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2006 ALLSTATE® 400 AT THE BRICKYARD®  
**DAILY TRACKSIDE REPORT**

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Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The Allstate 400 at the Brickyard is the 21<sup>st</sup> race of the 2006 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series.

Notes, quotes, trivia, historical information and other items will appear on these pages through Sunday, Aug. 6. Our Media Center staff, headed by Indianapolis Motor Speedway Public Relations Director Ron Green and Media Center Manager Bill York, is here to assist you and answer your questions during this event.

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**TODAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

8 a.m.	Indianapolis Motor Speedway public gates open
9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Chevy Day at the Brickyard activities, Pagoda Plaza, Museum Lot
1:30-2:30 p.m.	NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series practice
3:30-4:30 p.m.	NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series practice

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Timing and scoring monitors are located throughout the Media Center with up-to-the-minute times and speeds.

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Allstate 400 at the Brickyard information is available on the World Wide Web this week on the official Indianapolis Motor Speedway site, <http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com>, and the official NASCAR site, <http://www.nascar.com>. Included in the information will be practice summaries and performance histories, qualifying results, Daily Trackside Reports, driver quotes, race lineups and results.

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Brian Tyler led the last 62 laps to win the J.D. Byrider 100 USAC Silver Crown Series presented by K&N Engineering race Thursday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series standout Carl Edwards finished second.

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NEXTEL Cup Series star Carl Edwards is pulling "triple duty" this weekend, competing in three races in the Indianapolis area.

Edwards finished second Thursday night in the J.D. Byrider 100 USAC Silver Crown Series presented by K&N Engineering race at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis and also is scheduled to drive in the Kroger 200 NASCAR Busch Series race Saturday night at ORP and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard on Sunday.

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The Indianapolis Motor Speedway will provide transcripts of today's press conference featuring NASCAR Busch Series drivers attempting to qualify for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard and of the NEXTEL Wake-Up Call press conference with four-time Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Jeff Gordon.

The Busch Series drivers' press conference starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Economaki Press Conference Room. The NEXTEL Wake-Up Call with Gordon starts at noon on the fourth floor of the Media Center.

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NEXTEL Cup Series rookie Reed Sorenson was fastest among drivers participating in testing July 10 and 12 at IMS, with a top lap of 181.892 mph in the No. 41 Target Dodge.

2004 NEXTEL Cup Series champion Kurt Busch was second at 181.025 in the No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge.

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Selected Allstate 400 at the Brickyard statistical notes:

- The first and only time in the modern era of NASCAR that three brothers led at least one lap in the same race occurred in the inaugural race at the Brickyard in 1994, when Geoff Bodine, Brett Bodine and Todd Bodine each led.

- There have been eight different race winners in 12 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Indianapolis. There have been nine different pole winners in the 12 races.

- Nine drivers have raced in the Indianapolis 500 and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard during their careers: John Andretti, Geoff Brabham, A.J. Foyt, Larry Foyt, Robby Gordon, Jason Leffler, Scott Pruett, Tony Stewart and Danny Sullivan. Andretti (1994), Gordon (1997, 2002, 2003) and Stewart (1999 and 2001) are the only drivers to compete in both in the same year.

J.J. Yeley this year is attempting to become the 10<sup>th</sup> driver to race in the Indianapolis 500 and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. Yeley finished ninth in the 1998 Indianapolis 500.

- The third-place starting position is the only position to produce more than one race winner at Indianapolis: Jeff Gordon (1994 and '98) and Bobby Labonte (2000).

- Eleven drivers have competed in all 12 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup races at Indianapolis. Of the 11, only Joe Nemechek has yet to post a top-10 finish, his best being a 17<sup>th</sup> in 2004. The other 10 drivers are Jeff Burton, Bill Elliott, Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte, Sterling Marlin, Mark Martin, Ricky Rudd, Rusty Wallace and Michael Waltrip. Wallace is the only one not entered in 2006, with the list dropping to 10.

- The furthest back a race winner has started at Indianapolis was 27<sup>th</sup> by Jeff Gordon in 2001.

- Dale Jarrett is expected to make his 400<sup>th</sup> consecutive NASCAR NEXTEL Cup start at Indianapolis.

- Indiana native Ryan Newman has posted five straight top-10 starts at Indianapolis, the longest current streak.

- Former USAC star Kasey Kahne has posted two top-five finishes in two starts at Indianapolis.

- Jeff Gordon, raised in nearby Pittsboro, Ind., has led the most Allstate 400 at the Brickyard laps with 433.

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- Bill Elliott has completed all but one of the 1,921 laps of Allstate 400 at the Brickyard competition to date at Indy. Second is Joe Nemechek at 1,896, and next comes Jeff Burton at 1,885.

- Jeff Gordon will seek to become the first NASCAR driver to win more than \$5 million in Allstate 400 at the Brickyard competition. He has earned \$4,911,998 to date.

- Jeff Gordon has led nine of 12 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard races, most of any driver.

- The most times running at the finish of all 12 races is 12 by Jeff Burton, Bill Elliott and Michael Waltrip.

- The closest separation between fastest and slowest qualifiers at the Brickyard is .746 of a second between Brett Bodine and Hut Stricklin in 2000. Bodine's car qualified with the fastest lap the previous day at 181.072 but started 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Actor Chris Noth will serve as the grand marshal of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

Noth will participate in pre-race activities, including the waving of the green flag to signal the start of the race.

Noth is perhaps best known from his roles as Detective Mike Logan on NBC's long-running crime dramas "Law & Order" and "Law and Order: Criminal Intent" and Mr. Big from the hit HBO series "Sex & the City," for which he earned a Golden Globe nomination.

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NEXTEL Cup Series points leader Jimmie Johnson and his wife, Chandra, announced this morning in the Economaki Press Conference Room a commitment by The Jimmie Johnson Foundation to raise \$600,000 to build “Victory Lanes,” a four-lane bowling alley at Kyle and Pattie Petty’s Victory Junction Gang Camp in Randleman, N.C.

In support of its NEXTEL Cup Series driver, Lowe’s, through its Charitable and Educational Foundation, announced it would fund half of the project with a \$300,000 donation.

Fans also may donate to the cause by visiting [www.jimmiejohnsonfoundation.org](http://www.jimmiejohnsonfoundation.org). A limited edition “Victory Lanes” commemorative coin is available with a donation of \$48 or more. The first 100 donors will have their coins autographed by Jimmie Johnson.

Johnson also unveiled a special paint scheme on the No. 48 Lowe’s Chevrolet featuring the “Victory Lanes” coin and the Jimmie Johnson Foundation logo. He will drive that car in the Busch Series race Sept. 2 at California Speedway.

**JIMMIE JOHNSON:** “I think everyone talks about getting support from their sponsors. This is proof of just how much my sponsor believes in what Chandra and I are trying to build with our foundation. We have been working on these plans for quite some time with Pattie and Kyle, and we can’t wait to see the first campers visit ‘Victory Lanes.’”

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Nine drivers are making their first attempt to qualify for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard: Clint Bowyer, Chad Chaffin, Denny Hamlin, Stephen Leicht, Paul Menard, Johnny Sauter, Reed Sorenson, David Stremme and J.J. Yeley.

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### TRACK MILESTONES:

·**Qualifying record:** 186.293 mph, Casey Mears, 2004

·**Fastest lap, July 2006 testing:** 181.892, Reed Sorenson, July 12

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### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP FIRST PRACTICE:

At 1:30 p.m., the beginning of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup practice, the ambient temperature was 82 degrees with a relative humidity of 45 percent and north winds at 7 mph. The track temperature was 124 degrees, according to team tire specialists with temperature gauges. Skies were sunny.

1:30 p.m. – **GREEN.** #48 Johnson first on track, followed by #26 McMurray, #25 Vickers.

