



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen
Watkins Glen International
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Gordon Okay After Scary Accident at Watkins Glen

Jeff Gordon was involved in a frightening accident on lap 62 when Sam Hornish's No. 77 Dodge careened off a tire barrier into the path of Gordon's fast approaching No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet. All safety measures worked during the hard impact and each driver involved was released from the infield medical center after a checkup. Gordon finished 37th in the season's final road course event.

Gordon, who started 31st in the rain-delayed Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen, gained six positions by the time the day's first caution waved at lap 17. One lap later after a lightning fast stop by the DuPont crew, Gordon exited the pits with four new tires and fuel in 17th position.

But the day took a turn for the worse on lap 22 when the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion was collected in an accident. Although the right-side of the No. 24 Chevrolet was damaged, Gordon was able to continue after the crew cleared the fenders away from the right-side tires.

The additional pit stop forced Gordon to restart 30th on lap 26, but he was inside the top 20 less than 20 laps later. But as the field exited the carousel turn on lap 62, Kasey Kahne's car nudged Hornish's Dodge out into the grass. After sliding into a tire barrier, the No. 77 car ricocheted back onto the track directly in front of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet.

"I'm hurting," Gordon said after being released from the infield care center. "Everything feels good except my lower back where I've already had some issues. My back can't stand too many hits like that.

"I really was concerned for Sam. He took a heavy hit in the wall, then I got into him real hard and Jeff (Burton) did, as well. But he's okay, and that says a lot about the safety of these cars."

Gordon remained third in the standings after the race won by points leader Tony Stewart. The duo will return to action next weekend in the Carfax 400 at Michigan International Speedway. Live coverage begins at 1 p.m. EDT on ESPN and 1:15 p.m. EDT on MRN Radio.

Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen
results (unofficial)

1. Tony Stewart
2. Marcos Ambrose
3. Carl Edwards
4. Kyle Busch
5. Greg Biffle
6. Juan Pablo Montoya
7. Kurt Busch
8. Max Papis
9. Clint Bowyer
10. Denny Hamlin
- 37. Jeff Gordon**

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Tony Stewart
2. Jimmie Johnson
3. **Jeff Gordon**
4. Kurt Busch
5. Denny Hamlin
6. Carl Edwards
7. Juan Pablo Montoya
8. Kasey Kahne
9. Ryan Newman
10. Greg Biffle