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Today's Winner: Matt Kenseth

Team: No. 17 Pennzoil Ford

- **Matt Kenseth** won the 2006 Auto Club 500 at California Speedway, scoring his **11th** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **222nd** career start. Kenseth won from 31st, the deepest a race winner has started at California Speedway.
- Kenseth scored his **100th career** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup top-10 finish. It was his **fifth top-10 finish in nine races** at California Speedway.
- Kenseth's last victory came at Bristol in August 2005, **14 races earlier**.
- It was Kenseth's first California victory in nine races there.
- Nine of 11 Kenseth's victories have come on superspeedways.
- Kenseth moved into 49th on NASCAR's all-time winners list.
- Kenseth finished seventh in the 2005 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings and now ranks third after two races.
- Kenseth led four times for **40 laps** including **the final 33**. He did not lead the most laps.
- **Team owner Jack Roush scored the first "triple"** since Phoenix in October 2001 when Jeff Burton won the Busch and Cup races and Biffle won the Truck race. Mark Martin won the NASCAR Craftsman Truck race here on Friday. Greg Biffle won the Busch race on Saturday with Kenseth giving him the "triple" with his victory today.
- This was team owner Jack Roush's **90th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**.
- Roush has scored **two** NASCAR Craftsman Truck victories, **five** NASCAR Busch Series victories and **four** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victories at California Speedway.
- Kenseth has won at least one race each season 2002– 2006, **five consecutive years**.
- Jack Roush has won at least one race each season 1997-2006, **10 consecutive years**.

Notebook Items

- **Jimmie Johnson** has finished **first and second** in the first two races in 2006. He remained first in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. Johnson has **ranked among the top-10** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings for **71 straight races**, a streak that began after race No. 4 (Atlanta) in March 2004.
- **Greg Biffle** led the **most laps** (168) in the Auto Club 500. The last time he led the most laps in a race was at Phoenix last November.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (second) has finished first or second in four of his seven races at California Speedway.
- **Carl Edwards** (third) scored his best finish at California Speedway. It marked his fourth straight top-10 finish in four races here. Edwards has finished (in order) sixth, fifth, fourth and third at California since September 2004.
- **Kasey Kahne** (fourth) scored his third top-10 finish in six races at California Speedway.
- **Jeff Burton** (fifth) scored first top10 finish at California Speedway since April 2000. It is his fourth top-10 finish at California Speedway in 12 races.
- **J. J. Yeley** (eighth) was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contender in the 2006 Auto Club 500.
- **All seven** of the rookie contenders have competed in both races in 2006 and **four scored top-15 finishes in today's race**.
- Johnson (second in 2005), Jamie McMurray (fourth), Edwards (fifth) and Martin (seventh) also finished in the top 10 in this race one year ago
- **Joe Nemechek** (27th) has been running at the finish in the last **34 races**, a streak that began at Bristol last April, the longest current streak.
- **Tony Stewart** (43rd) ended a **30-race streak of running at the finish**, that began at Phoenix last April.
- The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$ 30,000** at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.
- **Heading to Las Vegas Motor Speedway**
 - * **No NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race** at Las Vegas has ever been won from a top-five starting position. In fact, **only two** have been won from the top 10.
 - * The late **Dale Earnhardt** still holds the best average finish of any driver at Las Vegas, with a 7.6 finishing average in three races there.
 - * **Matt Kenseth** (one of two drivers with two victories at Las Vegas) has led 221 laps there, more than any other driver.