1:45 p.m. – #21 Schrader fastest at 178.880 mph.

1:55 p.m. – Defending race winner #20 Stewart on track for first time.

2 p.m. – Top five drivers -- #07 Bowyer (179.279), #21 Schrader (178.880), #7 R. Gordon (178.465), #8 Earnhardt (178.419), #29 Harvick (178.137) – each have turned just one lap.

2:02 p.m. – **RED.** #60 Said brushes wall, continues. Debris on track.

2:09 p.m. – **GREEN.**

2:12 p.m. – #21 Schrader fastest at 180.321. #7 R. Gordon second at 180.029.

2:34 p.m. – **RED.** End of session.

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### Top Five Drivers, First Practice:

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| 1. | #21 Ken Schrader | 180.321 mph |
| 2. | #7 Robby Gordon  | 180.029     |
| 3. | #07 Clint Bowyer | 179.279     |
| 4. | #11 Denny Hamlin | 178.806     |
| 5. | #42 Casey Mears  | 178.628     |

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IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series veteran Thiago Medeiros visited Gasoline Alley today. Medeiros finished seventh in the J.D. Byrider 100 USAC Silver Crown Series presented by K&N Engineering race Thursday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

**THIAGO MEDEIROS:** "I came here early this morning, and I was doing some pace car rides for Chevy. It was a great thing for myself. I was taking people around the track. We never say anything about having some more seat time. It was a blast being back at the (Indianapolis Motor Speedway). The Speedway is a very unique place. It was great having feedback from the crowd and the people we were taking around (the track) and how it feels to go through those turns and feel the Gs." (About whether he will be at the track this weekend): "I think I am becoming a Hoosier very slowly. I don't know if I will be pulling for Tony Stewart or Jeff Gordon yet. I met those two guys. I think they are very nice. I have been living in Indiana for three years. If you guys accept me as a Hoosier, I will become one. It is hard to say (who I am rooting for). I like it here a lot.(Indiana) has nice entertainment, nice bars and nice people who welcome me a lot."

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Two-time Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Dale Jarrett met with the media today.

**DALE JARRETT:** (About activities in Indianapolis): "We had the opportunity to go to Indianapolis Colts training camp this morning and watch them go through their morning session and meet Coach Dungy after practice was over. Peyton Manning and Dallas Clark stopped by, and we had a conversation with them. So, it was a pretty fun day. The Colts look pretty good. Peyton Manning is just incredible. You wonder how they ever lose. He was talking about how difficult their schedule is and how difficult it's going to be to start their season playing his little brother. It'd be nice to see the Colts and the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl in Miami. I grew up a Colts' fan. At that time they were in Baltimore, but I've stayed a Colts fan over the years. I think Coach Dungy's a fan of the sport (NASCAR), and Dallas Clark came over and he seemed to know quite a bit about the sport. It's just one of the other perks that we get with being a part of this sport."

(About his chances of winning this weekend): "I'd like to stand here and be real positive, but we need to get back to running respectably. We haven't done that at all. We've had a lot of changes here, and to think that you're just all of a sudden because you come to place that you've won there -- I've been at those places too and we didn't run very good at those -- Pocono and Michigan. So we've got a lot of work to do. It's still exciting to come here. Just the opportunity to race here is exciting enough in itself. I still believe in my heart, even with what I just told you, you still want to believe you can get in the race car and I can make a little bit of a difference here and I can have a chance. Just racing here, regardless of how bad the season's been to this point, being able to come here is still quite a thrill."

(About starting the tradition of kissing the bricks): "Definitely spur of the moment. Todd Parrott came up with the idea, to be quite honest. I'd like to take credit, but it didn't even enter my mind. We were in Victory Lane, and Todd said, 'Come on, let's go,' and I didn't know where we were going, but he was leading me to the start/finish line to kiss the bricks. Something we got started and a great tradition now, it looks like. It's cool. It's kind of a NASCAR spin on how much we appreciate the opportunity to race here – for the victors to be able to go to the start/finish line and have their little ceremony right there. It's kind of fun to know that we were a part of getting that started."

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2003 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Kevin Harvick met with the media today.

**KEVIN HARVICK:** (About returning to Indy): “I’m really excited. Any time you come to Indy, it’s just a lot of fun. The fact that you’re just being at Indy, with the history and everything of the racetrack and we’ve been fortunate enough to win here and that was the most exciting moment for a race in my career, so it’s a lot of fun to come back, and I enjoy racing here.”

(Is it different to return here as a winner?): “I think that it puts you in a pretty elite group of people and winners at the racetrack. It makes you feel good about yourself when you roll in the racetrack and know that you’ve made it happen here before.”

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NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series points leader Jimmie Johnson met with the media today after the announcement about his Jimmie Johnson Foundation’s intentions to build “Victory Lanes” bowling alley for the Victory Junction Gang Camp.

**JIMMIE JOHNSON:** (Do you learn a lot from Jeff Gordon about good setups here?): “I’ve definitely had to experiment and try new things here to be successful. We’ve tried things on road courses that the 24 has used, and with Jeff’s experience and knowledge of road course racing, and it’s made it really fast. We proved that at Sonoma. When I go to the Glen, I’m going to use the identical setup so I know that if I’m off the pace, it’s just me. And here, yeah, he has a ton of experience, and we did come with very similar setups, and as practice sessions develop, I’m going to be at his car trying to understand what he’s looking for, what is his setup and then carry that on to Sunday’s race.”

(Is this the best place for Gordon to tie Dale Earnhardt’s career victory total?): “I guess so. Thinking of it that way, how you brought up that questions, I was just thinking how cool it would be for him to tie Earnhardt here, personally, what he would be experiencing. I mean, you can’t control the fans, if the fans like you in that state or in the area of the country. It’s just something you have to deal with. I think that if it’s an 8 fan or a 20 fan, everyone respects what Jeff’s done when he ties Earnhardt. I think, regardless what happens, you have to respect what he’s done.

(If it comes down to the two of you, will you have any will you have any qualms at all about taking that type of moment away from him?): “No, he’s won here enough. He’s got four here; he shouldn’t be selfish.”

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Kelly Rowland, a member of the chart-topping, Grammy-winning musical group Destiny’s Child, will sing the national anthem before the start of the 13<sup>th</sup> Allstate 400 at the Brickyard on Aug. 6 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Rowland, a native of Atlanta, burst into stardom in the late 1990s with Destiny’s Child, one of the top-selling female musical groups in history. Her first solo album, “Simply Deep,” sold more than 2 million copies after its release in 2002. She is recording her next solo album, “My Story ... Kelly Rowland,” which is due for release in early 2007.

Besides her musical career, Rowland has branched out into acting. She starred in the blockbuster film, “Freddie Vs. Jason” in 2003 and was featured in the comedy “The Seat Filler” in 2004. She also recently appeared in three episodes of the popular UPN TV series, “Girlfriends.”

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NASCAR fans can provide the gift of life by participating in the NASCAR Foundation Blood and Marrow Drive on Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The drive will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (ET) in the East Museum Lot in the infield of the Speedway, adjacent to the Speedway Hall of Fame Museum. Since the Drive is located inside the facility, participants must pay for gate admission, which is \$15.

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2005 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard runner-up Kasey Kahne met with the media today.

**KASEY KAHNE:** (How geared up are you and your team for the Allstate 400 at Indianapolis?): “As geared up as at any track. To me, this is the track I want to win at, in the worst way. I know my team does, too. They really enjoy racing here. Ray (Evernham) has won here before with Jeff (Gordon) and with Bill Elliott as an owner. It’s definitely a big weekend for us.”

(What does it take to be successful here with your experience?): “I have some notes that I’ve written down both years on why we were fast, or why we weren’t fast at times throughout the race. I think the biggest thing is being able to get through all the corners. But you have to sacrifice some of the corners to get through some of the other ones. Making the car go loose in some spots, to go faster in a couple of the other corners is what you have to do. To do that and just stay in the race. We’ve had some good races here and think we have a good shot at running up front.”

