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Today's Winner: Jimmie Johnson

Team: Lowe's Chevrolet

- **Jimmie Johnson** won the UAW-Diamler Chrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, scoring his 15th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 114th career start. He moved into the lead in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. Johnson has posted top-five finishes in each of the first three races this season.
- This is Johnson's **fifth victory in the past nine races**. Johnson scored top-10 finishes in each of those nine races.
- Johnson became the sixth different winner in eight races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- It is Johnson's first victory and second top-10 finish in four races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- Johnson has won a race each season 2002-2005, four consecutive years.
- Johnson scored the second victory in three races in 2005 for owner **Rick Hendrick**. It is Hendrick's second victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. **Jeff Gordon** won here in 2001.
- Johnson won the **\$30,000 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** for winning the race and leading the point standings.

Notebook Items

- **Kyle Busch** (second) posted his career-best finish. It was his second race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. He was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender for the second time in 2005.
- **Kurt Busch** (third) scored his second top-10 finish in four races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Busch begins the 2005 season with three top-five finishes. Busch has scored top-five finishes in four straight races, since Homestead last fall and the longest top-five streak of his career. Busch has scored 12 top-10 finishes in the past 13 races.
- **Jeff Gordon** (fourth) scored his third top-five finish in seven races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Gordon has scored two top-10 finishes in three races this season.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) scored his second top-10 finish in five races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Harvick has two top-10 finishes this season.
- **Matt Kenseth** (eighth) scored his first top-10 finish in the past 12 races.
- **Mark Martin** (30th) has been running at the finish in 25 consecutive races, the longest current streak.
- **Rusty Wallace** (12th) has posted three top-15 finishes this season.
- **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (42nd) posted his worst finish since he finished 42nd at Atlanta in April 2002.
- **Robby Gordon** failed to qualify for the Daytona 500 and has finished 35th and 39th in the two races that he has competed in this season.
- **Just two races remain** before the 2005 owner points at Martinsville set the top-35 marker that guarantees making the field for a race. Currently several drivers will need strong performances at Atlanta and Bristol to move back into the top 35. Teams currently ranked outside the top 35 in owner points include those of: **Bobby Labonte, Kasey Kahne, Ricky Rudd and Robby Gordon**.
- The **10 caution periods** and **46 caution laps** were both a **record** for the UAW-Diamler Chrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- The **25 lead changes** and **20 cars on the lead lap** tied the track record.
- The **NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** will be worth **\$10,000** at Atlanta Motor Speedway.