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Start first, finish first

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Jimmie Johnson took the win at Kansas Speedway, Sunday, September 28. This is the third race into the Chase to the Sprint Cup and Johnson is now the leader in points.

It came down, on the last lap, to Johnson and Carl Edwards. Edwards, who started 34th, was leading the race until he had some problems during a pit stop with only 47 laps to go. Edwards was obviously determined to pass Johnson at his home track, but on turn three hit the wall and it slowed him down just enough to get him .280 seconds behind Johnson.

"I planned on hitting the wall, but I didn't plan on the wall slowing me down that much," said Edwards after walking up to Johnson's car and congratulating him.

Greg Biffle caught third place after passing Jeff Gordon on the last lap. Gordon was under the weather and showed that calling into work sick was not an option. Instead he placed fourth at Kansas and added 160 points, bumping him up by two spots in the Chase.

Matt Kenseth finished fifth right in front of Kevin Harvick. Harvick started 36th and made his way up to the front early on into the race and placed sixth.

Even though there are seven races left, Johnson's chances of winning the 2008 Sprint Cup Championship are looking pretty good and he is showing no signs of slowing down anytime soon. He could make history

if he wins this Cup, for this would be his third consecutive Championship victory.

This week 43 drivers will take it to Alabama, at the famous Talladega Superspeedway, Sunday, October 5. The race will air on ESPN at 1p.m.

Last year Jeff Gordon won both races at this track and you can bet his hunger, for the win again, has only grown. Even though it seems Johnson, Biffle and Edwards are the strongest drivers, it is still possible for drivers like Harvick, Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win at Talladega. Well, except for maybe some like Kyle Busch who had, yet another, bad run for the third race in a row. With that being said, this is why the anticipation of the outcome in NASCAR is so exhilarating.

Kansas Speedway Poll Results

- 1). Jimmie Johnson
- 2). Carl Edwards
- 3). Greg Biffle
- 4). Jeff Gordon
- 5). Matt Kenseth
- 6). Kevin Harvick
- 7). Jeff Burton
- 8). David Ragan
- 9). A.J. Allmendinger
- 10). Elliot Sadler

Current Point Standings in the Chase to the Sprint Cup

- 1). Jimmie Johnson 5575
- 2). Carl Edwards 5565
- 3). Greg Biffle 5545
- 4). Jeff Burton 5454
- 5). Kevin Harvick 5439
- 6). Jeff Gordon 5432
- 7). Clint Bowyer 5411
- 8). Earnhardt Jr. 5385
- 9). Matt Kenseth 5383
- 10). D. Hamlin 5332
- 11). Tony Stewart 5320
- 12). Kyle Busch 5264



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All four junior high teams walk away with victories

The junior high Bears took it to Emory, to play against the Rains Wildcats, Thursday, September 25.

All four teams including 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B walked away with victories.

Bears 7A team won 28-0 over Rains

Scoring for the 7A team were Tyler Thomison, Leon Gilmore, Swaide Houston, Tanner Wilson, Ryan Covington and Quintis Lee. Defensively Tanner Essary led the Bears in tackles. The game ended 28-0.

Bears 7B team took the win against Rains 14-6

Bear Colton Harris had two scores. Taylor Davis threw a touchdown pass and the defense was led by Shane Renberg. The game ended in favor of the Bears 14-6.

Bears 8A team capped off the night with a 14-6 win

The 8A team defense was solid as they shut out the Rains offense. The Wildcats did score on a kickoff return. Bear Cesar Gutierrez caught a touchdown pass from Shelby Rogers and threw a touchdown pass to Taylor Beall. Johntae Harmon led the ground game for the Bears.

Bears 8B team beat Rains 14-0

The 8B team took home the win against the Wildcats. Tim Waters had two scores and David Dotson ran in the conversion. Devonte Givens and Dakota Hobbs led the team in tackles.

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