(Do you look back at last year’s experience as a good experience or a frustrating experience?): “It was a good experience. It was definitely disappointing that we didn’t win. I wanted to win pretty badly. I think we had an as good of a car as Tony (Stewart). We just didn’t get it done. But that was a big race for Tony, too. He did win that day. Hopefully this year it will be ours. It’s a tough race to win and a very, very cool place to be at all weekend long.”

(How tough is it to work traffic here?): “It just depends how your car is handling. If your car is handling good, you can work traffic pretty well. You just have to time your passes, that you do them in the right spot. If you don’t do them in the right spot, you are going to get passed by the car behind you, as he will have a run on you. It’s pretty critical to do your passes, doing everything at the right time. But if you have a good car, and hopefully our Dodge Charger is a good car, then you can definitely get it done.”

(Coming back how do you feel about running here again?): “I just feel like we are going to have another shot, if we do things right today and tomorrow and have just a flawless race on Sunday. You just can’t make mistakes as a driver or the crew. You just have got to pit on pit road perfectly. If we do all of that, we may still have a shot at winning here. This track fits the #9 car, fits our team, and hopefully we will put ourselves in position to win. We had a great test here two or three weeks ago and feel confident.”

(Where does this race and this place fall in your personal prestige scale, considering the time you’ve lived in the area?): “It’s at the top, for sure. The Daytona 500 is the biggest NASCAR race if you look at purse and you look at the history of Daytona and stock car racing. Indianapolis, to me, is the biggest race that I want to win right now. The track is excellent, the history of the Indy 500 whether it’s an IndyCar or a stock car, it doesn’t matter right now. I would love to win at Indy.”

(Benny Parsons was heard saying that you run the most unique line around this place than any other driver. Can you comment on that?): “For some reason, this track suits my driving style. I feel that looking at telemetry and data when we test here, it is definitely different that what teammates are running. I don’t know why that is, but I work on getting the car to roll in certain areas and be on the throttle in other spots some that sometimes you are not.”

(Benny Parsons also talked about how you pass people on the outside here, where normally that does not happen very often. What do you think?) “Yeah, I don’t want to really do that too often here. You are taking too big of a chance to get squished into the wall. It could happen in spots during the race at certain times. But it makes for good drama for the fans and makes it fun for me. I love it. I would much rather pass on the outside than the inside. You just really have to think about the walls and where you are at. Because people do not realize that you are there.”

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A new, specially outfitted Corvette Z06 will serve as Official Pace Car of the 13<sup>th</sup> Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Chevrolet cars have paced the prestigious NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race at each of the 12 previous events, but the Corvette has never before been the Chevy brand chosen to lead the field to the green flag at the historic 2.5-mile IMS oval.

The Corvette Z06 also served as the Official Pace Car of the 90<sup>th</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race in the month of May.

While all Corvettes are considered high-performance machines, the Corvette Z06 stands out as the fastest vehicle ever offered by Chevrolet and General Motors. The Corvette Z06 is capable of accelerating from 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds and has a top speed of 198 mph. With a dry-sump lubrication system, the Z06's engine is equipped to handle the highest cornering forces when traveling around Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 9-degree banked turns.

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The Indianapolis Motor Speedway again will join forces with the America Supports You program during the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard by selling commemorative dog tags and T-shirts, with proceeds benefiting Homes for Our Troops.

The Speedway first became affiliated with the America Supports You program in May 2005 during the 89<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500.

The dog tag, adorned with the official America Supports You logo, will be sold for \$5 and the T-shirt will sell for \$10 in a booth located in the Pagoda Plaza. Sales will take place from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (ET) Friday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Aug. 5, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. These items also will be sold Saturday at a booth in the Hall of Fame Museum Lot. Information about America Supports You and Homes for Our Troops will be available at the booth.

America Supports You is a nationwide program launched in November 2004 by the Department of Defense to recognize the support for our military men and women and to communicate that support to our Armed Forces members, both at home and overseas.

Homes for our Troops, founded in 2004, is a non-profit organization that is committed to helping members of the military who have given selflessly to their country and have returned home with serious disabilities and injuries.

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IndyCar Series rookie Jeff Simmons visited Gasline Alley today.

**JEFF SIMMONS:** "We had a weekend off, and I live here in Indy, so I just thought I'd come out and check it out today. That's about it, really. I'm driving for Bobby (Rahal) and hopefully that will continue for next year. I have a few friends over here. I've always been in the open-wheel camp, I guess, but I have a few friends over here, so I just wanted to come out and say hi to them. I've never seen the Cup cars go around here at Indy. The only thing I've ever seen go around here at Indy is the IndyCars, so I just wanted to come out and check it out."

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### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SECOND PRACTICE:

At 3:30 p.m., the beginning of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup practice, the ambient temperature was 84 degrees with a relative humidity of 37 percent and northeast winds at 13 mph. Skies were sunny.

·**Fastest lap, first practice:** 180.321, #21 Ken Schrader

3:30 p.m. – **GREEN.** #10 Riggs first on track.

3:37 p.m. -- #2 K. Busch fastest at 182.039 mph.

3:50 p.m. -- #9 Kahne second fastest at 181.995.

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**NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SECOND PRACTICE (cont.):**

4:22 p.m. – **RED**. #41 Sorenson does quarter-spin to the left in Turn 1, backing car into SAFER Barrier and completes full spin in short chute between Turns 1 and 2 after impact. Car coasts to inside apron of track near entrance of Turn 2. Sorenson climbs from car without assistance. Heavy damage to rear of car.

Medical update from NASCAR: #41 Reed Sorenson was evaluated and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center.

4:30 p.m. – **GREEN**.

4:35 p.m. – **RED**. End of session.

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The track temperature was 139 degrees at 3:45 p.m., according to team tire specialists with temperature gauges.

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**Top Five Drivers, Second Practice:**

1.	#2 Kurt Busch	182.039 mph
2.	#9 Kasey Kahne	181.995
3.	#7 Robby Gordon	181.181
4.	#10 Scott Riggs	181.097
5.	#21 Ken Schrader	180.908

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The top five speeds of the day all were posted in the second session. Ken Schrader and Robby Gordon were the only drivers in the top five in both sessions.

Schrader recorded speeds of 180.321 (first) and 180.908 (fifth) in the first and second sessions, respectively. Gordon was at 180.029 (second) and 181.181 (third) in the first and second sessions, respectively.

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Dean Kessel, director of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series marketing for Sprint Nextel, will make a presentation at 11:20 a.m. Sunday to Mark Martin commemorating Martin's 600<sup>th</sup> consecutive NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series start, which came in June at Dover, Del. The presentation will take place at the Nextel Experience behind the Hall of Fame Museum. Martin also will participate in a question-and-answer session with fans.

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IndyCar Series veteran Sarah Fisher visited Gasoline Alley today. Fisher will return to the series at the Meijer Indy 300 presented by Coca-Cola and Secret on Aug. 13 at Kentucky Speedway.

**SARAH FISHER:** "Just walking around and hanging out. It's the Brickyard." (Looking forward to driving again next weekend in an IndyCar?) "Yes. Next weekend at Kentucky is my first race back in the IRL. We'll see how it goes. We just want to get the name back out there. Refresh a little bit and get some laps in. Just try get back to where we left off." (What kind of rides have you had since your last run in an IndyCar?) "I've run in the West series but just haven't done any open wheel. So everyone in open wheel has been focused on what they're doing. But that's cool. I've run all sorts of things since then." (Have you had a chance to test in an IndyCar yet this year?) "No, Kentucky will be my first time back in an IndyCar."

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. met with the media today.

