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## Today's Winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.

### Team: No. 8 Budweiser Chevrolet

- **Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the 2006 Crown Royal 400** at Richmond International Raceway, scoring his **17th** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **229th** career start. Earnhardt's last victory came at **Chicagoland Speedway** in July 2005, 28 races ago.
- **Four** of Earnhardt's **17** victories have come on a short track, including **three at Richmond**. Earnhardt's first short-track victory came at Richmond in his rookie season (2000).
- Earnhardt became the **seventh different race winner in 2006**.
- Earnhardt became **the first repeat race winner** in the 10 races at Richmond since September 2001.
- Earnhardt scored his **fourth top-10** finish in 10 races this season.
- He climbed from **eighth to sixth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. After 10 races in 2005, he ranked **ninth** in the point standings.
- Earnhardt moved to **38th on NASCAR's all-time winners list** tied with **Jeff Burton, Marvin Panch, and Curtis Turner**.
- Earnhardt led three times for **47 laps**, including the final 45 laps, in the **Crown Royal 400** at Richmond.
- Earnhardt has won a race each season 2000-2006, **seven consecutive years**.
- This was team owner **Teresa Earnhardt's** (DEI) **23rd NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**. DEI has scored **three** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victories at Richmond.
- DEI has won at least one race each season 2000-06, **seven consecutive years**.

### Notebook Items

- **Kevin Harvick** led the most laps for **the only the sixth time** in his career. Harvick led **272 laps**, the most laps that he has led in a race in his NASCAR NEXTEL Cup career.
- The last time Harvick led the most laps in a race was at Dover in September 2003, when he led 133 of the 400-lap race. Harvick has won only one of the six races in which he led the most laps: Chicagoland (July 2001).
- Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contender **Denny Hamlin** (second) posted his career-best finish. It is his third top-10 finish in 2006. This was his first race at Richmond International Raceway.
- **Kevin Harvick** (third) scored his fifth top-10 finish in 2006, all in the last six races. It was his fifth top-10 finish in 11 races at Richmond. Harvick climbed from **seventh to fifth** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings.
- **Greg Biffle** (fourth) scored his fourth top-10 finish in eight races at Richmond International Raceway, all in his last four races here. He climbed from 23rd to 20th in the point standings. One year ago he ranked third after 10 races.
- **Kyle Busch** (fifth) scored his third top-five finish in three races at Richmond. It was his fifth top-10 finish in 2006. He climbed from ninth to eighth in the point standings. One year ago he ranked 27th after 10 races.
- At least one of the Raybestos Rookie-of-the-Year contenders has scored **a top-15 finish** in every race this season.
- **Dave Blaney** (20th) extended a 28-race streak of running at the finish that began at Pocono last June and is the longest current streak.
- **Heading to Darlington Raceway**
  - **Three of the nine qualifying sessions** at Darlington since 2001 have been canceled by rain.
  - There have been **nine different race winners in the last 10 races** at Darlington (since September 2000). Only **Jimmie Johnson** has been able to repeat, winning both races there in 2004.
  - Darlington held just one race in 2005 for the first time since 1959, the end of a 45-year tradition of twice-a-year racing there. From 1950 thru 1959 only one race per season was held there except in 1952, which had two.
  - **Two of the last 10 races** at Darlington were won from **the 37th-place starting position**, the lowest race winner has started there since the inaugural race in 1950 which featured a 75-car field with the winner starting 43rd.
  - No driver has won a race from the Bud Pole at Darlington since **Dale Jarrett** in the 1997 Transouth Financial 500, 17 races ago.
  - **Kasey Kahne** has won two Bud poles in his three NASCAR NEXTEL Cup starts at Darlington.
  - **Elliott Sadler** and **Ryan Newman** each have five straight top-10 starts at Darlington, the longest current streak.
  - **Jimmie Johnson** has scored four straight top-10 finishes at Darlington, the longest current streak. Two of those finishes were victories in 2004. Johnson has scored six top-10 finishes in his seven races at Darlington.
  - The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$20,000** at Darlington Raceway.