Today's Winner: Kasey Kahne
Team: No. 9 Dodge Dealer's/ UAW Dodge

- **Kasey Kahne** won the 2006 Samsung/RadioShack 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, scoring his **third** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **79th** career start. Kahne's last victory came at **Atlanta,** three races ago. It was his **second victory** on a superspeedway. His career-first victory came at Richmond in May 2005.
- Kahne scored his first victory and second top-10 finish – both top-fives - in four races at Texas Motor Speedway.
- He became the **11th different race winner** in 11 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Texas.
- Kahne scored his **fifth top-10** finish in seven races this season.
- Kahne climbed from **fourth to third** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. After seven races in 2005, he ranked **23rd** in the point standings.
- Kahne led the final **27 laps** in today's race.
- **Evernham Motorsports** has won at least one race each season 2001– 2006, **six consecutive years**.
- This was team owner **Ray Evernham's ninth NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory** and **first** at Texas Motor Speedway.

Notebook Items

- **Tony Stewart** led the most laps (99) in the Samsung/RadioShack 500 - the **third time in 2006** that Stewart led the most laps in a race – all in the past three races.
- **Matt Kenseth** (second) posted his fourth top-10 finish in eight races at Texas Motor Speedway. He scored his fourth top-10 finish of the season, all top-fives and climbed from **third to second** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. One year ago he ranked **21st after seven races**.
- **Tony Stewart** (third) scored his sixth top-10 finish in nine races at Texas and climbed from **eighth to fifth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Denny Hamlin** (fourth) scored his second top-10 finish in two races at Texas Motor Speedway. It is his career-best finish and the highest finish by a rookie in 2006. It was Hamlin's second top-10 finish in 2006 and his second in as many races at Texas.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) scored his second top-10 finish in seven races at Texas. It was his third top-10 finish in 2006.
- **Scott Riggs** (seventh) scored his first top-10 finish in four races at Texas Motor Speedway. This is his second top-10 finish in six races this season after he failed to qualify for the 2006 Daytona 500.
- Denny **Hamlin** was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contender at Texas Motor Speedway.
- At least one of the 2006 Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a top-15 finish in every race this season.
- Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contenders **Denny Hamlin** (fourth) and **Martin Truex Jr**, (eighth) both finished in the top 10. The last time two rookies finished in the top 10 came at Phoenix in November 2005 when **Kyle Busch** finished first and **Travis Kvapil** finished 10th.
- **Joe Nemechek** (23rd) has been running at the finish in the last **39 races**, a streak that began at Bristol last April, the longest current streak.
- **Greg Biffle** (42nd) has finished **31st or worse in four of the seven** races this season. Biffle dropped from **18th to 23rd** in the point standings. **One year ago,** after seven races, he ranked **second in the point standings**.
- **Heading to Phoenix International Raceway**
  - **Five drivers** have started all 19 races at Phoenix International Raceway: **Mark Martin**, **Ken Schrader**, **Dale Jarrett**, **Ricky Rudd** and **Rusty Wallace**. Rudd and Wallace are not expected to compete in 2006.
  - **Only one** of the last five races at Phoenix have been won from a top-10 starting position.
  - **Three of the last four** races at Phoenix have been won by a **Chevrolet.** A **Dodge** has never won there.
  - **The Busch Brothers** swept the two NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Phoenix in 2005. **Kurt** won the spring race while **Kyle** won there last November.
  - **Kurt Busch** has scored **four straight top-10 finishes** at Phoenix, the longest current streak.
  - **Mark Martin** has posted 13 top-10 finishes in 19 races at Phoenix, the most of all drivers.
  - The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth $**50,000** at Phoenix International Raceway.