**DALE EARNHARDT JR.:** (You've been kind of snake bit here before, so what's your mindset going into today?): "We tested really good so I'm pretty pumped up about our opportunity. Track's pretty easy to drive, just hard to pass on it. Tony (Eury) Jr. wanted to get right into qualifying trim so we can get the best pit stall (that) we can get."

(Is Indianapolis the best place for Jeff Gordon to tie your dad's (Dale Earnhardt) 76-career wins mark, given the reception he might get at Talladega or a few other tracks?): "I guess, I suppose. It's inevitable that he'll go on and surpass maybe another driver or two. He's a really successful race car driver, one of the best the sport has seen. I don't know how many more races Daddy would've won had he been around, but obviously in time, had he raced four more years, Jeff would have passed him."

(Is race big enough for you guys that you want to go all-out, and maybe not worry as much about the Chase as much?): "We go balls-out every week to get them wins. This place doesn't really draw more out of me than any other track. I think it does for Tony (Stewart) and Jeff (Gordon) and Ryan (Newman), because of their ties to the place. It's the second-biggest race next to the Daytona 500. It's one of them that you want to have on your resume when you're done. The only thing different that I feel (about the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard) when I'm standing before I get in my car on Sunday is how big of a spectacle it is. Aside from the '500,' comparing it to Bristol, and Charlotte's and Atlanta's, the other bigger races of the season, it's such a big spectacle, and it's a lot of pressure. You're just really happy when you're able to strap down in that car and forget about what's going on outside that car."

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Jeff Gordon could become just the second five-time winner of a major race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a victory Sunday in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

Michael Schumacher became the first five-time winner when he captured the United States Grand Prix on July 2. Schumacher has won the USGP in 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Gordon is tied with four-time Indianapolis 500 winners A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears on the IMS win list. Gordon won the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard in 1994, 1998, 2001 and 2004. Foyt won the Indy 500 in 1961, 1964, 1967 and 1977; Unser won the "500" in 1970, 1971, 1978 and 1987. Mears won the "500" in 1979, 1984, 1988 and 1991.

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Petty Enterprises announced today General Mills will continue its primary sponsorship of the No. 43 Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series.

General Mills and its Cheerios/Betty Crocker brands will continue to grace the side of the famous No. 43 driven by 2000 NEXTEL Cup champion and 2000 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Bobby Labonte. General Mills started its relationship with the Petty team in 2000.

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### **SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE:**

7 a.m.	Public gates open
10:10 a.m.	NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series qualifying (two laps, all positions)
1:30-2:30 p.m.	NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series practice
3:30-4:30 p.m.	NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series final practice

### **END DAY 1 (FRIDAY) NOTES**

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**TODAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

7 a.m. Public gates open  
10:10 a.m. NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series qualifying (two laps, all positions)  
1:30-2:30 p.m. NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series practice  
3:30-4:30 p.m. NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series final practice

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Rick Crawford won the Power Stroke Diesel 200 presented by Ford and International NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race Friday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

Three drivers who are entered in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard competed in this race, with Mike Skinner finishing 18<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Hamilton Jr. 31<sup>st</sup> and Chad Chaffin 32<sup>nd</sup>.

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An update from Friday evening on the No. 41 Target Dodge of Reed Sorenson, who crashed heavily during the second practice Friday afternoon for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Sorenson was unhurt.

**JIMMY ELLEDGE (Crew chief, No. 41 Target Dodge):** (The car that Reed Sorenson crashed today, was that the car that ran fastest in testing here?): "Yes, that was the car ran the fastest lap out here in testing. It was also the car that we ran out here last year with Casey (Mears). But this car here (Reed's backup car) we hadn't tested here yet. This is not the backup car we brought here to the test. We actually brought a new (backup) car for the tests, just to try something different. It didn't seem to be any better. This backup car is just another one of my intermediate cars. It's really, really close to each other." (What kind of setup changes do you have to do?): "Well, basically we are taking everything from the wrecked car and putting in this backup car. Just to make sure everything is exactly right. So we put the same stuff on the car. It looks like we are changing a lot of things. But we really didn't have to change a lot of things. We took the spindles, because the brakes and the rotors and everything had been bedded and matched up to one another. Since we need to qualify first thing in the morning, we just took the whole assembly. The upper control arms, slugs, everything in one unit to put on here. Just to make sure that we can duplicate the setup as close as we can. It shouldn't be any problem because these cars, all of our intermediate cars, are taken the same number of rounds in each corner, the A-frames, the shims and everything are all the same. So I feel confident about that. We've run this car earlier this year, had a top-10 finish at Atlanta with it and finished 11<sup>th</sup> at the Southern 500 with it. So it's a good car." (You had the guys pull the motor out of the wrecked primary car?): "No, we put another motor in it. Just because it might have happened is it (the engine) may have spun backward. You know when the guys spin out; the motors are not made to go the wrong direction. Just out of safety we put a spare motor in it. It's the first backup, the No. 1 backup motor that was on our truck. That's why we swapped it. It's better than the one that was in the car."

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**TRACK MILESTONES:**

- **Qualifying record:** 186.293 mph, Casey Mears, 2004
- **Fastest lap, July 2006 testing:** 181.892, Reed Sorenson, July 12
- **Fastest lap, Friday practice:** 182.039, #2 Kurt Busch

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At 10:10 a.m., the beginning of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup qualifying, the ambient temperature was 79 degrees with a relative humidity of 57 percent and east winds at 8 mph. Skies were sunny.

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**POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

**(Best of two laps)**

<b>Time Of Day</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Rank</b>
10:10 a.m.	15	Paul Menard	50.499	178.221	1
10:13 a.m.	31	Jeff Burton	49.240	182.778	1
#31 Burton takes pole on his only qualifying lap.					
10:16 a.m.	19	Jeremy Mayfield	49.859	180.509	2
10:19 a.m.	66	Jeff Green	50.272	179.026	3
10:21 a.m.	96	Tony Raines	49.714	181.036	2
10:24 a.m.	88	Dale Jarrett	50.368	178.685	5
10:27 a.m.	07	Clint Bowyer	49.242	182.771	2
10:30 a.m.	22	Dave Blaney	50.856	176.970	8
10:33 a.m.	18	J.J. Yeley	49.404	182.171	3
10:35 a.m.	16	Greg Biffle	49.433	182.065	4
10:38 a.m.	1	Martin Truex Jr.	49.982	180.065	7
10:40 a.m.	48	Jimmie Johnson	49.386	182.238	3
10:43 a.m.	99	Carl Edwards	49.982	180.065	8
10:45 a.m.	20	Tony Stewart	50.305	178.909	11
10:47 a.m.	45	Kyle Petty	50.555	178.024	14

At 10:50 a.m., the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 51 percent and southeast winds at 12 mph. Skies were sunny.

