



Bud Pole Winner: Scott Riggs

Advance Auto Parts 500 – Martinsville Speedway

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- **Scott Riggs** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Advance Auto Parts 500, lapping Martinsville Speedway in 19.588 seconds at 96.671 mph. **Ryan Newman** holds the track-qualifying record of 19.513 seconds, 97.043 mph, set Oct. 22, 2004.
- This is Riggs's first career Bud Pole in 41 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races. It is his second top-10 start in three races at Martinsville Speedway. It is his second top-10 start in 2005.
- Riggs became the 12th driver to post poles in all three of NASCAR's major series. He has five poles on the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and two in the NASCAR Busch Series.
- **Ryan Newman** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 19.591 seconds, 96.657 mph – and will join Riggs on the front row for the Advance Auto Parts 500. Newman has started from a top-10 starting position in all seven of his races at Martinsville. This is his fifth start of third or better here.
- This is the second Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2005. **All three manufacturers** have two Bud Poles this season.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** (third) posted his third top-10 start in 20 races at Martinsville. His previous best start here was sixth in April 2001. It is his third top-10 start in 2005.
- **Rusty Wallace** (fourth) scored his 33rd top-10 start in 43 races at Martinsville. It is his second start better than 21st in 2005 – both in the past two races.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) posted his third top-10 start in eight races at Martinsville. All three of his top-10 starts have been from fifth. It is his first top-10 start this season.
- **Ken Schrader** (11th) posted his best start since he started seventh at Talladega in September 2003.
- There have been just two Bud Pole winners in the last six races at Martinsville. **Jeff Gordon** won four Bud Poles and **Ryan Newman** won two. Newman has started from a top-10 starting position in all six of his races at the Virginia short track. Gordon has posted 17 top-10 starts in 24 races at Martinsville, including top-five starts in eight of his last nine races here.
- The race has been won from the Bud Pole **17** times at Martinsville, the most productive starting position. The second starting position has provided 14 winners, third 13 and fourth 11, for a total of 55 victories from the top-four starting positions.
- **Kurt Busch** won the 2002 Old Dominion 500 from the **36th** starting position - the farthest back a race winner has started at Martinsville.