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## Today's Winner: Tony Stewart

Team: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet

- **Tony Stewart** won the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway, scoring his **26th** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **265th** career start.
- Stewart climbed to **21st on NASCAR's all-time winners list** - tied with **Fred Lorenzen**.
- Stewart scored his **second victory** in 2006. Stewart also won at Martinsville in April.
- This was Stewart's **second straight** Pepsi 400 victory. Stewart has scored nine top-10 finishes in the last nine restrictor-plate races, including six straight top-fives. This is Stewart's **15th victory on a superspeedway**.
- Stewart won from the **second-place starting position**. One year ago he won this race from the Bud pole.
- This is Stewart's **second victory and ninth top-10 finish** in 16 races at Daytona. He has scored six top-10 finishes in the last six races at Daytona.
- Stewart scored his **ninth top-10** finish in 17 races this season.
- Stewart climbed from **seventh to fifth** in the point standings.
- Stewart led **six times for 86 laps**, including **the final three** in the Pepsi 400, leading the most laps for **the fourth time** in 2006. He has led the most laps in **four of the last six** restrictor-plate races.
- This is team owner **Joe Gibb's 50th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory** and his third at Daytona.
- **Joe Gibbs Racing** has won at least one race each season 1993-2006, **14 consecutive years**.

### Notebook Items

- **Kyle Busch** (second) scored his eighth top-10 finish in 17 races in 2006. It was his first top-10 finish in four races at Daytona. He climbed from 12th to eighth in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Kurt Busch** (third) scored his sixth top-10 finish in 2006. It was his fourth straight top-10 finish - extending a streak that began at Pocono. It is his fifth top-10 finish (all top fives) in 12 races at Daytona.
- **Boris Said** (fourth) scored his second top-10 finish in two races in 2006 - both in the last two weeks. It was his first **top-10 finish** in three races at Daytona. He also led in his first race other than a road-course event.
- **Matt Kenseth** (fifth) scored his **11th top-10 finish** in 2006. This was his fifth top-10 in 14 races at Daytona.
- **Kevin Harvick** (ninth) extended a **29-race streak** of running at the finish that began at California last September, the longest current streak.
- **Ryan Newman** finished **11th** at Daytona and extended a streak of five straight top-15 finishes.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (32nd) remained first in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings, but is now **just eight points ahead** of second-place **Matt Kenseth**.
- Johnson has been ranked among the top 10 for **86 consecutive races**, tying **Darrell Waltrip** for eighth in consecutive races in the points top-10 since the current point system was established in 1975.
- At least one of the 2006 Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a **top-15 finish** in all 17 races this season. Clint Bowyer finished 10th, posting his fourth top-10 finish in 2006 including both races at Daytona.
- The **15 different leaders** in the 2006 Pepsi 400 is a record for this event.

### Streaks that Ended at Daytona

- **Greg Biffle** (31st) dropped from **ninth to 11th** in the point standings and ended a streak of **seven straight top-10 finishes**, the longest top-10 streak of his career that began at Richmond in May.
- **Denny Hamlin** finished 17th at Daytona and ended a streak of **seven straight top-15 finishes**.

### Heading to Chicagoland

- **Twenty-two drivers** competed in all five races at Chicagoland Speedway.
- There have been **five different Bud Pole winners** in the five races at Chicagoland.
- **Kevin Harvick** is the only repeat race winner at Chicagoland, scoring back-to-back victories. Harvick won the inaugural race in 2001 and then won again there in 2002.
- **Greg Biffle** has posted **top-10 starts** in all three of his races at Chicagoland.
- **Jimmie Johnson** and **Tony Stewart** have each posted **top-five finishes in the last four races** at Chicagoland Speedway. They are the only drivers with four top-five finishes there.
- **Jimmie Johnson** leads all drivers with a **3.0 average finish** in his four races at Chicagoland Speedway.
- **A Chevrolet** has won **four of the five races** at Chicagoland Speedway. A **Dodge** won there in 2003. A Ford has never won at Chicagoland Speedway.
- **Three of the five races** at Chicagoland Speedway have been won from a starting position outside the top-10.
- No NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race at Chicagoland has ever been won from a top-five starting position.
- The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$90,000** at Chicagoland Speedway.