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Today's Winner: Jeff Burton Team: No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet

- Jeff Burton won the Dover 400 at Dover International Speedway, scoring his 18th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his 431st career start.
- This is **his first victory** in 2006 and first at Dover in 26 races here. His most recent victory came at Phoenix in October 2001 176 races ago.
- Burton became the **12th different race winner** in 2006.
- Burton climbed to 35th on NASCARS all-time win list, tied with Geoffrey Bodine, Neil Bonnet and Harry Gant.
- Burton won the **\$10,000 NASCAR NEXTEL Leader Bonus** for winning the race and leading the points.
- Burton won the race from **the 19th-place starting position**. **Matt Kenseth** also won the spring race at Dover from 19th.
- Burton climbed from **fifth to first in the point standings**, the biggest gain among the top 10. He is six points ahead of second-place **Jeff Gordon**.
- This is the **seventh time** in his career that Burton has held the point lead. He last held the point lead after California in **May 1999.**
- Burton led the final six laps in the Dover 400, the only laps he led during the race.
- This is team owner **Richard Chidress' 82nd NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**. Childress has scored **four** victories at Dover. His last Dover victory was by **Dale Earnhardt** in the 1993 Budweiser 500.
- Burton's victory was the 17th Chevrolet victory in 28 races in 2006.

Notebook

- Carl Edwards (second) scored his 14th top-10 finish in 2006 and his second top-10 finish in five races at Dover.
- Jeff Gordon (third) scored his 14th top-10 finish in 2006. It marked his 17th top-10 finish in 28 races at Dover. Gordon climbed from fourth to second in the point standings and is now just six points behind Burton.
- Kurt Busch (fourth) scored his ninth top-10 finish in 2006. It marked his fourth top-10 finish in 13 races at Dover.
- Greg Biffle (fifth) scored his 13th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his fourth top-10 finish in nine races Dover.
- Martin Truex Jr. (sixth) was the highest finishing rookie for the first time in 2006.
- **Denny Hamlin** (ninth) scored his **11th straight top-15 finish**.
- Matt Kenseth (10th) scored his sixth straight top-10 finish, extending a streak that began at Michigan in August.
- Jimmie Johnson (13th) has been ranked among the top 10 for 97 consecutive races. Johnson has been running at the finish in all 28 races in 2006. Johnson climbed from ninth to eighth in the point standings.
- Four rookies finished in the top-15 at Dover: Truex (sixth), Clint Bowyer (eighth), Denny Hamlin (ninth) and Reed Sorenson (11th). This is the fourth time this season that four rookies posted top-15 finishes.
- At least one of the Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a top-15 finish in all 28 races this season.
- Kevin Harvick (32nd) ended a **39-race streak** of running at the finish that began at California last September, which was the longest current streak. Mark Martin takes over the streak, running at the finish in the last **35 races.** Martin's streak began at Kansas City one year ago.
- Harvick also ended a streak of **11 straight top-15 finishes** that began at Daytona in July.
- Tony Stewart (33rd) remained 11th in the point standings. He has a 217-point lead over 12th-place Greg Biffle who finished fifth. This is the first year that Stewart will not finish among the top-10 since 1999, ending a seven-year streak. Stewart missed The Chase by 16 points. Stewart is chasing the \$1 million bonus for finishing 11th in the final point standings. Jeff Gordon finished 11th in 2005 and Jamie McMurray finished 11th in 2004, the inaugural year of the Chase.
- **Chevrolet** clinched the 2006 **Manufacturers' Championship** at Loudon- **the 30th Manufacturers' Championship** for Chevrolet. Chevrolet has won the Manufacturers' Championship in each of the last four years.
- Matt Kenseth led 215 laps in the Dover 400, leading the most laps for the fourth time in 2006. Kenseth also led the most at Las Vegas, Chicago and second Michigan.

The Chase Drivers

- Four of the 10 Chase drivers finished in the top 10 in the Dover 400.
- Six of the 10 of The Chase drivers changed points positions at Dover.
- Jeff Burton climbed from fifth to first in the point standings. He is one of five "first-timers" to compete in The Chase.
- Jeff Gordon climbed from fourth to second in the point standings. Gordon is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for the second time in three years. He is one of just two drivers that have competed in two of the three. Gordon finished third in 2004 and 11th in the 2005 final standings.
- Matt Kenseth remained third in the point standings. He is now 18 points behind point leader Burton. Kenseth is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for the third straight year. He is one of just three drivers to do so. Kenseth finished eighth in 2004 and seventh in 2005.
- Denny Hamlin dropped from second to fourth in the point standings. Hamlin is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for first time and is the first Raybestos rookie contender to compete in The Chase. He is 18 points behind point leader Burton.
- Kevin Harvick dropped from first to fifth in the point standings. Harvick is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for first time. He is also one of five "first-timers" to compete in The Chase.
- Mark Martin (14th today) remained sixth in the point standings. Martin is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for the third straight year. He is one of just three drivers to do so. Martin finished fourth in 2004 and 2005.
- **Dale Earnhardt** Jr., remained **seventh** in the point standings. He is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for the **second time in three years**. He is one of just two drivers that have competed in two of the three. Earnhardt finished **fifth** in 2004 and **19th** in the 2005 final standings.
- Jimmie Johnson climbed from ninth to eighth in the point standings. Johnson is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for the third straight year. Johnson finished second in 2004 and fifth in 2005.
- Kasey Kahne dropped from eighth to ninth in the point standings. Kahne is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for first time.
- Kyle Busch remained 10th in the point standings. He is competing in the Chase for the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup for first time and is one of five "first-timers" to compete in The Chase.

Heading to Kansas

- There have been **five different Bud Pole winners** in the five races at Kansas since the inaugural race there in 2001. **Matt Kenseth** is the defending Bud Pole winner there.
- Greg Biffle has posted two straight top-10 starts at Kansas, the longest current streak.
- There have been **four different race winners** in the five races at Kansas Speedway. **Jeff Gordon** posted back-toback victories winning the inaugural race in 2001 and then winning there again in 2002.
- Greg Biffle has posted two straight top-10 finishes at Kansas, both top-fives, the longest current streak.
- One year ago Mark Martin won at Kansas his most recent NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory.
- Ryan Newman and Jeff Gordon lead all drivers, each scoring three top-five finishes in five races at Kansas.
- Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon lead all drivers, each scoring four top-10 finishes in five races at Kansas Speedway.
- Jimmie Johnson leads all drivers with more than two starts with a 7.25 starting average in his four races at Kansas.
- Jeff Gordon leads all active drivers with a 6.0 finishing average in five races at Kansas Speedway.
- The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader Bonus will be worth **\$10,000** at Kansas Speedway.

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