Today's Winner: Jimmie Johnson
Team: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet

- **Jimmie Johnson** won the 2006 SUBWAY 500 at Martinsville Speedway, scoring his **23rd career** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **179th** career start. Johnson climbed from **seventh to third** in the Championship standings, **41 points behind** first-place Matt Kenseth
- Johnson moved into a **tie for 25th on NASCAR's All-Time win list**, tying **Ricky Rudd** who also won 23 races.
- This was Johnson's **fifth victory in 2006**. He also won races at Daytona, Las Vegas, Talladega and Indianapolis.
- Johnson became **the fourth Chase driver** to post a victory in the first six races of the Chase.
- Johnson scored his **second victory** in 10 races at Martinsville. Johnson last won at Martinsville in October 2004.
- Johnson scored his **20th top-10 finish in 2006**, the most among all drivers this season. It marked his **ninth straight top-10 finish** at Martinsville. Johnson finished 35th in his first race at Martinsville, his only DNF and only finish outside the top-10.
- Johnson has been ranked among the top 10 for **101 consecutive races**.
- Johnson's victory today was the **20th Chevrolet victory** in 32 races in 2006.
- Johnson won the race from **the ninth-place starting position.** Both races at Martinsville in 2006 were won from a top 10 starting position.
- Johnson led the most laps for **the second time** in 2006 and first time since Kansas, three races ago. Johnson led seven times for 245 of the 500 laps raced.
- Race winner Johnson **led the final 56 laps** in the 2006 SUBWAY 500 at Martinsville Speedway.
- This was team owner **Rick Hendrick's 149th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**. Hendrick has scored **nine victories** in 2006. Those victories were scored by **Jimmie Johnson** (five), **Jeff Gordon** (two), **Kyle Busch** (one) and **Brian Vickers** (one).
- It is **Hendrick's 14th victory** at Martinsville, ranking second among all car owners.

Chase Notes
- **Jeff Burton** (42nd) dropped from **first to fifth** in the point standings marking the **first time** that the point lead changed in **the second-half of the Chase** since the program's inception in 2004.
- **Five of the 10** Chase drivers finished in the top 10.
- **Nine of the 10** of The Chase drivers changed points positions at Martinsville.
- There have been **five changes in the second-place points position** in the six races in the Chase.
- The **top five** in points are separated by just **48 points**.
- **Four of the six races** in the Chase have been won by Chase drivers
- **Matt Kenseth** is the only driver to score **five top-15 finishes** in the six Chase races.
- **Jeff Burton** is the only Chase driver to score **four top-10 finishes** in the six races in the Chase.
- **Matt Kenseth**, **Jeff Burton, Jimmie Johnson** and **Jeff Gordon** have each led in **four of the six** races in the Chase.
- **Jimmie Johnson** is the only Chase driver to post **five top-10 starts** in the six races in the Chase.

Notebook Items
- **Denny Hamlin** (second) scored his **16th top-10 finish** in 2006. It was his second top-10 finish in three races at Martinsville. He was the highest finishing rookie for the **15th time** in 2006.
- **Bobby Labonte** (third) scored his **fourth top-10 finish in the last five races** and his eighth top-10 finish in 2006. It was his 13th top-10 finish in 28 races at Martinsville. Labonte and teammate **Kyle Petty** (10th) posted the first top-10s in the same race for **Petty Enterprises** since Phoenix November 1999: Kyle Petty (seventh) and **John Andretti** (eighth). Labonte scored
- **Tony Stewart** (fourth) scored his 17th top-10 finish in 2006. It was his ninth top-10 finish in 16 races at Martinsville. He remained **11th in the point standings**. He has a **246-point lead** over 12th-place **Carl Edwards**.
- **Jeff Gordon** (fifth) scored his 15th top-10 finish in 2006. It is his eighth straight top-10 finish at Martinsville.