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CHARLIE MacALEXANDER REPORTING: WINSTON RACING SERIES

Harry Gant likes to put himself into a position to drive his own race and that's what he did yesterday all but walking away with the Delaware 500 stock car race at Dover. (Partial screen feature of Valvoline race car behind reporter)

KIM CORDER: Heavy attrition marked this past Sunday's running of the Delaware 500 at Dover Downs International Speedway. Of the 40 car field only 21 reached the checkered flag. Current points leader Terry Labonte held sway through much of the first 150 laps and along with Harry Gant and Ron Bouchard controlled a total of 453 of the 500 laps run. Bill Elliott continued his slide back in the points having problems before lap 10. Another early caution... the D.K. Ulrich owned #6 took a slide on lap 33 and was out. Eighty-eight laps later Winston Cup Champion Bobby Allison crashed in turn 4 after blowing a tire. Allison was carried from the car and was hospitalized with a cracked collarbone. Later reports say he'll race at Martinsville next week. Following Allison's crash Harry Gant gained ground and took the lead from Labonte. Along with Ron Bouchard it was already becoming a 3 car race. Six cars piled up in turn 3 when Tommy Ellis blew on lap 278. The damage was so complete that all 6 were out including Rusty Wallace, Tim Richmond and Bill Elliott who was already more than 20 laps down. Later on Bouchard was pulling away on the point when caution fell for the 4th time as the 00 car slid helplessly down the front stretch. Gant left the laps on lap 367 with Bouchard still on the jack. Gant was never challenged again and during the 10th and final caution took the checkered flag for his 3rd victory this season moving up to 2nd in the championship race 81 points behind leader Terry Labonte.

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