



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400
Michigan International Speedway
June 13, 2010

Gordon and Team DuPont Score Fourth-Place Finish at Michigan

It was not a Heluva Good! finish for Jeff Gordon, but a fourth-place finish in the Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday was what Team DuPont needed. Denny Hamlin was victorious in the 200-lap event – his fifth victory of the season.

Gordon, who started the event sixth, was running in that position when the day's first caution waved.

"I started a little 'free' (loose) off," Gordon told crew chief Steve Letarte on lap 18. "But we're pretty good."

After stopping for four new tires and fuel, Gordon restarted eighth on lap 22. Although no chassis adjustments were made during the stop, the No. 24 DuPont/National Guard Chevrolet was now "really bad loose."

Letarte called for chassis adjustments during the next four-tire caution flag stop at lap 48. Gordon once again restarted eighth, but he began picking off positions during the green flag run. The four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion broke into the top five on lap 62 and remained there through a cycle of green-flag pit stops at lap 89. When a caution waved nine laps later, the No. 24 crew gained him a position on pit road after a quick two-tire stop.

The race restarted with 97 laps to go, and Gordon remained fourth through two cycles of green flag pit stops before the day's final caution waved at lap 181. Although the 82-time winner battled Kurt Busch for third on the restart, Gordon followed Hamlin, Kasey Kahne and Busch across the finish line.

"It was a good day – a good points day – for us, and something we definitely needed," Gordon said after the race. "We had a good race car, but we needed a few more things to make it great so we could challenge those guys for the victory.

"I'm real happy to come home with a top-five finish."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Michigan Infineon Raceway for the Toyota/Save Mart 350. TNT and PRN Radio will broadcast the 3 p.m. EDT race live.

Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400 results
(unofficial)

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Kasey Kahne
3. Kurt Busch
- 4. Jeff Gordon**
5. Tony Stewart
6. Jimmie Johnson
7. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
8. Jeff Burton
9. Greg Biffle
10. Joey Logano

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Kevin Harvick
2. Kyle Busch
3. Denny Hamlin
4. Kurt Busch
5. Matt Kenseth
6. Jimmie Johnson
- 7. Jeff Gordon**
8. Jeff Burton
9. Greg Biffle
10. Carl Edwards