



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Price Chopper 400
Kansas Speedway
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Gordon Up to Fifth in Standings After Fifth-Place Finish at Kansas

After leading early in Sunday's Price Chopper 400 at Kansas Speedway, Jeff Gordon and the No. 24 DuPont team "got behind" and lost valuable track position during the middle stages of the 267-lap race. But a great pit stop and a better-handling car late in the event allowed Gordon to finish fifth and move up to fifth in the NASCAR Sprint Cup point standings. Greg Biffle won the event while Gordon now sits only 58 markers behind new points leader Jimmie Johnson with seven races left in the 2010 season.

Gordon, who qualified third, moved past Kasey Kahne and into the lead on lap 28. The four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion led until Matt Kenseth passed him for the top spot on lap 56.

"I'm loose," Gordon reported to crew chief Steve Letarte after falling to fifth. "I need more drive off (the corner)."

A spring rubber was inserted into the left-rear spring during a four-tire stop on lap 97. Although the adjustment helped, "dirty air" in traffic made it much tougher for the 82-time winner.

"Track position is crucial, and the car doesn't feel like it's 'in' the race track," Gordon told the crew while running 12th. "I feel like I'm on skates." When a caution waved on lap 186, Letarte called for major chassis adjustments during the four-tire caution-flag stop.

Gordon restarted 14th with 72 laps remaining, and he was up to ninth as the field approached their final stops of the day with 33 laps to go. Gordon hit pit road on lap 236 and, after the fastest four-tire stop of the leaders was completed by the No. 24 team, he returned to the track in sixth.

With 17 laps to go, Gordon passed Kenseth for fifth. And while Gordon and Carl Edwards exchanged that position several times over the remaining laps, Gordon was able to grab the top-five finish.

"We started the race good but we were real loose out front," Gordon said. "And when some of the faster cars got up there we could see where we were off (compared to them).

"We fell back and lost some track position, but I've got to give Steve and the DuPont Chevrolet team a lot of credit. We had a great pit stop there at the end to make up a bunch of spots under green, and some good adjustments to make the car a lot better.

"We finally got it tightened up enough and we could race with those guys and pull off a top five."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Auto Club Speedway for the Pepsi Max 400. ESPN and MRN Radio will broadcast the 3 p.m. EDT race live.

Price Chopper 400 results (unofficial)

1. Greg Biffle
2. Jimmie Johnson
3. Kevin Harvick
4. Tony Stewart
5. **Jeff Gordon**
6. Carl Edwards
7. Matt Kenseth
8. Paul Menard
9. Ryan Newman
10. A.J. Allmendinger

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Jimmie Johnson
2. Denny Hamlin (-8)
3. Kevin Harvick (-30)
4. Carl Edwards (-53)
5. **Jeff Gordon (-58)**
6. Kurt Busch (-70)
7. Kyle Busch (-80)
8. Greg Biffle (-85)
9. Jeff Burton (-101)
10. Tony Stewart (-127)
11. Matt Kenseth (-149)
12. Clint Bowyer (-252)