

## Johnson Victorious At New Hampshire

One of these days, people will stop doubting Jimmie Johnson.

The four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion can lose a race, or two, and folks automatically write him off as a contender.

Sunday, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Johnson played second fiddle, as he sometimes does, for most of the LENOX Industrial Tools 301 before putting a payback bump-and-run on Kurt Busch.

Busch had nudged Johnson aside with seven laps remaining with a bumper-tag finesse usually associated with ballet, but this high-speed dance was sheer poetry in motion. Johnson repaid the favor with just a few laps to go, providing high-end drama to a race that had only four caution flags.

Tony Stewart slipped past Busch for second place on the last lap. Busch was third. Jeff Gordon was fourth and NASCAR Sprint Cup points leader Kevin Harvick finished fifth.

Rounding out the top 10 were Ryan Newman, Clint Bowyer, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Joey Logano and A. J. Allmendinger. Kyle Busch, one of the leaders and a contender all day, wound up 11th after colliding with Jeff Burton and spinning during one of the late restarts. Burton, who led 89 laps, was a definite factor before the spin. Kyle Busch led 46 laps.

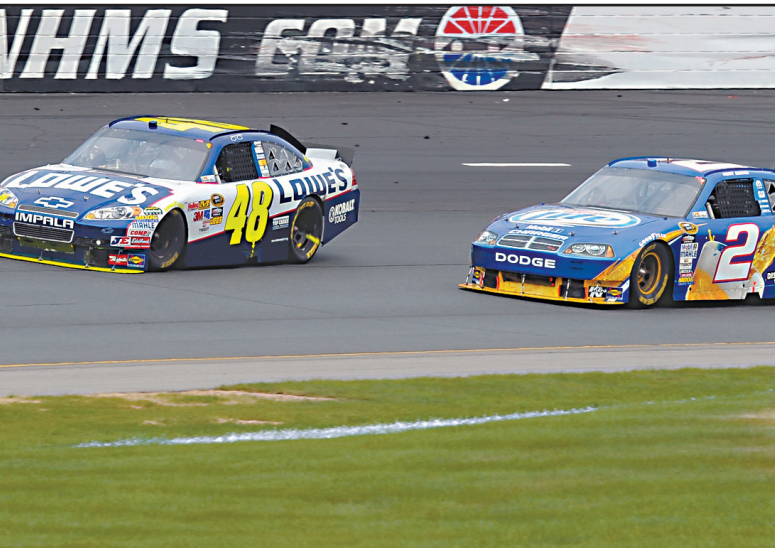
Sunday's victory was the 52nd of Johnson's career and his fifth of this season. Photos courtesy of NASCAR Media.



(Left to right) Crew chief Chad Knaus talks with Jimmie Johnson before the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series LENOX Industrial Tools 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Sunday in Loudon, N.H.



Early in the race, a problem in the No. 48 pit dropped Jimmie Johnson back in the field at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Sunday in Loudon, N.H.



Jimmie Johnson in the No. 48 and Kurt Busch in the No. 2 battled each other for the lead late in the race with Busch bumping Johnson first and Johnson bumping back for the win Sunday.



Jimmie Johnson celebrates his second consecutive win after winning in Sonoma, Calif. as he climbs out of the No. 48 car Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

## Kyle Busch A Record-Breaking Winner At New Hampshire

Kyle Busch added a few more records to his impressive resume Saturday.

He became the NASCAR Nationwide Series' all-time lap leader in winning the New England 200 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, and he also broke veteran Mark Martin's laps-led mark in 45 fewer races than it took Martin to set the record of 8,083 laps. Busch has now led 8,117 laps. Afterward, he heaped praise on his Joe Gibbs Racing team, under the leadership of crew chief Jason Ratliff. The victory was Busch's sixth of the season. He's running a part-time series schedule as the defending champion. Saturday's victory also marked the first time a driver has won two NASCAR Nationwide Series events at New Hampshire. Saturday's was the series' 24th race there; Busch also won the track's June event a year ago.

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