



Bud Pole Winner: Kevin Harvick

Chevy Rock & Roll 400 – Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 9, 2005

- **Kevin Harvick** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Chevy Rock & Roll 400, lapping Richmond International Raceway in 21.024 seconds at 128.425 mph. **Brian Vickers** holds track-qualifying record of 20.772 seconds, 129.983 mph, set May 14, 2004.
- This is Harvick's **fourth career Bud Pole** in 168 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is Harvick's second start better than 20th in 10 Richmond races – both coming this season. He started seventh and finished fifth in the spring race.
- Harvick became the **fifth repeat Bud Pole winner** this season. He also won the Bud Pole at Talladega. This is his 11th top-10 start this season.
- There have been **12 different Bud Pole winners** in the 12 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races at Richmond since 1999.
- **Greg Biffle** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 21.043 seconds, 128.309 mph – and will join Harvick on the front row for the Chevy Rock & Roll 400. This is Biffle's fifth top-10 start in seven races at Richmond. All have come in the past five races. It is his 17th top-10 start this season.
- This is the 11th Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2005. **Dodge** has eight Bud Poles and **Ford** has five. Qualifying was canceled at Dover in June and Watkins Glen.
- **Travis Kvapil** (third) posted his career-best start in his 29th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race. Kvapil posted his first top-10 start in his second race at Richmond. He started 21st and finished 22nd here in May.
- **Mark Martin** (fourth) scored his 21st top-10 start in 40 races at Richmond.
- **Kurt Busch** (fifth) posted his third top-10 start in 10 races at Richmond.
- Seven drivers failed to qualify for the Chevy Rock & Roll 400: **Wayne Anderson, Stanton Barrett, Carl Long, Hermie Sadler, Morgan Shepherd, Joey McCarthy and Kirk Shelmerdine**
- Three of the drivers not locked in but still eligible for the Chase qualified in the top 10: **Jeff Gordon** (sixth), **Ryan Newman** (eighth) and **Dale Jarrett** (ninth).