



## Bud Pole Winner: Kurt Busch

Dodge/SaveMart 350 – Infineon Raceway

June 23, 2006

- **Kurt Busch** won the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Bud Pole for the Dodge/SaveMart 350, lapping Infineon Raceway in 76.987 seconds at 93.055 mph. **Jeff Gordon** holds the track-qualifying record of 75.950 seconds, 94.325 mph - set June 24, 2005.
- This is Kurt Busch's fifth career Bud Pole in 200 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races.
- This is his second Bud Pole and series-leading 12th top-10 start in 2006.
- This is Busch's first Bud Pole and fifth top-10, including four top-fives, in six NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at Infineon Raceway.
- Busch became the 10th different Bud Pole winner at Infineon.
- **Jamie McMurray** posted the second-quickest qualifying lap of 77.075 seconds, 92.948 mph – and will join Kurt Busch on the front row for the Dodge/SaveMart 350. McMurray posted his first start better than 11th in his fourth qualifying effort at Infineon. It is his career-best road-course start. He also started 11th at Watkins Glen in 2005 when qualifying was canceled.
- This is the eighth Bud Pole for **Dodge** in 2006. **Chevrolet** has four Bud Poles and **Ford** has three. Qualifying was canceled at Bristol.
- **Kevin Harvick** (third) posted his third top-10 start in six Infineon races and his career-best road-course start.
- **Ryan Newman** (fourth) posted his first top-10 start in five races at Infineon Raceway. His previous career-best road-course start was fifth at Watkins Glen in 2002.
- The top-four qualifiers all posted their career-best, road-course starts.
- **Boris Said** (fifth) posted his fourth top-10 start in seven races at Infineon Raceway. He won the Bud Pole here in 2003.
- **Kasey Kahne** (sixth) posted his first start better than 26th in three races at Infineon.
- **Greg Biffle** (seventh) has posted two top-10 starts in four races at Infineon Raceway – but his other two starts were 32nd and 41st.
- **Jeff Gordon** (11th) has now gone 36 races since his last Bud Pole, which came at Infineon in May 2005 - extending his career-longest streak without a Bud Pole. Gordon went 30 races between Bud Poles from Charlotte in May 1997 through California in May 1998 – his longest streak before this.
- Said, **P.J. Jones** (15th), **Ron Fellows** (17th), **Tom Hubert** (30th) and **David Gilliland** (31st) brought the total number of drivers that have competed this season to 63. This will be the first-career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup start for Gilliland.
- Five drivers failed to qualify for the Dodge/SaveMart 350: **Johnny Miller**, **Chris Cook**, **Travis Kvapil**, **Stanton Barrett**, and **Brian Simo**.