



Bud Pole Winner: Ryan Newman

UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400 – Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 11, 2005

- **Ryan Newman** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, lapping Las Vegas Motor Speedway in 31.080 seconds at 173.745 mph. **Kasey Kahne** holds the track-qualifying record of 30.874 seconds, 174.904 mph, set April 26, 2002.
- This is Newman's **28th career Bud Pole** in 119 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is Newman's first Bud Pole and fourth top-five start in five NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- **Elliott Sadler** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 31.086 seconds, 173.712 mph – and will join Newman on the front row for the UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400. It is Sadler's first top-10 start in seven races at Las Vegas. It is his first start better than 39th this season.
- This is the first Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2005. **All three manufacturers** have **one Bud Pole** this season.
- This is the first Bud Pole for the Dodge Charger since **Richard Petty** won the Bud Pole at Ontario on Nov., 20, 1977.
- **Greg Biffle** (third) has started from the top-10 in both of his NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Las Vegas.
- **Scott Riggs** (fourth) started 15th here in 2004, his only other start at Las Vegas. He had started 12th in each of the first two races this season.
- **Kurt Busch** (fifth) posted It is his fifth consecutive top-10 and fourth straight top-five start in his six races at Las Vegas.
- **Travis Kvapil** (sixth) was the highest qualifying rookie.
- **Kyle Busch** (10th) joined Kvapil and Eric McClure (41st) as all three rookie candidates made the field for the first time this season. Busch started 18th and finished 41st here in 2004, in his series debut.
- **Kevin Harvick**'s time was disallowed. He will start 42nd on Sunday.
- There have been **six different Bud Pole winners** in the eight NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series qualifying sessions at Las Vegas since 1998. Newman joins **Dale Jarrett** (1998 and 2001), **Bobby Labonte** (1999 and 2003), **Ricky Rudd** (2000), **Todd Bodine** (2002) and **Kasey Kahne** (2004).
- Only **one of the seven** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races at Las Vegas has been won from a top-10 starting position. **Mark Martin** won the inaugural race in 1998 from the seventh starting position. Since then the best starting position of a race winner was 11th by **Jeff Burton** in 2000.
- The deepest in the field that a race winner has started at Las Vegas was 25th by **Matt Kenseth** in 2004.