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## Today's Winner: Kasey Kahne

Team: No. 9 Dodge Dealer's Dodge

- **Kasey Kahne** won the Chevy American Revolution 400 at Richmond International Raceway, scoring his **career-first** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 47th career start.
- The last driver to win from the Bud Pole was **Joe Nemechek** at Kansas, October 10, 2004.
- **Bill Elliott** was the last driver to win at Richmond from the Bud Pole: March 1992, 26 Richmond races ago.
- **Ryan Newman** was the last driver to score his **career-first victory** from the Bud Pole. Newman won his career-first race at New Hampshire in September 2002.
- Several drivers have won their first race from the Bud Pole including **Hershal McGriff, Lou Figaro, Frank Mundy, Donald Thomas, Norm Nelson** and many others.
- Kahne joined **Carl Edwards** as the second first-time winner this season.
- Kahne scored **six runner-up finishes** before posting his career-first victory. He joined **Marvin Panch, Mark Martin** and **Glen Wood** for sixth-place on the list of drivers with runner-up finishes before their first victory. **James Hylton** holds the record, scoring 12 second-place finishes before scoring his career-first victory at Richmond in March 1970.
- This marked the **first Dodge Charger victory** since **Neil Bonnett** won at Ontario in November 1977.
- Kahne became the **seventh different winner** in 2005.
- Kahne climbed from **19th to 15th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL CUP point standings, 301 behind point leader **Jimmie Johnson**.
- Kahne led 242 laps, the most in his career, in leading the most laps for the first time this season. He has led the most laps in two previous races: Texas – 2004 and second Charlotte - 2004.
- This is Kahne's **first top-10 finish** in three races at Richmond.
- Kahne has scored **four top-10 finishes** in 11 races this season.
- This was the **sixth career victory** for **team owner Ray Evernham**.

### Notebook Items

- Five of the top-10 finishers at Richmond scored their **best Richmond finish: Kasey Kahne** (first) **Kyle Busch** (fourth), **Greg Biffle** (sixth), **Elliott Sadler** (seventh) and **Michael Waltrip** (ninth).
- **Tony Stewart** (second) posted his eighth top-10 finish in 13 races at Richmond. Stewart has scored six top-10 finishes in 11 races this season. He climbed from **seventh to sixth** in the point standings.
- **Ryan Newman** (third) posted his fifth top-10 finish in seven races at Richmond. He scored his fifth top-10 finish in 2005. He climbed from **10th to seventh** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Kyle Busch** (fourth) posted his third top-10 finish of 2005 in his first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Richmond race.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) scored his third top-10 finish in nine races at Richmond. Harvick has scored four top-10 finishes in 2005. He climbed from 11th to eighth in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (40th) remained first in the point standings with a **41-point lead** over second-place Greg Biffle. Johnson **lost 86 points** in posting his second DNF of the season. He has scored eight top-10 finishes in 11 races this season, more than any other driver. Johnson scored his worst finish and first DNF in seven races at Richmond International Raceway.
- The last time **Jeff Gordon** and **Jimmie Johnson** posted DNFs in the same race was at Dover in June 2004.
- **Kyle Busch** (fourth) was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender for the seventh time in 11 races in 2005.
- **Mark Martin** (15th) has been running at the finish in **33 consecutive races**, the longest current streak.
- **Nine of the top-10 positions** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings changed at Richmond International Raceway.
- **Nineteen drivers** remain within 400 points of current point leader **Jimmie Johnson**.
- The **NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** will be worth **\$90,000** at Lowe's Motor Speedway.