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## Today's Winner: Tony Stewart

### Team: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet

- **Tony Stewart** won the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway, scoring his **21st** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **229th** career start.
- Stewart's last victory came at **Infineon**, one race ago.
- Stewart moved to 26th on NASCAR's All-time win list tied with **Bobby Labonte, Benny Parsons** and **Jack Smith.**
- This is the eighth victory for **Chevrolet** in 2005. **Ford** has eight and **Dodge** has one.
- Stewart climbed from **fourth to third** in the point standings and is now 136 behind of first-place Jimmie Johnson.
- Stewart scored his **first victory** at Daytona International Speedway and his second victory in 2005. He became the **fifth repeat race winner** in 2005. Stewart has scored **nine top-10 finishes** in 17 races this season.
- This was Stewart's **12th superspeedway** victory in 177 career superspeedway races.
- Stewart led **three times for 151 laps**, including **the final 16**. This was **the fifth time** that Stewart led the most laps in a race this season.
- Stewart led the most laps for the third straight race (Michigan, Infineon and Daytona). The last time a driver led the most laps in three straight races occurred in **the same three races one year ago** when **Jeff Gordon** led the most at Michigan, Infineon and Daytona.
- The 151 laps that Stewart led is an **all-time record** for the most laps led by a driver in the Pepsi 400.
- Stewart scored the second victory for car owner **Joe Gibbs** at Daytona International Speedway. This was Gibbs' second victory as a car owner in 2005. **Dale Jarrett** won the 1993 Daytona 500 driving for Gibbs.

### Notebook Items

- **Jamie McMurray** (second) posted his first top-10 finish in his six races at Daytona International Speedway. It is his seventh top-10 finish in 2005.
- **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (third) posted his first top-10 finish in the last seven races. It was his eighth top-10 finish in his 12 races at Daytona International Speedway. He scored his sixth top-10 finish in 17 races in 2005. Earnhardt Jr. climbed from 18th to 16th in the point standings now 506 behind point leader Jimmie Johnson.
- **Rusty Wallace** (fourth) posted his 18th top-10 finish in 45 races at Daytona and his ninth top-10 finish in 2005. Wallace has finished 11th or better in his last six races. He climbed from **sixth to fifth** in the point standings.
- **Dale Jarrett** (fifth) scored his 16th top-10 finish in 37 races at Daytona International Speedway. Jarrett has scored five top-10 finishes in 2005. It was the first time this season that Jarrett has scored back-to-back top-five finishes. He climbed from **12th to 10th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (sixth) has **ranked in the top-10** of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series point standings for **50 consecutive races**, the longest current streak. The streak began at Atlanta in March 2004. Johnson has scored 12 top-10 finishes in 2005, the most of all drivers
- **Jeff Gordon** (seventh) posted his seventh top-10 finish in 2005 and climbed from 14th to 13th in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Mike Wallace** (eighth) scored his first top-10 finish since he finished seventh at Richmond last September.
- **Ken Schrader** (10th) posted his third top-10 finish in 2005. It was his best finish at Daytona since he finished ninth in the 2000 Daytona 500.
- **Rusty Wallace** extended a **30-race streak of running at the finish** that began at Bristol last August.
- **All 10 of the top-10 positions** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings changed at Daytona International Speedway.
- Looking ahead to the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup - **13 drivers** remain within 400 points of current point leader Jimmie Johnson with **nine races remaining** before the Chase begins in New Hampshire in September.
- The **NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** will be worth **\$60,000** at Chicagoland Speedway.