



Bud Pole Winner: Kasey Kahne

3M Performance 400 presented by Post-it Picture Paper

Michigan International Speedway

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- **Kasey Kahne** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the 3M Performance 400 presented by Post-it Picture Paper, lapping Michigan International Speedway in 38.784 seconds at 185.644 mph. **Ryan Newman** holds the track-qualifying record of 37.069 seconds, 194.232 mph - set June 17, 2005.
- This is Kahne's 10th career Bud Pole in 87 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- Kahne posted his fourth Bud Pole and ninth top-10 start of 2006. It is his first Bud Pole and third top-10 start in five races at Michigan – all fourth or better.
- Kahne became the eighth different Bud Pole winner in the past 10 races at Michigan. **Bobby Labonte**, who swept both Bud Poles here in 2003, is the only repeat Bud Pole winner since the fall race of 2001. Qualifying was canceled in August 2004.
- **Jeff Gordon** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 38.805 seconds, 185.543 mph – and will join Kahne on the front row for the 3M Performance 400. Gordon posted his 18th top-10 start in 27 Michigan races. He has started on the front row in four of the last five races here (one Bud Pole and three second-place starts).
- This is the seventh Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2006. **Chevrolet** has four Bud Poles and **Ford** has three. Qualifying was canceled at Bristol.
- **Brian Vickers** (third) posted his fifth top-10 start this season. This is his fourth top-10 start in five races at Michigan.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (fourth) posted his 10th top-10 start of the 2006 season. It is his fourth top-10 start in nine Michigan races.
- **Bobby Labonte** (fifth) posted his fifth top-10 start in 2006 and his 15th in 28 races at Michigan.
- **Bill Lester** (34th) qualified for his second career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race. Lester started 19th and finished 38th at Atlanta earlier this year and became the first African-American driver to compete on NASCAR's premier series since **Willie T. Ribbs** in this race in 1986.
- Four drivers failed to qualify for the 3M Performance 400: **Carl Long**, **Mike Garvey**, **Chad Chaffin** and **Jimmy Spencer**.