Bud Pole Winner: Brian Vickers

Dickies 500 – Texas Motor Speedway
Nov. 3, 2006

- **Brian Vickers** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Dickies 500, lapping Texas Motor Speedway in 27.518 seconds at 196.235 mph. He broke **Bill Elliott**'s track-qualifying record of 27.803 seconds, 194.224 mph - set April 5, 2002. The top eight drivers bettered Elliott's time.
- This is the fastest qualifying lap since Geoffrey Bodine posted a lap of 197.478 mph at Atlanta in November 1997.
- This is Vickers' fourth career Bud Pole in 111 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is his first Bud Pole and 11th top-10 start in 2006. He became the 15th different Bud Pole winner this season.
- This is Vickers' first Bud Pole and first top-10 start in five NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Texas Motor Speedway. His previous best start here was 13th in 2004.
- Vickers became the ninth different Bud Pole winner in 12 races at Texas Motor Speedway.
- **Elliott Sadler** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 27.637 seconds, 195.390 mph – and will join Vickers on the front row for the Dickies 500. Sadler posted his fourth top-10 start in 10 races at Texas. It is his third second-place start here.
- This is the 12th Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2006. **Dodge** has 15 Bud Poles and **Ford** has five. Qualifying was canceled at Bristol and the second Atlanta race.
- **Kurt Busch** (third) has posted just two top-10 starts in eight races at Texas – both this season.
- **Kasey Kahne** (fourth) has posted his fourth top-10 start in five Texas races – all fourth or better.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (fifth) has posted three top-10 starts in his seven races at Texas.
- Four of the 10 Chase drivers qualified in the top 10: Kahne, Johnson, **Denny Hamlin** (sixth) and **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (10th), **Kyle Busch** (11th), **Kevin Harvick** (21st), **Jeff Gordon** (23rd), **Mark Martin** (28th), **Jeff Burton** (29th) and **Matt Kenseth** (36th) are the Chase drivers starting outside the top 10.
- **David Gillliand** (seventh) posted his second top-10 start in his 13 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races. This is his first race at Texas in any of NASCAR's top-three series.
- **Terry Labonte** used a past champion's provisional to make the field for what is slated to be his final NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race.
- Seven drivers failed to qualify for the Dickies 500: **Chad Chaffin**, **Bill Elliott**, **Kevin Lepage**, **Mike Skinner**, **David Ragan**, **Derrike Cope** and **AJ Allmendinger**.

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