



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report
Gillette Fusion ProGlide 500
Pocono Raceway
June 6, 2010

Frustrating Day at Pocono Ends with 28th-Place Finish and Wrecked DuPont Chevrolet

"It's not been our day," Jeff Gordon dejectedly radioed the crew from his damaged No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet following a last lap wreck on Sunday at Pocono Raceway. Gordon finished 32nd in the Gillette Fusion ProGlide 500 and fell to seventh in the NASCAR Series point standings. Denny Hamlin won the event.

The race started off promising for the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion as he moved up from his 10th starting position to run fourth by lap 50. But he fought a loose condition on the 2.5-mile track, and crew chief Steve Letarte called for chassis adjustments during a lap-78 caution period. Gordon began to lose spots, though, and the No. 24 Impala continued to be 'wrecking' loose.

Gordon had fallen outside the top 10 just past the halfway point, and he stopped for four new tires, fuel and more chassis adjustments on lap 131. The changes helped, but Letarte was forced to play the fuel mileage 'game' since the multi-colored No. 24 machine was now mired in traffic.

"I want you to pit this time for fuel only," Letarte radioed Gordon on lap 160. Four laps later, Gordon stopped again so the DuPont team could top off the fuel cell for the run to the checkered flag.

And the gamble appeared to work as the leaders ducked onto pit road when a caution waved seven laps later. Gordon remained on the track and restarted fifth, but quickly lost positions on two consecutive restarts.

"You get stalled out racing against somebody and you're done," Gordon radioed the crew as he lost four positions on the restart. "That's what happened there."

The same thing appeared to happen again on a lap 178 restart when Gordon lost eight positions in one lap. He had fallen all the way to 23rd when a caution waved at lap 198. In an effort to salvage a good finish, four new Goodyears were mounted on the Impala and Gordon restarted 26th for the two-lap sprint to the finish. But he was collected in a frightening multi-car accident on the last lap that sent the No. 9 Ford of Kasey Kahne airborne. All drivers were checked and released from the infield care center.

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Michigan International Speedway for the Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400. TNT and MRN Radio will broadcast the 1 p.m. EDT race live.

Pocono 500 results (unofficial)

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Kyle Busch
3. Tony Stewart
4. Kevin Harvick
5. Jimmie Johnson
6. Kurt Busch
7. Jeff Burton
8. Juan Pablo Montoya
9. Clint Bowyer
10. A. J. Allmendinger

32. Jeff Gordon

Point standings (unofficial)

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