10:50 a.m.	21	Ken Schrader	49.576	181.539	6
10:53 a.m.	60	Boris Said	50.412	178.529	14
10:55 a.m.	4	Scott Wimmer	50.355	178.731	13
10:57 a.m.	38	Elliott Sadler	50.215	179.229	11
11 a.m.	26	Jamie McMurray	49.882	180.426	9
11:02 a.m.	41	Reed Sorenson	50.765	177.288	20
11:04 a.m.	29	Kevin Harvick	49.523	181.734	6
11:07 a.m.	17	Matt Kenseth	49.965	180.126	11
11:09 a.m.	01	Joe Nemechek	49.969	180.112	12
11:12 a.m.	2	Kurt Busch	49.247	182.752	3
11:14 a.m.	43	Bobby Labonte	50.435	178.448	22
11:16 a.m.	10	Scott Riggs	49.703	181.076	9
11:19 a.m.	14	Sterling Marlin	50.323	178.845	20
11:22 a.m.	55	Michael Waltrip	50.536	178.091	26
11:24 a.m.	6	Mark Martin	49.935	180.234	13
11:27 a.m.	34	Chad Chaffin	50.177	179.365	18
11:30 a.m.	25	Brian Vickers	50.297	178.973	21
11:32 a.m.	12	Ryan Newman	49.471	181.925	7
11:35 a.m.	90	Stephen Leicht	50.863	176.946	34
11:38 a.m.	04	Bobby Hamilton Jr.	50.903	176.807	35

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**POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

**(Best of two laps)**

11:40 a.m.	61	Derrike Cope	51.565	174.537	36
11:43 a.m.	40	David Stremme	50.150	179.462	19
11:46 a.m.	8	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	50.301	178.923	24
11:49 a.m.	70	Johnny Sauter	50.676	177.599	34
11:51 a.m.	11	Denny Hamlin	49.741	180.937	12
11:53 a.m.	24	Jeff Gordon	49.860	180.505	14
11:56 a.m.	00	Bill Elliott	50.207	179.258	23
11:58 a.m.	37	Mike Skinner	49.865	180.487	15
12:01 p.m.	78	Kenny Wallace	50.223	179.201	26
12:04 p.m.	7	Robby Gordon	49.484	181.877	8
12:06 p.m.	32	Travis Kvapil	50.380	178.642	35
12:09 p.m.	42	Casey Mears	50.463	178.348	38
12:12 p.m.	49	Kevin Lepage	50.818	177.103	44
12:14 p.m.	5	Kyle Busch	50.414	178.522	37
12:16 p.m.	9	Kasey Kahne	49.331	182.441	4

All 50 drivers who made a qualifying attempt turned just one qualifying lap.

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Hall of Fame Racing co-owner Troy Aikman will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this afternoon in Canton, Ohio. Fellow team owner Roger Staubach was inducted into the Hall in 1985.

The team, which fields the No. 96 DLP HDTV Chevrolet driven by Tony Raines, receives engines, cars and technical assistance from Joe Gibbs Racing, owned by 1996 Hall inductee Gibbs.

**TROY AIKMAN:** "Obviously, this is a very exciting weekend for myself and the other Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees. It's a special honor, and one that means a great deal to me. We'll still have an eye on the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, though. Roger and I will be getting updates all afternoon on Sunday. It's one of the biggest races of the season, and if we weren't in Canton, we would be in Indy cheering on Tony and the DLP team. Getting inducted into the Hall of Fame and having a good run for the DLP 96 car would make for a great weekend."

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**ALLSTATE 400 AT THE BRICKYARD POST-QUALIFYING NOTES:**

•Jeff Burton's pole was his best start at the Brickyard in 13 tries. His best previous start was 16th in 1999. It is his fourth front-row start of the 2006 season and third pole. His other No. 1 starting spots came at Daytona (500) and Chicagoland. In his last four races, he has started on the pole at Chicagoland, second at Loudon and sixth at Pocono before taking the pole here.

•Clint Bowyer's second starting spot is his first on the front row for a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup event. His best previous start was third at Darlington. He also is the first first-time Brickyard starter (other than those in the inaugural in 1994) to start on the front row. The previous best start by a first-timer was third by Casey Atwood in 2001.

•Kurt Busch's third-place start is his best in six Allstate 400s at the Brickyard. His best previous starting spot was sixth in '03.

•Kasey Kahne's fourth-place starting spot is his second in a row in that position at Indy.

•Jimmie Johnson's fifth-place start is his best ever at Indy. His previous best was ninth in both '03 and '04.

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#### ALLSTATE 400 AT THE BRICKYARD POST-QUALIFYING NOTES (cont.):

- J.J. Yeley's sixth-place start is his fourth in the top six this season. His best is second at Texas.
- Ryan Newman has started in the top 10 at the Brickyard in his five previous races here. He starts eighth for this year's edition of the Brickyard.
- Scott Riggs qualified 12<sup>th</sup>, his best start in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. His best previous was 35<sup>th</sup> in 2005.
- Dale Jarrett's 35<sup>th</sup>-place start is his worst ever at the Brickyard. Two-time winner Jarrett's worst previous start was 34<sup>th</sup> in 2003.
- The number of drivers who have qualified for all the Brickyard events since the race began in 1994 shrunk from 11 to eight today. Those who will start their 13<sup>th</sup> straight race are Jeff Burton, Bill Elliott, Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte, Sterling Marlin, Mark Martin and Joe Nemechek. The three who are missing their first Allstate 400 at the Brickyard are Rusty Wallace, Ricky Rudd and Michael Waltrip. Only Waltrip was entered.
- NASCAR NEXTEL Cup track record holder Casey Mears has been up and down in starts at the Brickyard. In four starts, he has started 28<sup>th</sup>, first (with a track record of 186.293 mph), 40<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>.
- Tony Raines' starting position of 13<sup>th</sup> is his best at the Brickyard. His previous best was 33<sup>rd</sup> in 2003.
- Greg Biffle's start of seventh is his best at the Brickyard. His previous best was 16<sup>th</sup> in 2003.
- J.J. Yeley (sixth) and Clint Bowyer (second) represent the two first-time starters in the top 10 of this race since David Green (ninth) and Mike Skinner (sixth) in 1997.
- Those entered for the 13<sup>th</sup> running of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard who missed the starting lineup, and their number of previous starts at Indy: Paul Menard (0), Michael Waltrip (12), Johnny Sauter (0), Kevin Lepage (3), Stephen Leicht (0), Bobby Hamilton Jr. (1) and Derrike Cope (7).

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Joe Gibbs, owner of Joe Gibbs Racing and head coach of the Washington Redskins, made a statement today about the induction of the late Reggie White into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Gibbs and White collaborated on the Joe Gibbs Racing diversity program, which traces its roots back to May 2003. JGR and White formed the diversity program to create a grassroots stock car team that would identify and assist minorities with the desire and talent to make a career in motorsports.

Aric Almirola, 22, an original driver with the Joe Gibbs Racing diversity program, is now running full-time in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series while also competing in a handful of NASCAR Busch Series races. Marc Davis, 16, is the team's current driver in the diversity program, and has won six races so far this year in the Limited Late Model division at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway.

**JOE GIBBS:** "It's great to see Reggie being honored for his tremendous work ethic and success on the football field. He is well deserving of this honor and I am really happy that Sara, Jeremy and Jacolia will be part of the induction this weekend. They are a tremendous family and great people. Reggie excelled as a husband and father, and he honored the Lord with his life. It was a true pleasure to collaborate with him on the Joe Gibbs Racing diversity program. I know all the employees of Joe Gibbs Racing were looking forward to a long relationship with Reggie through this program. That said, we have continued to put 100 percent behind the program in Reggie's honor. Aric Almirola spent two years in the diversity program and is now racing full-time in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series while driving in a limited number of NASCAR Busch Series races. Our current driver, Marc Davis, has won several races at Hickory this season, and Chris Bristol had a lot of success in the program, as well. I think Reggie would be very, very proud of the program and the people representing it."

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**TRACK MILESTONES:**

- Qualifying record:** 186.293 mph, Casey Mears, 2004
- Fastest lap, July 2006 testing:** 181.892, Reed Sorenson, July 12
- Fastest lap, Friday practice:** 182.039, #2 Kurt Busch
- Pole lap, today:** 182.778, #31 Jeff Burton

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**NASCAR NEXTEL CUP PRACTICE:**

At 1:30 p.m., the beginning of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup practice, the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 38 percent and southwest winds at 3 mph. Skies were sunny.

1:30 p.m. – **GREEN.** #20 Stewart first on track, followed by #48 Johnson, #17 Kenseth.

1:33 p.m. – **RED.** Debris on track.

