



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Sprint All-Star Race
Charlotte Motor Speedway
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Last Segment Crash Results in 20th Place All-Star Finish for Team DuPont

It is Jeff Gordon's belief that contact with the wall on the first lap of the first segment led to his involvement in a multi-car accident 90 laps later in Saturday night's All-Star event at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Kurt Busch won the non-points race while Gordon was scored 20th after completing only 90 of the 100 laps.

Rain washed out qualifying for the four-segment race and the starting lineup was determined by the qualifying draw. Gordon started seventh but reported the bad news as he exited turn four on the first lap.

"I nailed the wall," Gordon told crew chief Steve Letarte. The No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet was damaged, but Gordon only fell to 10th before the caution waved at lap 50 to end the first segment.

Letarte called for major chassis adjustments to help offset a tight condition during the break, but Gordon continued to lose positions due to the tight condition.

"I'm plowing, plowing, plowing getting into the corner," Gordon radioed the crew while running 15th in the second segment. Once the segment ended at lap 70, Gordon stopped numerous times during the break so the No. 24 team could adjust on the Impala. The changes helped as Gordon moved from 21st to 13th in the third segment.

After a quick four-tire stop by Team DuPont, Gordon restarted 12th for the final 10-lap dash. But the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion was collected in a multi-car accident as the field entered turn 1.

"I don't know what happened ahead of me," Gordon told the media after the race. "I thought I might be able to get the car slowed down enough to avoid the wreck or maneuver through it, but a couple cars came back up the track.

"But we shouldn't have been back there to begin with. I hate it for the team because I messed up on the first lap and put us in that position. We were three-wide and I was just giving them room and trying to get a good run off of (turn) 4. I just totally misjudged it and got the right-rear in the wall hard.

"It just ruined our entire night with the DuPont Chevrolet."

Next Sunday night, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series returns to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the World 600. Fox and MRN Radio will broadcast the event live beginning at 5 p.m. EDT.

All-Star results (unofficial)

1. Kurt Busch
2. Martin Truex, Jr.
3. Joey Logano
4. Denny Hamlin
5. Tony Stewart
6. Kevin Harvick
7. Brad Kezelowski
8. Matt Kenseth
9. Greg Biffle
10. Bobby Labonte

20. Jeff Gordon