



Bud Pole Winner: Ryan Newman

Neighborhood Excellence 400 presented by Bank of America
Dover International Speedway
June 2, 2006

- **Ryan Newman** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Neighborhood Excellence 400 presented by Bank of America, lapping Dover International Speedway in 23.281 seconds at 154.633 mph. **Jeremy Mayfield** holds the track-qualifying record of 22.288 seconds, 161.522 mph - set June 4, 2004.
- This is Newman's 36th career Bud Pole in 165 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is his first Bud Pole and fourth top-10 start in 2006. It is his third front-row start this season.
- Newman posted his eighth top10 start in nine races at Dover. He has finished in the top-10 seven of his eight previous races, including three victories.
- Newman ended a streak of 14 races without a Bud Pole which tied the longest of his career. He posted his career-first Bud Pole in his third career start (qualifying for the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte in May 2001) - prior to his official rookie season. He went 14 races before scoring his second Bud Pole, which occurred at California in April 2002.
- **Jeremy Mayfield** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 23.322 seconds, 154.361 mph – and will join Newman on the front row for the Neighborhood Excellence 400. Mayfield posted his 10th top-10 start in 24 races at Dover. He has three Bud Poles here. Mayfield's best finish in his 23 previous Dover races was second in September 2003.
- This is the sixth Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2006, including the past three races. **Chevrolet** and **Ford** each have three. Qualifying was canceled at Bristol. This is the fourth all-Dodge front row of the season.
- **Jeff Gordon** (third) posted his fourth top-10 start in 2006. Gordon posted his 17th top-10 start in 27 races Dover. Gordon has 16 top-10 finishes, including four victories at Dover.
- Thirty-six of seventy races at Dover have been won from the top-three starting positions.
- **Kurt Busch** (fourth) has eight top-10 starts in 12 races at Dover. His best finish here was fifth in September 2004.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) posted his third top-10 start in 2006 and his fourth in 11 Dover races.
- Four drivers failed to qualify for the Neighborhood Excellence 400: **Stanton Barrett**, **Carl Long**, **Chad Chaffin**, and **Donnie Neuenberger**.
- **Ricky Rudd** (10th) qualified the Home Depot Chevrolet for **Tony Stewart**. Stewart is expected to start the race. Rudd posted 19 top-10 starts, including four Bud Poles, in his 55 previous races at Dover and started outside the top-20 just seven times.
- The most recent time a relief driver was used was in June 2005 when **Brendan Gaughan** relieved **Mike Bliss** No. 0 NetZero Chevrolet on lap 30 of the 200-lap event.
- The most recent time a relief driver won a race was in August 1997, when **Darrell Waltrip** relieved **Donny Allison** and won the August race at Talladega.