

## AdvoCare 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway

### Jeff Gordon Scores Landmark Win

September 6, 2011: Jeff Gordon stands alone in the third spot for all-time NASCAR Cup wins as he captured his 85th career victory by grabbing the checkered for the AdvoCare 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway!

Jeff had moved into a three-way tie for third with Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip (84 each) with his win back in June at Pocono. Richard Petty and David Pearson continue to stand tall at the top of the list with 200 wins and



105 wins respectively.

Gordon may have given the fans in attendance the drive of his career as he nursed a loose race-car to the line on worn out tires! Jeff and teammate Jimmie Johnson, on old tires as well, were in a duel for the last ten laps of the race and both drivers were "dirt-tracking-it" off the corners trying to keep their rear wheels under their cars! It was a very exciting event with a nail biting finish for all of the fans that managed to make

"The Tuesday Afternoon Matinee" as the ESPN announcers referred to the rain-delayed affair.

Jeff said of his 85th win in victory lane, "Wow! That is unbelievable! I am just blown away — the kind of day we had, the kind of year we're having. I just feel rejuvenated in such a big way and it's because of this race team and these race cars that I get to drive!"

Back in November of 1992, a young Jeff Gordon made his first NASCAR Cup start at Atlanta. Perhaps destiny came into play this Labor Day weekend — allowing Jeff to take sole possession of the third spot of all-time NASCAR Cup winners — at this historic Atlanta Motor Speedway! This was Gordon's fifth win at AMS — his last coming in the fall of 2003.

Tony Stewart had a great run today. Over

his last green flag run to the line, he reportedly gained 8.5 seconds on Gordon and Johnson — moving up from eighth to grab a third place finish. Kurt Busch and Carl Edwards rounded out the top five with strong runs for their teams



as well.

This was a great weekend at of racing at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Ron Hornaday grabbed the Camping World Truck Series win and Carl Edwards picked up another win in the Nationwide Series.

As we all know, Tropical Storm Lee made her appearance causing the Cup event to be postponed for a day-and-a-half. Although she dampened some spirits at the track, she brought some much-needed rains to the southeast. (Please remember, farmers pray, too.)

Jeff Gordon — congratulations! You are truly a great driver! Keep Diggin'!

-Rocky Sinyard (Photos by MSA Staff)



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