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## Today's Winner: Carl Edwards

### Team: Scott's Ford

- **Carl Edwards** won the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, scoring his career-first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 17th career start.
- Edwards **won both the NASCAR Busch Series and the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race** at Atlanta Motor Speedway. **Joe Nemechek** was the last driver to win both races in a weekend (Kansas October 2004).
- Edwards became the **first driver ever** to post both his career-first NASCAR Busch Series and NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series victories in the same weekend.
- Edwards became the **seventh different race winner** in the last seven races Atlanta Motor.
- Edwards begins the 2005 season with two top-five finishes and top-15s in four races.
- Edwards posted his second top-five finish in two races at Atlanta. He finished third at Atlanta last October.
- Edwards scored the second victory in four races in 2005 for car owner **Jack Roush**. It marked Roush's fourth victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway.
- **Greg Biffle** was the most recent first-time winner when he won at Daytona in July 2003.

### Notebook Items

- **Jimmie Johnson** (second) posted his fifth top-five finish in eight races at Atlanta. Johnson has scored top-10 finishes in the 10 races since Charlotte last fall. **Johnson** is the only driver that has led at least one lap in all four races in 2005.
- **Greg Biffle** (third) scored his third top-10 finish in five races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. He posted his third straight top-10 finish of the season. This is the first time in his NASCAR NEXTEL Cup career that he has posted three consecutive top-10s.
- **Mark Martin** (fourth) scored his 19th top-10 finish in 39 races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Martin has scored three top-10 finishes in four races this season. Martin has been running at the finish in 26 consecutive races, the longest current streak.
- **Kasey Kahne** (fifth) scored his third top-five finish in three races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Kahne scored his first top-10 and best finish in 2005.
- **Dave Blaney** (eighth) scored his second top-10 finish in 11 races at Atlanta Motor Speedway. His last top-10 finish came at Pocono (ninth) in July 2003.
- **Kyle Busch** (12th) was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender for the third time in 2005.
- **Mike Garvey** started 43rd and finished 41st in his first career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup start.
- **Robby Gordon** failed to qualify for the 2005 Daytona 500 and has finished 35th, 39th and 34th in the three races he has competed in this season.
- **All 10 of the top-10 positions** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup standings changed at Atlanta.
- **Just one race remains** before 2005 owner points set the guaranteed starting positions at Martinsville. Noted car owners/drivers ranked outside the top 35 include: **Joe Gibbs/Bobby Labonte** (37th), **Greg Pollex/John Andretti** (38th), **Leonard Wood/Ricky Rudd** (39th) and **James Smith/Robby Gordon** (40th).
- **Looking ahead to the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup....** 18 drivers are already more than 400 points behind the leader. Included in those 18 are **Mike Wallace, Bobby Labonte, John Andretti, Ricky Rudd** and **Robby Gordon** plus 13 others.
- The **NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** will be worth **\$20,000** Bristol Motor Speedway.