



Bud Pole Winner: Brian Vickers

New Hampshire 300 – New Hampshire International Speedway
July 16, 2005

- **Brian Vickers** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the New Hampshire 300, lapping New Hampshire International Speedway in 29.225 seconds at 130.327 mph. **Ryan Newman** holds the track-qualifying record of 28.561 seconds, 133.357 mph, set Sept. 12, 2003.
- This is Vickers's third career Bud Pole in 60 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- Vickers posted his first start better than 23rd in three races at New Hampshire. This is his eighth top-10 start in 2005.
- Vickers became the **12th different Bud Pole** winner this season.
- **Kasey Kahne** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 29.250 seconds, 130.215 mph – and will join Vickers on the front row for the New Hampshire 300. He posted his second top-10 start in three races at New Hampshire. It is his ninth top-10 start this season, including back-to-back Bud Poles at Darlington and Richmond.
- This is the ninth Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2005, including each of the past four races. **Dodge** has seven Bud Poles and **Ford** has two. Qualifying was canceled at Dover in June.
- **Elliott Sadler** (third) posted just his third top-10 start in 13 races at New Hampshire. It is his 10th top-10 start this season. Sadler also qualified third for the NASCAR Busch Series race.
- **Ryan Newman** (fourth) posted his 16th top-10 start in 2005 and his sixth in seven races at New Hampshire.
- **Kurt Busch** (fifth), who has won the past two races at New Hampshire, posted his fourth top-10 start in nine races here. It is his ninth top-10 start in 2005.
- **Ted Christopher** (38th) made the field for his fourth NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race. Three of Christopher's races have been at New Hampshire. His series debut came at Watkins Glen in 1999.
- Four drivers failed to qualify for the New Hampshire 300: **Joey McCarthy, Derrike Cope, Wayne Anderson** and **Hermie Sadler**.
- There have been **10 Bud Pole winners in 21 races** at New Hampshire. **Jeff Gordon** and **Ryan Newman** both have won three Bud Poles while **Ricky Craven, Mark Martin, Ken Schrader** and **Rusty Wallace** all have two. Newman has won the last three Bud Poles at New Hampshire. Qualifying has been canceled three times in the last seven races due to weather.
- The race winner started in the top 10 in **11 of the 20** races at New Hampshire, including four of the past five.
- The deepest in the field that a race winner at New Hampshire has started was 38th by **Jeff Burton** in July 1999.