



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
Ford 400  
Homestead-Miami Speedway  
November 21, 2010

**Engine Issues for Team DuPont in Season Finale Results in Ninth-Place Points Finish for Gordon**

Jeff Gordon's shot at winning the Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday ended less than one-third of the way through the 267-lap event when he reported engine issues under the hood of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet. The engine finally expired on lap 199 and Gordon was credited with a 37th-place finish. Carl Edwards won the season finale while Jimmie Johnson secured his fifth consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup championship. Gordon finished ninth in the final standings.

After starting 11th, Gordon had maneuvered up to seventh early in the 400-mile race. But the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion radioed the crew with the bad news on lap 86.

"We've got a problem," Gordon reported to the crew. "I'm down on power. I'm down a cylinder."

The 82-time winner remained on the track – at much slower speeds – hoping a simple fix like a sparkplug wire change during the next stop would solve the problem. But he was told during a lap-97 caution flag pit stop that there was no "quick fix" – the problem was inside the engine.

"The Hendrick Motorsports Engine Department provides us with great horsepower," Gordon said from the garage area. "I can't remember the last failure we had.

"We've had some unfortunate things happen to us this year that we hope are behind us. We're going to enjoy the offseason, but we're already looking forward to 2011."

Gordon and the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series will return to action in 2011 at Daytona International Speedway for the Daytona 500. Fox and MRN Radio will broadcast the February 20 event live.

**Ford 400 results (unofficial)**

1. Carl Edwards
2. Jimmie Johnson
3. Kevin Harvick
4. Aric Almirola
5. A. J. Allmendinger
6. Kasey Kahne
7. Ryan Newman
8. Tony Stewart
9. Matt Kenseth
10. Greg Biffle

**37. Jeff Gordon**

**Point standings (unofficial)**

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Denny Hamlin (-39)
3. Kevin Harvick (-41)
4. Carl Edwards (-229)
5. Matt Kenseth (-328)
6. Greg Biffle (-375)
7. Tony Stewart (-401)
8. Kyle Busch (-440)
- 9. Jeff Gordon (-446)**
10. Clint Bowyer (-467)
11. Kurt Busch (-480)
12. Jeff Burton (-589)