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**Today's Winner: Jeff Gordon**

**Team: No. 24 Dupont Chevrolet**

- **Jeff Gordon** won the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway, scoring his **72nd** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 410th career start. His last victory came at Martinsville, three races ago.
- **This was Gordon's 10th career restrictor-plate victory** in 50 career restrictor-plate races. Gordon scored 28 top-10 finishes in those 50 races.
- It marked Gordon's **fourth victory in 25 races at Talladega**. Gordon also won this race one year ago.
- Gordon has scored **three victories in 2005**, more than any other driver. He also posted victories at Daytona and Martinsville.
- Gordon has climbed from **12th to third** in the NASCAR NEXTEL CUP point standings in the last four races.
- **Gordon** has scored **four top-10 finishes** in nine races this season.
- **Gordon** scored the **sixth victory** for car owner Rick Hendrick at Talladega. This was Hendrick's **134th victory** as a car owner and **fourth in nine races** this season.
- This was the fifth victory in 2005 for **Chevrolet**. **Ford** has four victories while **Dodge** still seeks their first of the season.

#### **Notebook Items**

- **Tony Stewart** (second) posted his eighth top-10 finish in 13 races at Talladega Superspeedway. It was his fourth runner-up finish at Talladega. Stewart has scored four top-10 finishes in nine races this season. He climbed from **14th to sixth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Michael Waltrip** (third) posted his 13th top-10 finish in 39 races at Talladega Superspeedway. He scored his fourth top-10 finish and third straight in 2005.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** (fourth) scored his second top-10 finish in 22 races at Talladega Superspeedway. This was his career-best Talladega finish. This marked Mayfield's first top-10 finish in 2005. He climbed from 16th to 12th in the point standings, his highest ranking of the season.
- **Jamie McMurray** (fifth) scored his second top-10 finish in six races at Talladega Superspeedway. It was his career-best Talladega finish.
- **Ken Schrader** (eighth) scored his 12th top-10 finish in 41 races at Talladega Superspeedway. Schrader scored his first top-10 finish since Bristol in March 2004.
- **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (15th) has climbed from **27th to ninth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup standings in the last six races.
- **Travis Kvapil** (18th) was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender for the fourth time in 2005.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (20th) posted his first DNF since Kansas City in October 2005. He remained first in the point standings with a **130-point lead** over second-place Kurt Busch.
- **Mark Martin** (33rd) has been running at the finish in **31 consecutive races**, the longest current streak.
- **Seven of the top-10 positions** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings changed Talladega Superspeedway.
- **Jeff Gordon** led **139 of the 188 laps**, the first time that he has led the most laps in a race this season.
- Looking ahead to the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup - **only 18 drivers** remain within 400 points of current point leader **Jimmie Johnson**.
- The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus will be worth **\$70,000** at Darlington Raceway..