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## Today's Winner: Tony Stewart

### Team: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet

- **Tony Stewart** won the Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, scoring his **29th career** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **282nd** career start.
- Stewart moved into sole possession of **20th on NASCAR's All-Time win list**.
- This was Stewart's **fifth victory in 2006** and third in the last six races. He also won races at Martinsville, second Daytona, Kansas and second Atlanta.
- Stewart's **three victories in the Chase** are the most by a non-Chase driver since the program began in 2004.
- Stewart scored his **first victory** in 10 races at Texas. Stewart has scored seven top-10 finishes at Texas. It is his **third straight top-10 finish** at Texas.
- Stewart scored his **19th top-10 finish in 2006**.
- Stewart won the race from **the eighth-place starting position**.
- Stewart led the most laps for **the sixth time** in 2006, the most among all drivers.
- Stewart led **eight times for 278** of the 339 laps raced. This is **the most laps led in a race** by any driver at Texas. The previous record was 219 laps held by **Greg Biffle** set in April 2005.
- Race winner Stewart **led the final 16 laps** in the 2006 Dickies 500 at Texas.
- The **12 caution periods** tied the record for the most in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race at Texas set in April 2000.
- This was team owner **Joe Gibbs' 54th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory** and his **first** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory at Texas.
- **Joe Gibbs Racing** has won at least one race each season 1993-2006, **14 consecutive years**.
- Stewart's victory today was the **22nd Chevrolet victory** in 34 races in 2006.

### Notebook Items

- **Jimmie Johnson** (second) was **eighth in points** after the first four races in the Chase (after Talladega), then **156 points behind**, then point leader **Jeff Burton**. Four races later, Johnson has **climbed from eighth to first** in the point standings, **gaining 173 points** in the last four races.
- **Six of the 10** Chase drivers finished in the top 10. **All 10** of The Chase drivers changed points positions at Texas.
- **Five of the Chase drivers** led at Texas.
- **First and second are separated by just 17 points**. The **top five** in points are separated by **105 points**.
- **Four of the eight races** in the Chase have been won by Chase drivers
- **Denny Hamlin** and **Jeff Gordon** are the only Chase drivers to score **five top-10 finishes** in the eight Chase races.
- **Jimmie Johnson** has scored **four top-five finishes** in the eight Chase races, the most among the Chase drivers.
- **Jimmie Johnson** is the only driver to lead in **six of the eight** races in the Chase. He has scored **40 lap leader/bonus points**, the most among all drivers.
- **Tony Stewart** is the **only driver** to post multiple victories in the first eight races of the Chase. Stewart has scored **five top-five finishes** during the Chase, more than any other driver.
- **Kevin Harvick** (third) scored his 18th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his third top-10 finish in eight races at Texas.
- **Kyle Busch** (fourth) scored his 18th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his first top-10 finish in four races at Texas.
- **Clint Bowyer** (fifth) scored his 10th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his first top-10 finish in two races at Texas. **Bowyer** was the highest finishing rookie for the **eighth time** in 2006.
- At least one of the Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a **top-15 finish** in all **34 races** this season.

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