



TEAM / RED BULL RACING TEAM | DRIVERS / 82 . SCOTT SPEED (START 20, FINISH 34) / 83 . REED SORENSON (START 33, FINISH 14)

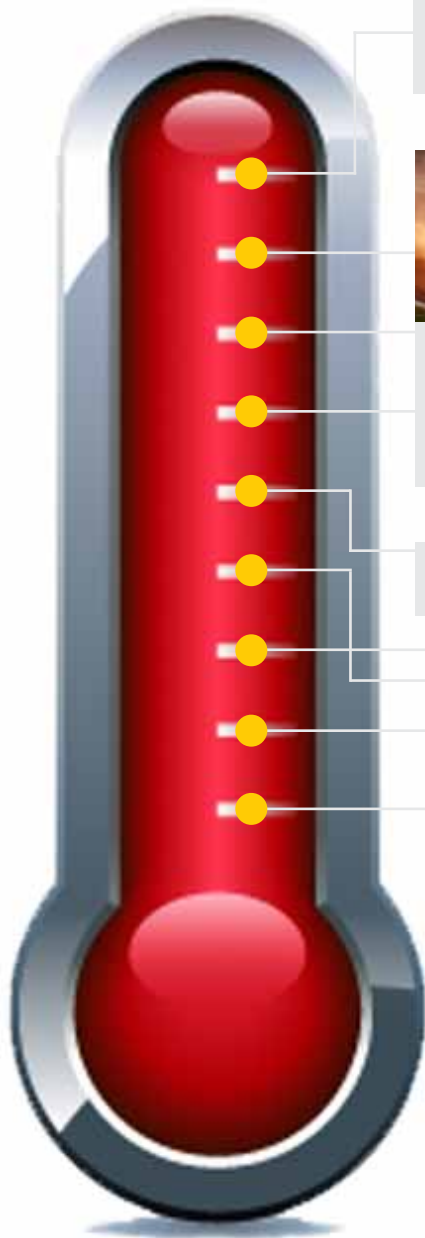
RACE / EMORY HEALTHCARE 500

TRACK / ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

DATE / 09.05.10

# MERCURY RISES

It was hot Sunday night at the track just south of the city called Hot-lanta. Not so much the temperature, but the action at Atlanta Motor Speedway was en fuego. That literally was the case for Scott Speed.



**HARD-FOUGHT 14TH:** Georgia native Reed Sorenson picked up a few positions in the closing laps to finish 14th — his fourth top 15 at his hometown track.



**NO EXCITEMENT:** It looks like nobody will get cut in the Chase cutoff race Saturday at Richmond.

**FLAME ON:** Running 20th on lap 265, Scott Speed's engine .... well, you figure it out. "Wow, I guess we were on fire," he said. Yes, indeed. Speed finished 34th.

**RACING VS. FOOTBALL:** College football was such a big deal Saturday with folks streaming games live online, the media center was having Internet problems.

**CONGRATS:** Californian Jack Gagne won the Red Bull MotoGP Rookies Cup title.

**DEFINING MOMENT:** Reed Sorenson went a lap down on lap 64 but got the free pass on lap 265.

**SHORT LIVED:** Scott Speed was well on his way to backing up his top-10 finish in March at Atlanta, but ... (see above).

**HOLY RACING, BATMAN:** Anyone see the late-race battle for the lead between Carl Edwards, Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart? Marvelous. Simply marvelous.

**FIRST THINGS FIRST:** It still hasn't set in yet that we won't be racing at Atlanta for another year. NASCAR's schedule-makers elected to give Atlanta one race date in 2011. Yeah, the crowds have been sparse, but the competition is second to none.

## UP NEXT

Airguard 400, Saturday, Sept. 11, Richmond International Raceway

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