1:37 p.m. – **GREEN.**

1:53 p.m. -- #9 Kahne fastest at 175.915, followed by #07 Bowyer at 175.822, #29 Harvick at 175.661.

2:11 p.m. – **RED.** #2 Kurt Busch hits SAFER Barrier entering Turn 1. Glides along SAFER Barrier through Turn 1 and then slides across track in short chute between Turns 1 and 2, stopping on inside edge of track near entrance of Turn 2. Busch climbs from car without assistance. Moderate damage to right side of car. Front right wheel bent out 45 degrees due to impact. Busch was fourth-fastest in session at 175.589 mph before crash.

2:17 p.m. – **GREEN.**

Medical update from NASCAR: #2 Kurt Busch was evaluated and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center.

**KURT BUSCH:** “We just blew a left front tire, so we’ll just pull out our backup and give it our best effort. At least we still have a little bit of practice time to get back out there and shake the car down for tomorrow. Everything is OK. It seemed like I had plenty of time to brace myself, so we’ll bounce back from this. We’ll be OK.”

2:30 p.m. – **RED.** End of session. #9 Kahne fastest at 175.915.

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**Top Five Drivers, First Practice:**

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| 1. | #9 Kasey Kahne    | 175.915 mph |
| 2. | #07 Clint Bowyer  | 175.822     |
| 3. | #29 Kevin Harvick | 175.661     |
| 4. | #2 Kurt Busch     | 175.589     |
| 5. | #31 Jeff Burton   | 175.319     |

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#2 Kurt Busch will start from the rear of the 43-car starting field in a backup car after his primary #2 Miller Lite Dodge was damaged too severely to repair in a crash during the first practice.

**KURT BUSCH:** “We were on a seven-lap run with scuffed tires and just blew a left-front tire. Obviously, it was unexpected. The team has already pulled out the backup and gone to work. It’s not our best foot forward because that was a great car, almost a pole-sitting car. We’ll have a good backup and give it our best effort.” (Can you win with a backup?): “We certainly think we can. You put so much emphasis into one car to make it better. Obviously, one is an A car and one is a B. I work for Penske, and they build great cars. We tested the backup here, and it shook down OK. We should be all right. We’ll get some laps on it in Happy Hour and see where we stack up.”

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Jeff Burton and Clint Bowyer are the first teammates to start on the front row of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. Both drive a Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing.

It's only the second time that drivers from the same manufacturer have started on the front row in this race. In 2000, Ricky Rudd and Darrell Waltrip qualified first and second, respectively, in Fords.

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Actor Chris Noth took a few high-speed laps around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a Richard Petty Driving Experience stock car with NBC analyst Wally Dallenbach behind the wheel between the first and second practice today. The segment was filmed for use in the NBC broadcast of the race Sunday.

Noth, the grand marshal of the event, is perhaps best known from his roles as Detective Mike Logan on NBC's long-running crime dramas "Law & Order" and "Law and Order: Criminal Intent" and Mr. Big from the hit HBO series "Sex & the City," for which he earned a Golden Globe nomination. He recently starred and executive-produced the TNT Original film "Bad Apple," as well as starring as Roman general Pompey in the TNT epic miniseries "Caesar."

He also enjoyed a successful Broadway run of the revival of Gore Vidal's "The Best Man." On the silver screen, Noth has been seen in such films as "Cast Away," "Double Whammy" and "Glass House."

**CHRIS NOTH:** "Oh, my brain is a little rattled. You know, we couldn't hear each other in the car. That little tiny engine was a little loud. This is the first time I've done anything like this since I was 14 and took my mom's GTO out to hit the roads, and it was awesome. I didn't really understand what the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard was, but I'm going to be here every year now. I give myself two years before my team here puts me in a car. I'm going to start off small on the countryside and work my way up. How come you got no Pontiacs racing in this thing? I'm going to bring them back in about three years. GTO, that's what I want my car to be. This is a whole part of the country that I really dig. You know, being an East coaster, what do we have on the East coast? Down south, obviously they've got Daytona, but you know what, the heart of it is right here. With the original bricks and everything, it's going to be a hell of an exciting thing."

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### TRACK MILESTONES:

- Pole lap, today:** 182.778, #31 Jeff Burton
- Fastest lap, first practice today:** 175.915, #9 Kasey Kahne
- Fastest lap, Friday practice:** 182.039, #2 Kurt Busch
- Fastest lap, July 2006 testing:** 181.892, Reed Sorenson, July 12
- Qualifying record:** 186.293 mph, Casey Mears, 2004

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### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP PRACTICE:

At 3:30 p.m., the beginning of NASCAR NEXTEL Cup practice, the ambient temperature was 86 degrees with a relative humidity of 35 percent and east winds at 20 mph. Skies were sunny.

3:30 p.m. – **GREEN.**

3:41 p.m. -- #07 Bowyer pulls slowly into exit of pit lane and parks car near Formula One garages. Team reports flat left-front tire. Crew changes tire near F1 garage, rolls car to Gasoline Alley for further inspection.

3:47 p.m. -- #31 Burton fastest at 175.200, followed by #17 Kenseth at 174.314, #99 Edwards at 174.250.

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### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP PRACTICE (cont.):

4:30 p.m. – **RED**. End of session. #31 Burton fastest at 175.200.

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### Top Five Drivers, Second Practice:

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|----|------------------|-------------|
| 1. | #31 Jeff Burton  | 175.200 mph |
| 2. | #17 Matt Kenseth | 174.341     |
| 3. | #99 Carl Edwards | 174.250     |
| 4. | #07 Clint Bowyer | 173.940     |
| 5. | #21 Ken Schrader | 173.859     |

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#31 Jeff Burton and #07 Clint Bowyer were the only two drivers among the top five in both post-qualifying practice sessions today. They will start first and second, respectively, in the race Sunday.

Burton led the second practice at 175.200 and was fifth fastest in the first session at 175.319. His Richard Childress Racing teammate Bowyer was fourth in the second practice at 173.940 and second in the first practice at 175.822.

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The track temperature was 137 degrees at 3:25 p.m., five minutes before the start of the final practice session, according to team tire specialists with temperature gauges.

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Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Arie Luyendyk visited the Speedway today. Luyendyk, who won the “500” in 1990 and 1997, turned the fastest official lap in IMS history, 237.498, during qualifying for the 1996 Indianapolis 500.

**ARIE LUYENDYK:** “I was here to do some business. I had some meetings with the IndyCar folks. I'm going back home this afternoon. I went out on the straightaway and watched the cars go into Turn 1, and they looked good, they looked fast. I've seen them practice here before, but I've never seen a race here. I did the IROC race here in '98. I've been to a couple of NASCAR races but not this one yet.”

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### SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE:

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| 7 a.m.           | Public Gates Open  |
| 9-9:45 a.m.      | Live Music by Virgin Millionaires, Coca-Cola Stage           |
| 10-10:45 a.m.    | Live Music by J-Henry, Allstate Stage                        |
| 10:30-11:15 a.m. | Live Music by Virgin Millionaires, Coca-Cola Stage           |
| 11-11:45 a.m.    | Live Music by Jack Ingram, Allstate Stage                    |
| Noon-1 p.m.      | Live Music by Lorrie Morgan, Allstate Stage                  |
| 1 p.m.           | Pre-Race Ceremonies Begin                                    |
| 2 p.m.           | Driver Introductions   |
| 2:30 p.m.        | Start of Allstate 400 at the Brickyard (160 laps, 400 miles) |

**END DAY 2 (SATURDAY) NOTES**

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**TODAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

