



## Bud Pole Winner: Kyle Busch

Subway Fresh 500 – Phoenix International Raceway

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- **Kyle Busch** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Subway Fresh 500, lapping Phoenix International Raceway in 26.917 seconds at 133.744 mph. **Ryan Newman** holds the track-qualifying record of 26.499 seconds, 135.854 mph - set Nov. 5, 2004.
- This is Busch's second career Bud Pole and came in his 50th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race.
- This is Busch's fourth top-10 start this season – all in the past four races. It is his first start better than 15th in three races at Phoenix.
- Busch became the 13th different driver to post a Bud Pole at Phoenix – the fourth different one in the past four races.
- **Greg Biffle** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 26.990 seconds, 133.383 mph – and will join Kyle Busch on the front row for the Subway Fresh 500. Biffle has posted seven top-10 starts this season – failing to start in the top-10 in only the season-opening Dayton 500. It is his third top-10 start in five races at Phoenix – all in the past three races here.
- This is the third Bud Pole for **Chevrolet** in 2006. **Dodge** also has three Bud Poles and **Ford** has one. Qualifying was canceled at Bristol.
- **Tony Stewart** (third) posted his fourth top-10 start of the season – all third or better. It is his best start in nine races at Phoenix – bettering his previous best of sixth, which he had posted three times.
- **Matt Kenseth** (fourth) posted his best start of 2006 in posting his fourth top-10 start this season. It is his career-best start at Phoenix and first start better than 12th in his eight races here.
- **Carl Edwards** (fifth) posted his third top-10 start this season and his second in four races at Phoenix.
- Three Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year candidates qualified in the top-10 for the second straight race this season: **Denny Hamlin** (sixth), **Clint Bowyer** (eighth) and **Martin Truex Jr.** (ninth). Last race (Texas) **J.J. Yeley** joined Hamlin and Truex in starting in the top-10. This is the career-best start for Bowyer.
- **Brandon Ash** (40th) became the 55th driver to make the field for at least one race this season.
- Six drivers failed to qualify for the Subway Fresh 500: **Chad Chaffin**, **Mike Garvey**, **Chad Blount**, **Kevin Lepage**, **Morgan Shepherd** and **Steve Portenga**.