Bud Pole Winner: Elliott Sadler

AllState 400 at the Brickyard – Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 11, 2005

- **Elliot Sadler** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the AllState 400 at the Brickyard, lapping Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 48.882 seconds at 184.116 mph. **Casey Mears** holds the track-qualifying record of 48.311 seconds, 186.293 mph, set Aug. 7, 2004.
- This is Sadler's fourth career Bud Pole in 234 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races. This is his second Bud Pole and 11th top-10 start this season.
- This is Sadler's second top-10 start in seven NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He started third and finished third here in 2004.
- Sadler became the fourth repeat Bud Pole winner this season.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 49.166 seconds, 183.053 mph – and will join Sadler on the front row for the AllState 400 at the Brickyard. He has started from a top-10 starting position in just three of his 11 races at Indianapolis. Mayfield tied his season-best start set at Texas with his ninth top-10 start of 2005.
- This is the third Bud Pole for **Ford** in 2005. **Chevrolet** has nine Bud Poles and **Dodge** has eight. Qualifying was canceled at Dover in June.
- **Michael Waltrip** (third) posted his fourth top-10 start in 12 races at Indianapolis. Waltrip posted his third top-10 start in 2005.
- **Kasey Kahne** (fourth) scored his first top-10 start in two races at Indianapolis. Kahne posted his 10th top-10 start in 2005.
- **Brian Vickers** (fifth) posted his second top-10 start in two races at Indianapolis.
- **Bobby Hamilton** (35th) qualified for his first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races since Homestead in 2002.
- Nine drivers failed to qualify for the AllState 400 at the Brickyard: **Kevin Lepage**, **Tony Raines**, **Mike Garvey**, **Stuart Kirby**, **Mike Wallace**, **P.J. Jones**, **Morgan Shepherd**, **Kenny Wallace** and **Jimmy Spencer**.
- There have been **nine different Bud Pole winners** in the 12 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races at Indianapolis.
- The furthest back a race winner has started at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was **27th** by **Jeff Gordon** in 2001.