



Bud Pole Winner: Tony Stewart

Pepsi 400 – Daytona International Speedway

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- **Tony Stewart** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Bud Pole for the Pepsi 400, lapping Daytona International Speedway in 48.496 seconds at 185.582 mph. **Bill Elliott** holds the track-qualifying record of 42.783 seconds, 210.364 mph, set Feb. 9, 1987 – prior to the advent of restrictor-plate racing. **Ken Schrader** holds the track restrictor-plate qualifying record with a lap of 46.434 seconds, 198.823 mph - set Feb. 7, 1988.
- There have been **10 different Bud Pole winners** in the last 10 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races at Daytona.
- This is Stewart's eighth career Bud Pole in 229 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- It is Stewart's ninth top-10 start in 14 races at Daytona but only his third in timed-qualifying. His last timed-qualifying top-10 start came in July 2000. This is his 11th top-10 start this season.
- Stewart has never won in 25 restrictor-plate races but he has finished second in five. Four of his runner-up finishes came at Talladega. He finished second at Daytona in the 2004 Daytona 500.
- Stewart became the 10th different Bud Pole winner this season. His most recent Bud Pole came at Chicago in 2003, 71 races ago.
- **Scott Riggs** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 48.539 seconds, 185.418 mph – and will join Stewart on the front row for the Pepsi 400. Riggs posted his second top10 start in his four races at Daytona and his fifth top-10 start in 2005.
- This is the seventh Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2005. **Dodge** also has seven Bud Poles and **Ford** has two. Qualifying was canceled at Dover.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (third) posted his fifth top-10 start in eight races at Daytona. This will be his 10th top-10 start in 2005.
- **Boris Said** (fourth) posted his first top-10 qualifying effort on an oval track in his seventh career- oval-track race. This is his second top-10 start in 2005.
- **Joe Nemechek** (fifth) posted his fourth top-10 start in 23 races at Daytona. It is his fifth top-10 start this season but his first since Texas. All three MB Motorsports teams qualified in the top five for the first time.
- Jason Leffler (eighth) posted his best qualifying effort since he started sixth at Kansas in October 2003.
- **Kerry Earnhardt** (10th) posted career-first top-10 start. His previous best start 20th at Daytona in July 2004.
- Four drivers failed to qualify for the Pepsi 400: **Mike Garvey**, **Kenny Wallace**, **Dan Pardus** and **Morgan Shepherd**.