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Today's Winner: Denny Hamlin

Team: No. 11 FedEx/Kinko's Chevrolet

- **Denny Hamlin** won the **Pennsylvania 500** at Pocono Raceway, scoring his **second** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **27th** career start.
- Hamlin also won the June race at Pocono, six races ago, and became the first rookie to sweep both races at a track since **Jimmie Johnson** won both races at Dover in 2002.
- Hamlin **won both Pocono races from the Bud Pole**. The last driver to sweep both races from the Bud Pole in a single season was **Jeff Gordon** at Martinsville in 2003.
- Hamlin's two victories at Pocono in 2006 marked **the sixth time** that a driver has swept both races at Pocono Raceway. Hamlin joined **Jimmie Johnson** (2004), **Bobby Labonte** (1999), **Tim Richmond** (1986), **Bill Elliott** (1985), and **Bobby Allison** (1982).
- Hamlin scored his **eighth top-10** finish in 20 races this season. He has posted top-15 finishes in 14 of the 20 races.
- Hamlin climbed from **12th to eighth** in the point standings, **the highest points position** of his 27-race career.
- **Hamlin led the most laps** for the second time in his career. He also led the most laps at Pocono in June when he scored his career-first victory, leading 83 laps.
- Hamlin led **five times** for **151 laps** including **the final 20 laps** in the Pennsylvania 500, a career high.
- This was team owner **Joe Gibbs's 51st NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**. Gibbs has scored **six** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victories at Pocono Raceway: **Bobby Labonte** (three), **Denny Hamlin** (two) and **Tony Stewart** (one). It was Gibbs fourth victory in 2006.
- **Joe Gibbs Racing** has won at least one race each season 1993-2006, **14 consecutive years**.

Notebook Items

- **Kurt Busch** (second) scored his eighth top-10 finish in 2006 and his sixth top-10 finish in 12 races Pocono Raceway. Busch has finished **first, second** and **second** in his last three races at Pocono.
- **Jeff Gordon** (third) scored his ninth top-10 finish in 2006. It was his 19th top-10 finish in 28 races at Pocono Raceway. He remained ninth in the point standings and is now **50 points** ahead of 11th-place **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**
- **Brian Vickers** (fourth) scored his fifth top-10 finish in 2006. This was his third top-10 in six races at Pocono Raceway - all top-fives.
- **Kevin Harvick** (fifth) scored his 11th top-10 finish 20 races in 2006, including the last four races. It was his fourth top-10 finish in 12 races at Pocono. Harvick extended a **32-race streak** of running at the finish that began at California last September, the longest current streak.
- **Jimmie Johnson** (sixth) posted his 16th top-10 finish in 2006, the most of all drivers. He remained first in the point standings, now 97 points ahead of second-place **Matt Kenseth**. Johnson has been ranked among the top 10 for **89 consecutive races**. He has scored **10 straight top-15 finishes** in 10 races at Pocono Raceway.
- **Jeff Burton** (ninth) scored his 13th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his **14th straight top-15 finish** extending a streak that began at Texas in April. It marked his 13th top-10 finish in 26 races at Pocono Raceway.
- **Kyle Busch** (12th) extended a streak of six straight top-15 finishes that began at Michigan in June.
- At least one of the Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a **top-15 finish** in all 20 races this season. Hamlin has been the highest finishing rookie in **11 races** in 2006.

Heading to Indianapolis

- **Twelfth to 10th** in the point standings are separated by just **44 points**.
- **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** (11th) is just **15 points** behind 10th-place **Tony Stewart**.
- **Five of the top-11 drivers** are separated by **20 points or less**.
- **Nine drivers** in the top-14 changed point's positions at Pocono.
- **Eleven drivers** have competed in all 12 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Indianapolis.
- **Jeff Gordon** leads the nine different Bud Pole winners with three Bud Poles at Indianapolis. **Ernie Irvan** scored two Bud Poles at Indy, the only other driver with multiple Bud Poles there.
- **Jeff Gordon** has scored **four victories** at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. **Dale Jarrett** is the only other multiple race winner at Indianapolis with two victories.
- **Jeff Gordon** has scored seven top-fives and 10 top-10 finishes in his 12 races at Indy, the most of any driver. He has scored top-10 finishes in **his last five races** at Indianapolis, the longest current streak.
- **Ryan Newman** leads all drivers with a **5.0 starting average** at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Newman has started from the top-10 in all five of his races at there.
- **Kasey Kahne** has a **3.0 finishing average** in his two races at Indianapolis.
- The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$120,000** at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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