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Today's Winner: Jimmie Johnson

Team: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet

- **Jimmie Johnson won the 2006 Aaron's 499** at Talladega Superspeedway, scoring his **21st** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory in his **156th** career start. Johnson's last victory came at **Las Vegas** in March, **six** races ago.
- Johnson also won **the \$60,000 NASCAR NEXTEL Leader Bonus** for winning the race and leading the points. This is the second time this season that Johnson has won the bonus claiming all \$90,000 in the first nine races.
- **Twenty** of Johnson's **21 victories** have come on a superspeedway.
- This is Johnson's **second victory** in a restrictor plate race. His first came in this year's Daytona 500.
- Johnson has scored **three victories in nine races** in 2006, the most of all drivers.
- Johnson became the **34th different race winner** in 74 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Talladega.
- Johnson scored his **seventh top-10** finish in nine races this season, the most among all drivers.
- Johnson climbed from **second to first** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. After nine races in 2005, he also ranked **first** in the point standings.
- Johnson led only two times for three laps including the final lap in the Aaron's 499.
- This is team owner **Rick Hendrick's 143rd NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory**. Hendrick has scored **seven** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victories at Talladega, second only to **Richard Childress** who has nine.
- **Hendrick Motorsports** has won at least one race each season 1986-2006, **21 consecutive years**.

Notebook Items

- **Jeff Gordon** led the most laps for **the first time** in 2006. **Gordon led 62 laps** in today's race. The last time Gordon led the most laps in a race occurred one year ago in this race when he led 139 of the 194 lap race.
- **Tony Stewart** (second) posted his 10th top-10 finish in 15 races at Talladega Superspeedway. Stewart has finished second in six races at Talladega including the last three, but has yet to score a Talladega NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victory. He scored his sixth top-10 finish of the season, all top-fives and climbed from fifth to third in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. One year ago Stewart ranked **sixth after nine races**.
- **Brian Vickers** (third) scored his second top-10 finish in five races at Talladega Superspeedway and climbed from **19th to 14th** in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup point standings. It is his third top 10 finish this season.
- **Jeff Burton** (fourth) scored his 10th top-10 finish in 25 races at Talladega and his second-best best finish here. He finished third here in October 2001. It was his fifth top-10 finish in 2006. He climbed from 13th to 12th in the point standings. One year ago he ranked 18th after nine races.
- **Jamie McMurray** (fifth) scored his third top-10 finish in eight races at Talladega. It was his third top-10 finish in 2006. He climbed from 20th to 17th in the point standings. One year ago he ranked 10th after nine races
- **J.J. Yeley finished 11th** Talladega and was the highest finishing Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contender.
- At least one Raybestos Rookie-of-the Year contenders has scored a **top-15 finish** in every race this season.
- Raybestos Rookie contenders **Clint Bowyer** and **Martin Truex** who were ranked in the top-15 in points coming into this race both were involved in the lap-9 accident and dropped to 18th and 20th respectively.
- **Mark Martin** (35th) ended a streak of **12 straight top-15 finishes** since Atlanta last October.
- **Joe Nemechek** (27th) **ended a 40-race streak** of running at the finish that began at Bristol last April, which was the longest current streak.
- **Heading to Richmond International Raceway**
 - * There have been **12 different Bud Pole winners in the last 12 races** at Richmond. This streak began with **Rusty Wallace's Bud Pole** there in May 2000.
 - * There have been **nine different race winners in the last nine races** at Richmond. This streak began with **Ricky Rudd's** victory there in September 2001.
 - * **Ryan Newman** has seven straight top-10 starts at Richmond, the longest current streak.
 - * **Mark Martin** has scored eight straight top-15 finishes at Richmond, the longest current streak.
 - * **The last six races at Richmond** have been won from a starting position of **seventh or better**.
 - * A **Dodge** has won **three of the last five** NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Richmond.
 - The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Leader bonus will be worth **\$10,000** at Richmond International Raceway.