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Today's Winner: Kurt Busch

Team: No. 97 Crown Royal Ford

- **Kurt Busch** won the Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway, scoring his **14th** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **176th** career start.
- Busch scored his **third victory in 2005**, also posting victories at Phoenix and second Pocono.
- Busch has scored **14 top-10 finishes** in 26 races in 2005.
- **Busch** climbed from **sixth to fifth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- This is Busch's **sixth career short-track** victory in 30 career short-track races.
- **Busch led the most laps for the third time** in a race this season. He also led the most at Phoenix and second Pocono.
- **Busch** scored the **fourth victory** for car owner **Jack Roush** at Richmond International Raceway. This was **Roush's 85th victory** as a car owner and **10th in 26 races this season**.
- This is the **11th victory by a Ford** in 2005. **Chevrolet** has 13 and **Dodge** has two.

The 2005 Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup

- As a result of their finishes in the 2005 Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway, **10 drivers have clinched** a spot in the 2005 Chase for NASCAR NEXTEL Cup. These 10 drivers will race over the final 10 races of the 2005 season to determine the 2005 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup champion who is expected to win in excess of **\$5 million**: **Tony Stewart** (clinched at Michigan), **Jimmie Johnson** and **Greg Biffle** (clinched at Bristol), **Rusty Wallace** and **Mark Martin** (clinched at California) and **Kurt Busch, Jeremy Mayfield, Carl Edwards, Matt Kenseth** and **Ryan Newman** (clinched at Richmond).
- **Five drivers** in the top-10 in points changed positions at Richmond.
- **Seven of the 10 drivers** who made it into the 2005 Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup are doing so for the second straight year. **Greg Biffle, Rusty Wallace, and Carl Edwards** are new to the Chase in 2005.
- **Seven 10 drivers** competing in the 2005 Chase for NASCAR NEXTEL Cup have scored at least one victory in the first 26 races of the 2005 season. Five of the 10 drivers have scored multiple victories led by Stewart and Biffle each with five.
- **All five Roush drivers** are competing in the 2005 Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup.
- A total of **\$1 Million** will be paid **to the driver who finishes 11th in the final** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. Additionally, the 11th-place driver will also join the top-10 drivers on the stage at the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Awards Banquet in New York in December.

Notebook

- **Matt Kenseth** (second) scored his fifth top-10 finish in his last six races. It was his 11th top-10 finish in 2005. It was his seventh top-10 finish in 12 races at Richmond International Raceway. Kenseth climbed from a low of 42nd in the point standings after race No. 1 at Daytona to make the 2005 Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup
- **Rusty Wallace** (fifth) extended a **39-race streak of running at the finish** that began at Bristol in August 2004. Wallace has scored **21 top-15 finishes** in 26 races in 2005.
- **Tony Stewart** (seventh) has scored **12 straight top-10 finishes** including nine top fives.
- **Ryan Newman** (12th) climbed from **11th to 10th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings, thus securing a spot in the 2005 Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup.
- **Elliott Sadler** (17th) has finished **12th or worse** in his **last 10 races**. Sadler **finished 11th** in the point standings, **66 points behind** 10th-place Ryan Newman.
- **Jimmy Johnson** (25th) dropped from third to fourth in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. He has ranked in the top-10 of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series point standings for **59 consecutive races**, the longest current streak. The streak began at Atlanta in March 2004.
- **Jeff Gordon** (30th) remained 12th to in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. **Gordon ended an 11-year streak** of finishing in the top 10 in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings (1994-2004).
- **Dale Jarrett** (38th) has finished 14th or worse in his last nine races
- **Heading to New Hampshire -**
 - **Kurt Busch** has finished **first or second** in four of his last six races at New Hampshire.
 - **Matt Kenseth** has scored **six straight top-10 finishes** in his last six races at New Hampshire.
 - **Jimmie Johnson** has scored top-15 finishes in all seven of his races at New Hampshire.
- **The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus** will be worth **\$50,000** at New Hampshire International Speedway.