7 a.m. Public Gates Open  
9-9:45 a.m. Virgin Millionaires, Coca-Cola Stage  
10-10:45 a.m. J Henry, Allstate Stage  
10:30 a.m. Virgin Millionaires, Coca-Cola Stage  
11-11:45 a.m. Jack Ingram, Allstate Stage  
Noon-1 p.m. Lorrie Morgan, Allstate Stage  
1 p.m. Pre-Race Ceremonies Begin  
1:15 p.m. America Supports You/Homes For Our Troops Salute To Armed Forces  
1:20 p.m. IPD Motorcycle Drill Team  
1:35 p.m. Pace Car Parade  
1:48 p.m. Presentation Of Allstate Bricklayer Award  
1:50 p.m. Indiana State University Marching Band  
2 p.m. Driver Introductions  
2:27 p.m. "America the Beautiful," Indiana State University Marching Band  
2:31 p.m. Invocation, Rev. Howard Brammer, Trader's Point Christian Church, Indianapolis  
2:31 p.m. National Anthem, Kelly Rowland  
2:33 p.m. Flyover, Four F-16 Jets, 181<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing, Indiana Air National Guard, Terre Haute, Ind.  
2:38 p.m. Command To Start Engines, Mari Hulman George, IMS Chairman  
2:50 p.m. Start, Allstate 400 at the Brickyard (160 laps)  
Green Flag Waved By Grand Marshal Chris Noth

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Kevin Harvick won the Kroger 200 benefiting Riley Hospital for Children NASCAR Busch Series race Saturday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis.

The top five finishers in the race – Harvick, Reed Sorenson, J.J. Yeley, Greg Biffle and Jeff Burton – all will start in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard today.

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Goodyear released the following statement after Saturday's practice for the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

**STU GRANT (General manager of global race tires, Goodyear):** "Through the final practice session on Saturday, Goodyear engineers reported tire wear is improving. As with all 'green' track surfaces, we see rather high tire wear that will slow down as the track rubbers in. That is the case here this weekend. Also, a number of cars were running with their left front tires under the recommended air pressure inflation. Some teams experienced classic over-deflection failures as a result. Our engineers say the solution to the situation is for the teams to run higher air pressure in their left front tires. Based on our analysis, in the incident during today's practice it appeared the left front tire on Kurt Busch's car had been under-inflated. There could have been a puncture. We are not sure if it was low air pressure or a puncture that caused the tire to go down."

Goodyear has specified these minimum recommended tire air pressures for this event:

Left front: 18 psi  
Left rear: 17 psi  
Right front: 37 psi  
Right rear: 33 psi

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Chad Chaffin's Dodge is sporting a special paint scheme saluting the city of El Paso, Texas, in today's race. Chaffin will start 25<sup>th</sup> in a car that features a smiling chili pepper and sunburst on the hood with the slogan, "El Paso – Sun, Salsa, Smiles."

Heavy rain has caused extensive flooding in El Paso recently, as Texas Gov. Rick Perry has asked President Bush to declare the region a federal disaster area.

Last Thursday, 900 people were evacuated to the El Paso Convention Center due to heavy rainfall and flood damage, with another 600 forced to evacuate Friday.

**PIFAS SILVA (Communications manager, El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau):** "Chad qualifying is a bit of good news for a community which has had a lot of tough hurdles this past week. This is giving us a sense of pride for the city we proudly call home."

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Award-winning car designer and fabricator Chip Foose designed the special paint scheme this weekend on the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet driven by four-time Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Jeff Gordon.

The "Hot Hues"-themed paint scheme debuted in February during the Auto Club 500 at California Speedway. The fan response was so positive that Gordon decided to use the scheme again, at Indianapolis.

Foose is the lead designer and co-host of the hit show "Overhaulin'" on The Learning Channel. He founded Foose Design in 1998. The company, headquartered in Huntington Beach, Calif., specializes in illustration, graphics, ideation model making, surfacing, and the complete construction of automobiles and automobile-related products, including its unique line of Foose Design wheels.

The Foose logo is on the hood and rear deck lid of Gordon's car this weekend.

**CHIP FOOSE:** "It's a great event to come out here. It's a real honor to have my name on Jeff Gordon's car. So it'd be awesome to see Jeff Gordon to do real well. I'd be great to see him on Victory Lane. With DuPont and Jeff's team, just to be here with them is an honor. This is the first time I've been here to the Speedway. It is absolutely amazing. Looking forward to doing a tour of the facility; it is just phenomenal to me here." (About Foose logo on the hood and rear deck lid of Gordon's car): "Well, we have the Foose logo on Jeff's car because I designed his graphics." (When did you paint the car?): "I actually painted Jeff's car back in December. We ran this car at Fontana, California Speedway, in February. When Jeff saw the car, he asked if he could run it again at the Brickyard. So it was his decision to run it here. DuPont honored it, and it's a pleasure to be honored by both of them. It's truly an honor to be asked by Jeff to do the graphics on his car. Glad we made him happy with the new color scheme on the car."

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Checkers/Rally's, the Official Burger of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, will serve as the primary sponsor of the No. 37 Dodge driven by Mike Skinner in today's race.

Skinner will start 17<sup>th</sup> in the car fielded by R&J Racing.

**ROGER CRAVEN (Co-owner, R&J Racing):** "It's really exciting that we're carrying the colors of the Official Burger of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. We have a veteran driver in Mike and plan on giving Checkers/Rally's plenty of coverage in one of NASCAR's biggest races of the season."

**RICHARD S. TURER (Vice president of marketing, Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.):** "NASCAR is a natural fit for Checkers/Rally's as our business is all about cars and speed. We're thrilled to partner with R&J Racing and veteran driver Mike Skinner in one of NASCAR's biggest races of the season. Additionally our continued exposure in NASCAR will only help to accelerate our national franchise development plans."

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Dale Jarrett will make his 400<sup>th</sup> consecutive NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series start today.

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Today's race will be the first NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series event since November 1975 in which either Darrell or Michael Waltrip will not be in the starting lineup.

Darrell Waltrip retired as after the 2000 season. Michael Waltrip failed to qualify for this event in the No. 55 NAPA Dodge.

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### RACE SPECIFICS:

•Eight-time Allstate 400 at the Brickyard starter Brett Bodine drives the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Pace Car during the race. Bodine finished second to Jeff Gordon in the inaugural Allstate 400 at the Brickyard in 1994.

- Pit-road speed limit is 55 mph.
- The Pace Car speed will be 65 mph during caution periods.
- The race distance is 160 laps/400 miles on the 2.5-mile oval.
- The estimated pit window is every 34 to 36 laps, based on fuel mileage.
- The flagman for today's race is Rodney Wise.
- Goodyear has requested two competition caution periods, the first after approximately 15 laps and the second after approximately 40 laps.
- Within the first 40 laps, cars cannot fuel during green-flag racing.

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Drag racing legend Don "The Snake" Prudhomme visited Gasoline Alley today.

**DON PRUDHOMME:** "Well, I've been coming to the Speedway since about 1969, so I've seen a lot of it. The first year, Mario (Andretti) won, and I was here. The biggest surprise was to see NASCAR come in here, and I wasn't one who was real big on it when I first heard about it, but now it's the biggest thing ever. It's really done a lot for the community and I have a race shop here myself in Indy, so it's great. I've been to a couple of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyards, you know, but my best buddy is Rusty Wallace, and when he retired, I just don't go as much. But I used to go to a lot of his races and now that he's retired, you know, I just don't go. But, Chip Ganassi and different guys, I'm buddies with, and I know a lot of the different drivers and team owners and I enjoy being around it."

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Greg Zipadelli, crew chief of the No. 20 The Home Depot Chevrolet driven by defending race winner Tony Stewart, was presented the 2006 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard True Grit Award during pre-race ceremonies.

Zipadelli received \$10,000 cash as part of the award, which recognizes dedicated crew chiefs and mechanics in the motorsports industry.

Chris Paulsen, president and owner of C&R Racing, presented the award to Zipadelli. C&R, a multi-faceted manufacturer and distributor of high-quality racing parts, sponsors the award.

