



1. Matt Kenseth



2. Kurt Busch



3. Denny Hamlin



4. Jeff Gordon



5. Carl Edwards

Top 5

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**College Football
Flames
fall short
of playoffs**

Lack of seven Division I victories likely reason for missing tournament

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The NCAA FCS playoff selection committee was going to do some unorthodox things Sunday afternoon in filling out its 16-team championship bracket.

Either it would break protocol and select a team without seven Division I victories, or it would take an at-large team with just seven victories, a rare occurrence.

The committee chose the latter, as 7-4 New Hampshire and 8-3 Eastern Illinois secured. Please see LIBERTY, Page C3

**NCAA XC
Championships
McDougal
spares rest
for title run**

Liberty participant one of many Virginia runners at NCAA championships

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When Greg Jimmerson came to Liberty, he had his own set of coaching ideals formed from his time as a runner at Stanford and as a coach at Northwestern.

Then he met Flames stand-out Josh McDougal, and all convention went out the window.

As coach and athlete prepared for last season's NCAA Division I cross country championships, Jimmerson suggested McDougal taper his training.

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**NCAA Division I Cross
Country Championship**

Today in Terre Haute, Ind.

State participants

Men's championship, Noon

- Josh McDougal, Liberty
- Virginia team
- W&M team (with Patterson Wilhelm, E.C. Glass graduate)

Women's championship

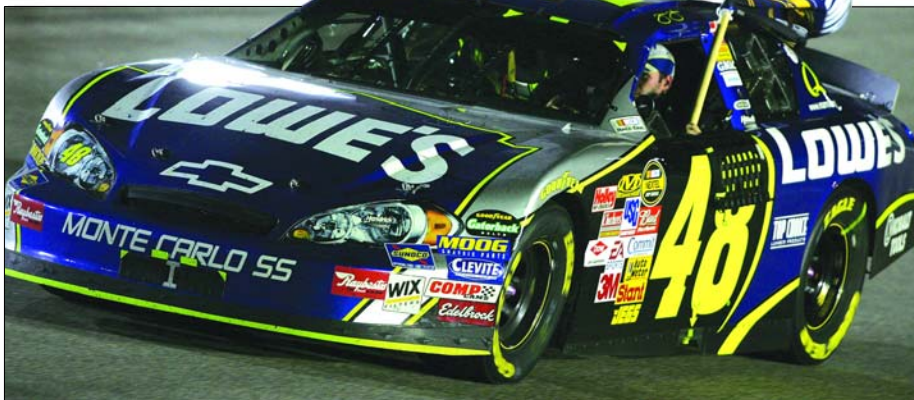
- 12:55 p.m.
- Emily Harrison, Virginia
- Tasmin Fanning, Virginia Tech
- Live on CSTV.com

BACK 2 BACK

JOHNSON HANGS ON FOR THE NEXTEL CUP

'He's as determined as anybody I've ever seen sit down in a race car. I don't see anything that's going to slow Jimmie down.'

Rick Hendrick, Car owner



NASCAR photo

2007 Nextel Cup Champion Jimmie Johnson drives a parade lap around Homestead-Miami Speedway after winning his second straight title.

**Cool Sunday drive
pays off for Johnson**

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Totally calm and cool, Jimmie Johnson left the pre-race drivers' meeting Sunday afternoon flashing the peace sign at people wishing him luck.

Two fingers.

Two straight championships.

Johnson became the first driver to win consecutive championships since Jeff Gordon in 1997 and '98, wrapping up the title by finishing a trouble-free seventh in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Matt Kenseth won the race.

When it was over, he and crew chief Chad Knaus were already thinking about a third.

"We're just really hitting our stride," Johnson said. "I think that we have a lot

of good years ahead of us and we'll be fighting for more championships and certainly winning more races as the years go by, and hopefully be a three-time champion in the near future."

This Sunday drive was a coronation, and Johnson knew it. Deep down, so did everyone else, too. NASCAR is changing eras next season, but the Johnson era atop the sport is just getting started.

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Johnson (left) celebrates with crew chief Chad Knaus. AP photo

Owens opens up a clinic with Cowboys record four touchdowns



AP photo

Cowboys WR Terrell Owens caught four touchdowns Sunday.

Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell shows promise, but throws a costly late interception

The Washington Post

IRVING, Texas — The Washington Redskins' offense moved with methodical grace, mounting another comeback drive, armed with substantial timeouts and ample time as it deconstructed the Dallas Cowboys' defense.

Quarterback Jason Campbell was slinging it out with the Cowboys' Tony Romo and the Redskins were back inside the red zone, trailing by five with under two minutes to play.

Campbell, having his best game as a pro in his 17th start, had the



Cowboys reeling, but on third and 10 from the 19, with an expanse of green before him, he forced a pass to wide receiver Antwaan Randle El. The ball sailed behind Randle El, cornerback Terence Newman stepped in front and his interception on the 12-yard line effectively secured a 28-23 victory for the Cowboys on Sunday at Texas Stadium.

"I should have just tucked the ball and run as hard as I can," said Campbell, who was despondent despite completing 33 of 54 passes for 348 yards, the most by a Redskin since Joe Gibbs returned to coaching in 2004. In the end, all of Washington's resilience and spunk was for naught as the Redskins (5-5) blew a halftime lead for the 14th time under this coaching staff, and fourth time this season.

"We were definitely in a great position to win that game and Jason played a hell of a game," center Casey Rabach said. "We just came up short. It's kind of the

story of our year so far."

The Cowboys (9-1) rode a monster day from wide receiver Terrell Owens (eight catches for 173 yards), largely at the expense of Washington's young safeties, after bottling up Dallas' stellar pass attack for three quarters. Owens caught touchdowns of 4, 31, 46 and 52 yards (the latter two in the fourth quarter) and the Cowboys turned the day in their favor after Coach Wade Phillips' challenge overruled an interception from Redskins linebacker Rocky McIntosh that would have given Washington the ball on the Dallas 3

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8:30 p.m., ESPN