



DuPont Motorsports Post-Race Report  
AAA Texas 500  
Texas Motor Speedway  
November 7, 2010

### **Texas Wreck Drops Gordon to Sixth in the Point Standings with Two to Go**

Jeff Gordon's No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet was too damaged to continue after a lap 190-wreck and he finished 37th in the AAA Texas 500 at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday. The accident occurred at slower speeds during a caution period after contact with the No. 31 Chevrolet driven by Jeff Burton sent the pair hard into the turn 2 wall. Gordon fell two spots to sixth in the standings while Denny Hamlin vaulted into the championship lead after securing the win in the 334-lap event.

Gordon, who started 15th, battled a "real loose in and real loose off" condition during the early stages of the 500-mile event. Solid pit stops by the DuPont crew and adjustments allowed Gordon to move into the top-10 just past the halfway mark, but the No. 24 Impala was "sideways" loose.

On lap 152 during a caution period, crew chief Steve Letarte called for a major chassis adjustment and a left rear spring rubber was placed into the left rear spring. The additional time needed for this change meant Gordon was forced to restart 18th on lap 155.

By lap 165 he had fallen to 22nd, but the four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion gained three of those spots back before a caution waved at lap 190.

While slowing down for the caution, Gordon drove close to Burton's car to show displeasure for an earlier move. Burton then initiated contact that sent both cars into the retaining wall.

"He just drove into my rear (quarterpanel) and put me into the wall under caution," said Gordon after being evaluated and released from the infield care center. "I didn't do anything to him (on the track). I was just showing him I wasn't happy (by driving near him under caution).

"He flat-out wrecked me."

Burton accepted blame for the incident.

"I went to pull up next to him and acknowledge him and say he was right, and I turned left and he turned left and we just 'hung up,'" said Burton. "I honestly don't know what happened.

"I wrecked him under caution. I didn't mean to wreck him under caution. It was 100 percent my fault.

"I don't blame him for being mad. He didn't do anything he shouldn't have done."

Next Sunday, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series visits Phoenix International Raceway for the Kobalt Tools 500 – the penultimate race of the 2010 season. ESPN and MRN Radio will broadcast the 3 p.m. EST race live.

AAA Texas 500 results (unofficial)

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Matt Kenseth
3. Mark Martin
4. Joey Logano
5. Greg Biffle
6. Kevin Harvick
7. Clint Bowyer
8. David Ragan
9. Jimmie Johnson
10. Paul Menard

**37. Jeff Gordon**

Point standings (unofficial)

1. Denny Hamlin
2. Jimmie Johnson (-33)
3. Kevin Harvick (-59)
4. Carl Edwards (-317)
5. Matt Kenseth (-325)
- 6. Jeff Gordon (-331)**
7. Kyle Busch (-339)
8. Tony Stewart (-363)
9. Greg Biffle (-372)
10. Clint Bowyer (-397)
11. Kurt Busch (-435)
12. Jeff Burton (-473)