. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
3. Ryan Newman
4. Marcos Ambrose
5. Scott Speed
6. Kurt Busch
7. Greg Biffle
8. Brian Vickers
9. Joey Logano
10. Jeff Burton

37. Jeff Gordon

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Kurt Busch
- 2. Jeff Gordon**
3. Jimmie Johnson
4. Tony Stewart
5. Denny Hamlin
6. Kyle Busch
7. Carl Edwards
8. Clint Bowyer
9. Jeff Burton
10. Greg Biffle