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Today's Winner: Kasey Kahne

Team: No. 9 Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge

- **Kasey Kahne won the Coca-Cola 600** at Lowe's Motor Speedway, scoring his **fourth** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **84th** career start.
- This is **Kahne's third victory in 2006**, tying Jimmie Johnson for the most this season. Kahne's last victory came at **Texas** in April 2006, five races earlier.
- Kahne won from a ninth-place starting position. All three of his other victories came from the Bud Pole.
- Kahne's first victory came at Richmond in May 2005. His other three wins have all come on SMI-owned 1.5-mile superspeedways.
- Kahne scored his seventh top-10 finish in 12 races this season.
- Kahne led the most laps for the fourth time in his career (only two produced victories- Richmond and Lowe's). This marked the first time in 2006 that Kahne led the most laps in a race.
- Kahne led seven times for **158 laps** including the final **30 laps** in the **Coca-Cola 600** at Lowe's Motor Speedway.
- **Kahne** has won a race each season 2005-2006, **two consecutive years**.
- This marked team owner **Ray Evernham's 10th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory** and **first** at Lowe's Motor Speedway.
- **Evernham Motorsports** has won at least one race each season 2001- 2006, **six consecutive years**.

Notebook Items

- **Jimmie Johnson** (second) scored his ninth top-10 finish in 2006. It was his ninth straight top-10 finish in 10 races at Lowe's Motor Speedway, all seventh or better. Johnson remained first in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings, now 109 points ahead of second-place **Matt Kenseth**.
- **Carl Edwards** (third) scored his sixth top-10 finish in 2006. He tied his best finish in 2006 set at California. It is his third straight top-10 finish in three races at Lowe's. Edwards climbed from **17th to 14th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Mark Martin** (fourth) scored his seventh top-10 finish in 2006. It was his in **21st top-10 finish in 43 races** at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He climbed from fourth to third in the point standings. One year ago he ranked 12th in the standings after 12 races.
- **Matt Kenseth** (fifth) scored his eighth top-10 finish in 2006. It was his seventh top-10 finish in 14 races at Lowe's Motor Speedway. He climbed from third to second in the point standings. One year ago he ranked 23rd after 12 races.
- **Jeff Burton** (sixth) has climbed from **21st to eighth** in the point standings since Martinsville.
- **Three races ago** Greg Biffle was **232 points behind 10th**. With his **seventh-place finish**, Biffle is now **86 points behind 10th**. Biffle has climbed from **23rd to 13th** in points in the last three races. After 12 races in 2005, he ranked **second** in the point standings.
- Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender **Denny Hamlin** (ninth) posted his fifth top-10 finish in 2006. It marked his second top-10 finish in two races at Lowe's Motor Speedway.
- **Two** Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contenders finished in the top-10: **Denny Hamlin** (ninth) and **Reed Sorensen** (10th). At least one of the Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contenders has scored a **top-15 finish** in all 12 races this season.
- **Dave Blaney** (32nd) extended a **30-race streak** of running at the finish that began at Pocono last June, which is the longest current streak.
- **Mark Martin** and **Jimmie Johnson** have each scored top-15 finishes in **11 of the 12 races** in 2006.
- **Tony Stewart** has finished **43rd** (California) and **42nd** (Lowe's) in 2006. Stewart never finished worse than **33rd** (first Phoenix) in his 2005 Championship season. However, in 2002 Stewart began his first Championship season with a **43rd-place** finish in the 2002 Daytona 500. Stewart dropped from **second to fourth** in the point standings.
- **Dale Jarrett** (43rd) scored **the worst finish of his 615-race career**. Jarrett finished last for just the second time. The first time that he finished last was at Sears Point on June 11, 1989. (42nd in a 42-car field).
- **Heading to Dover International Speedway**
 - **Jimmie Johnson** has started from a **top-15** starting position in seven of his eight races at Dover.
 - **Ryan Newman** has started from a **top-five** starting position in seven of his eight races at Dover, including two Bud Poles.
 - **Ryan Newman** has won **three of the last six races** at Dover International Speedway.
 - **Newman** has scored **seven top-10 finishes** in his eight races at Dover, all eighth or better.
 - **Mark Martin** has finished **fourth or better** in his last four races at Dover.
 - **Nine of the last 10 races** at Dover International Speedway have been won from a top-10 starting position.
 - **Ryan Newman** is the only driver to win a race from the Bud Pole in the last 13 races at Dover.
 - **All three manufacturers'** have scored a victory in the last three races at Dover.
 - **Jimmie Johnson** scored **top-five finishes** in both races at Dover in 2005. **Tony Stewart** finished 15th and 18th at Dover in 2005, his worst single season there.
 - The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$40,000** at Dover International Speedway.