



Bud Pole Winner: Carl Edwards
SONY HD 500 – California Speedway
Sept. 3, 2005

- **Carl Edwards** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the SONY HD 500, lapping California Speedway in 38.906 seconds at 185.061 mph. **Kyle Busch** holds the track-qualifying record of 38.248 seconds at 188.245 mph, set Feb. 26, 2005.
- This is Edwards's career-first career Bud Pole in 38 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races. He joins **Kyle Busch** and **Scott Riggs** as the first-time Bud Pole winners this season.
- This is Edwards's first top-10 start in three races at California Speedway. He started 19th in each of his other races here.
- Edwards became the **16th different Bud Pole winner** this season. He became the 10th different Bud Pole winner in the 11 races at California – qualifying was rained out in 1999.
- **Mark Martin** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 38.854 seconds, 184.833 mph – and will join Edwards on the front row for the SONY HD 500. It is the fifth top-10 start for Martin this season and his fifth in 11 races at California. His most recent top-10 start here was in 2001.
- This is the fifth Bud Pole for **Ford** in 2005. **Chevrolet** has 10 Bud Poles and **Dodge** has eight. Qualifying was canceled at Dover in June and Watkins Glen.
- Two drivers failed to qualify for the SONY HD 500: **P.J. Jones** and **John Andretti** (who did not take a qualifying lap).
- **Kurt Busch** (third) posted his third top-10 start in seven California races. It is his 12th top-10 start this season.
- **Greg Biffle** (fourth) posted his third top-10 start in six races at California – all in the past three races. It is his 16th top-10 start this season. Biffle was the fourth of the five Roush Racing entries to qualify in the top-10.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (fifth) posted his third top-10 start in his seventh race at California. Johnson career-first victory came when he won the NAPA Auto Parts 500 at California in April 2002.
- This is the **first time in the modern era** that a car owner has scored a 1-2-3-4 sweep of qualifying. The previous best qualifying sweep for a car owner was when **Hendrick Motorsports** swept the first three starting positions at Michigan in June 2004.
- **J. J. Yeley** (eighth) posted the best qualifying effort of his three-race NASCAR NEXTEL Cup career. Yeley started 32 and finished 41st in this race in 2004. He then started 36th and finished 27th at Atlanta in October 2004.
- **Ryan Newman** (28th) posted his season-worst qualifying effort and failed to post a top-10 start for just the third time this season.
- **Jon Wood** (39th) qualified for his first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race. However, **Ricky Rudd** is expected to return to the Motorcraft Ford in his place in the SONY HD 500.
- **Mike Garvey** (36th) qualified for his eighth NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race, making the field for the first time since Pocono in July.