



Bud Pole Winner: Kasey Kahne

Ford 400 – Homestead-Miami Speedway

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- **Kasey Kahne** won the Bud Pole for the Ford 400, lapping Homestead-Miami Speedway in 30.293 seconds at 178.259 mph. **Jamie McMurray** holds the track-qualifying record of 29.816 seconds, 181.111 mph - set Nov. 14, 2003.
- This is Kahne's 12th career Bud Pole in 108 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is his sixth Bud Pole and 20th top-10 start in 2006. He tied **Kurt Busch** for the most Bud Poles this season. Kahne will win the yearly Bud Pole Award based on the tie-breaker of two second-place starts as to Busch's one.
- This is Kahne's first Bud Pole and third top-10 start in three races at Homestead-Miami Speedway. His starts have all been third or better.
- Kahne became the seventh different Bud Pole winner in eight races at Homestead-Miami Speedway.
- **Scott Riggs** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 30.300 seconds, 178.218 mph – and will join Kahne on the front row for the Ford 400. He posted his first start better than 25th in three Homestead races.
- This is the 16th Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2006. **Chevrolet** has 13 Bud Poles and **Ford** has five. Qualifying was canceled for the first race at Bristol and the second at Atlanta.
- **Kyle Busch** (third) has started fourth in his only other appearance at Homestead (2005). This is his best start since he won the Bud Pole at Phoenix in April.
- **Elliott Sadler** (fourth) has posted his first start better than 15th in eight Homestead races.
- **Jeff Burton** (fifth) has started from the top 10 just one other time in his eight races at Homestead.
- Four of the 10 Chase drivers qualified in the top 10: Kahne, Busch, Burton and **Kevin Harvick** (seventh). **Jeff Gordon** (12th), **Dale Earnhardt** (14th), **Jimmie Johnson** (15th), **Matt Kenseth** (19th), **Mark Martin** (26th) and **Denny Hamlin** (33rd) are the Chase drivers starting outside the top 10.
- **Juan Pablo Montoya** (29th) qualified for his career-first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup race.
- **Bill Elliott** used a past champion's provisional to make the field.
- The 56 drivers that entered the Ford 400 is the largest entry number of drivers to attempt to make a race since Daytona in February (58). **Morgan Shepherd** withdrew prior to qualifying.
- Thirteen drivers failed to qualify for the Ford 400: **Ward Burton**, **Brandon Whitt**, **Casey Atwood**, **Kenny Wallace**, **Todd Kluever**, **David Ragan**, **Michael Waltrip**, **Mike Skinner**, **Derrick Cope**, **Kevin Lepage**, **Carl Long**, **Chad Chaffin** and **Shepherd**.