



Bud Pole Winner: Kasey Kahne

Chevy American Revolution 400 – Richmond International Raceway
May 13, 2005

- **Kasey Kahne** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Chevy American Revolution 400, lapping Richmond International Raceway in 20.775 seconds at 129.964 mph. **Brian Vickers** holds the track-qualifying record of 20.772 seconds, 129.983 mph, set May 14, 2004.
- This is Kahne's sixth career Bud Pole in 47 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races. His most recent Bud Pole was last week at Darlington.
- This is Kahne's first top-10 start in three NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Richmond International Raceway.
- Kahne, who also won the Busch Pole for the NASCAR Busch Series race later tonight, became the first driver to sweep weekend poles at Richmond. The last driver to sweep both poles in a weekend was **Mark Martin** at Rockingham in October 1999.
- There has been a **different Bud Pole winner** in each of the past **11 races** at Richmond International Raceway.
- **Ryan Newman** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 20.801 seconds, 129.801 mph – and will join Kahne on the front row for the Chevy American Revolution 400. Newman has started from a top-10 starting position in each race this season, the only driver to do so. He has also started from the top-10 in six of his seven races at Richmond, including four times from the front row.
- This is the fifth Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2005. **Chevrolet** has four Bud Poles and **Ford** has two.
- **Tony Stewart** (third) posted his sixth top-10 start in 13 races at Richmond, but his first since May 2003. It is his sixth top-10 start this season.
- **Kurt Busch** (fourth) scored his second top-10 start in nine races at Richmond and his fifth this season.
- **Elliott Sadler** (fifth) posted his first start better than 14th in 13 races at Richmond. It is his fifth top-10 start in 2005. In those five top-10 starts, Sadler has started a one race in each of the top-five starting positions.
- Four drivers failed to qualify for the Chevy American Revolution 400: **Kevin Lepage, Jeff Fuller, Kirk Shelmerdine** and **Carl Long**.
- This was the **first time** this season that no drivers relied on guaranteed starting positions to make the race.
- The furthestmost back in the field that a Richmond race winner has started on the 3/4-mile configuration was **25th** by **Matt Kenseth** in the 2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo 400.