



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
AAA 400  
Dover International Speedway  
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**Gordon Now Eighth in Standings After Team DuPont's 11th-Place Finish at Dover**

"In the first half of the race, we were good," Jeff Gordon said after finishing 11th in the AAA 400 at Dover International Speedway on Sunday. "We just weren't as good as we needed to be in the second half of the race when the track really 'rubbered' up."

Gordon, who started 15th in the No. 24 DuPont/policemuseum.org Chevrolet, had driven up to 10th when the first caution waved at lap 37. After a quick four-tire stop by the No. 24 crew, Gordon restarted eighth on lap 43.

He remained in the top 10 through his next stop, which occurred during green-flag conditions at lap 115. The adjustments to the No. 24 Impala made the car drive 'evil' according to Gordon, but he was up to fifth as the race approached lap 200.

Just past the halfway mark, the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion was scored third. But he began losing positions due to a loose condition.

"I'm ridiculously loose on entry," Gordon reported to the crew while running sixth on lap 214. As he approached the next green-flag pit stop at lap 265, Gordon was "the loosest I've been all day."

By lap 300, Gordon had dropped to eighth. No matter the chassis adjustments made during pit stops, the car remained "loose in and loose off." After making his final stop under green-flag conditions on lap 360, Gordon returned to the track in 12th. He was able to pass Jamie McMurray for 11th before the checkered flag waved.

"We knew this was going to be a struggle because we've been 'hit or miss' here recently," said Gordon, who is now eighth in the standings and 83 behind the leader. "We really ran well early and made some progress through the field.

"But the car seemed to go away when (tire) rubber built up on the track, and we couldn't get it tightened up enough."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Kansas Speedway for the Price Chopper 400 presented by Kraft Foods. ESPN and MRN Radio will broadcast the 1 p.m. EDT race live.

**AAA 400 results (unofficial)**

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Jeff Burton
3. Joey Logano
4. Kurt Busch
5. Carl Edwards
6. Kyle Busch
7. Paul Menard
8. Ryan Newman
9. Denny Hamlin
10. A.J. Allmendinger
11. **Jeff Gordon**

**Point standings (unofficial)**

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Jimmie Johnson (-35)
3. Kyle Busch (-45)
4. Kurt Busch (-59)
5. Kevin Harvick (-65)
6. Carl Edwards (-73)
7. Jeff Burton (-80)
8. **Jeff Gordon (-83)**
9. Greg Biffle (-140)
10. Tony Stewart (-162)
11. Matt Kenseth (-165)
12. Clint Bowyer (-235)