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A sampling of guests in attendance at the drivers' meeting: Actor and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard Grand Marshal Chris Noth, 90<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 winner Sam Hornish Jr. and John Middlebrook, General Motors vice president of global sales.

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2006 Indianapolis 500 winner Sam Hornish Jr. visited the track today and was a guest in the driver's meeting.

**SAM HORNISH JR.:** (Is it cool coming back here for this race as Indy 500 champion, and not having to race today?): "It's relaxing. It's really neat; I want to come out see Roger (Penske). Not too many team owners get an opportunity to win both the races (Indianapolis 500 and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard) in one year, so we've got half of it done. We're going to see if the Penske South guys can get the other half of it done. It would be pretty exciting to see them be able to do that." (Have you talked to Ryan Newman and Kurt Busch about that?): "I'm not trying to put any pressure on them; they've got enough as it is. They want to win just as bad as any of us want them to win, so I just keep my mouth shut and watch." (What was their reaction to your win here?): "They were really nice, really happy about it. They're both guys that know a lot about IndyCar racing and what it means." (From where are you going to watch the race?): "I'm not sure yet. I'm just following Roger around. That's probably where I need to be."

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Actor Chris Noth, the grand marshal of the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, offered his thoughts about the pre-race pageantry and Race Day scene at the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

**CHRIS NOTH:** "For someone has zero experience of NASCAR, this is eye-opening. The history of the track, the tradition, the enthusiasm, I mean this is like a mini-NASCAR Woodstock going on. So many people, it's like a small city here. It's got to be America's biggest sport. When you hear the roar of those cars and the thrill of those machines and the skill of the drivers, you can understand why. Now I'm an official NASCAR fan. I plan to come back next year." (Would your character from "Sex and the City" have taken Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker's character in the show) to a NASCAR race?): "I think she would have dug it. I think it would have been one of those little surprises you wouldn't expect, but she'd thrill to. It's too bad. If we had done the movie, there would have been a cross-country trip, and this would have been a great thing we would have done. She would have dug it."

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Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels attended the race today.

**MITCH DANIELS:** (Your thoughts on the statement that the three events at IMS are the equivalent of three Super Bowls for the city and state, from an economic and tourism standpoint): "I kind of disagree: I think they're bigger than the Super Bowl. It's important we never, ever take that for granted. First of all, just direct dollars. I was joking to somebody that my favorite spectator sport of all is watching out-of-staters spend money in Indiana, and thanks to the IMS this happens in a huge way. And secondly, the visibility it gives to the state is important, worldwide. Finally, this gives us three tremendous opportunities to show some hospitality to people who might bring jobs to Indiana, which is something we work on every day. And in a fun environment, and long-pressure sort of way, it gives me a chance to sell the state, and you bet I try to use that." (What does your day here entail?): "First of all, do some business for the state, second of all I try to be as accessible as I can. I try to be as accessible as you can be and still get the job done. These are wonderful opportunities. Mainly it's just a lot of fun: People want things signed, get your picture taken. It's more fun than you can imagine to just be able to talk to folks and pal around with people."

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**RACE RUNNING:**

•At 2:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 88 degrees with a relative humidity of 40 percent and west-southwest winds at 9 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 135 degrees, according to a tire specialist with the No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet driven by pole sitter Jeff Burton.

•#2 Kurt Busch, #88 Dale Jarrett and #34 Chad Chaffin will move to the rear of the field during the pace laps. Busch is starting in a backup car after crashing in his primary car during post-qualifying practice Saturday. He qualified third in the No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge. Jarrett and Chaffin had engine changes in their car since qualifying. Jarrett qualified 35th in the No. 88 UPS Ford; Chaffin qualified 25<sup>th</sup> in the BRUT/citigroup Dodge.

2:40 p.m. – Command to start engines by Mari Hulman George, Indianapolis Motor Speedway chairman of the board.

2:46 p.m. – All 43 starters pull away on first pace lap. No. 48 Johnson late leaving grid after Lowe's team worked feverishly to change the battery on the car on the grid.

Lap 1: **GREEN**. Grand marshal Chris Noth waves green flag to start 13<sup>th</sup> Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. #31 Burton leads into Turn 1. #9 Kahne passes #07 Bowyer for second.

•Jeff Burton led Lap 1, continuing the streak of the pole winner leading the first lap of all 13 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard races.

Lap 2: #48 Johnson passes #07 Bowyer entering Turn 3 for third. #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .911 of a second.

Lap 3: **YELLOW**. #38 Sadler hits outside retaining wall with rear of car in short chute between Turns 1 and 2. Sadler does quarter-spin in short chute, backs into wall, slides along wall and continues slowly around track to pit road and garage. Heavy damage to rear and right rear of car.

Lap 4: #01 Nemechek to pits for repair of damage of right-rear quarter panel and right-front damage. #60 Said to pits for repair of right-front damage. #41 Sorenson to pits, four tires, air pressure adjustment.

Lap 7: **GREEN**. #31 Burton, #9 Kahne first and second on restart. #9 Kahne passes #31 Burton with inside move on back straightaway for lead. #9 Kahne leads #31 Burton at line by .259 of a second. #24 J. Gordon slowing on main straightaway.

Lap 8: #24 J. Gordon slow on track. #31 Burton passes #9 Kahne with inside move in Turn 4 for lead.

Lap 9: #24 J. Gordon to pits, 27.8-second stop. Crew member crawled under left front of car during service. Tire deflated and sway bar broke on DuPont Chevrolet. Team reports that it will wait until first competition caution for repairs. Timing and scoring shows J. Gordon two laps down.

#31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .766 of a second.

Lap 10: Top 10 -- #31 Burton, #9 Kahne, #48 Johnson, #16 Biffle, #07 Bowyer, #18 Yeley, #29 Harvick, #12 Newman, #21 Schrader, #10 Riggs.

Lap 11: #07 Bowyer passes #16 Biffle for fourth. #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by 1.080 seconds.

Lap 13: #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .909 of a second.

Lap 14: #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .973 of a second.

Lap 15: #20 Stewart up to 15<sup>th</sup> after starting 32<sup>nd</sup>.

Lap 17: **YELLOW**. Competition caution. Forty-one of the 42 cars still running entered pits. #78 Wallace was only driver to stay on track. Extensive repairs to replace sway bar on #24 J. Gordon.

Order exiting pits: #31 Burton, #48 Johnson, #9 Kahne, #16 Biffle, #07 Bowyer, #29 Harvick, #18 Yeley, #12 Newman, #17 Kenseth, #10 Riggs.

Lap 18: #78 K. Wallace to pits.

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**RACE RUNNING (cont.):**

Lap 17 pit report:

Four tires and gas: #2 Kurt Busch, 16 seconds; #11 Hamlin, 16 seconds; #29 Harvick, 16 seconds; #16 Biffle, 15 seconds; #48 Johnson, 15 seconds

Four tires, gas, tire pressure adjustment: #18 Yeley, 16 seconds; #17 Kenseth, 16 seconds; #8 Earnhardt, 17 seconds; #7 R. Gordon, 15 seconds.

Four tires, gas, wedge adjustment: #9 Kahne, 16 seconds;

Four tires, gas, track bar adjustment: #31 Burton, 15 seconds; #20 Stewart, 15 seconds; #

Right tires, gas: #43 Labonte.

Four tires, gas, spring rubber removal: #96 Raines.

Four tires, gas, sway bar replacement: #24 J. Gordon, 1 minute, 50 seconds.

Lap 20: **GREEN, then YELLOW.** #60 Said makes contact with #41 Sorenson, who is inside Said entering Turn 3, and Said does half-spin and hits SAFER Barrier in Turn 3. Car spins into infield grass in between Turns 3 and 4. Said climbs from car without assistance.

#8 Earnhardt up to 21<sup>st</sup> after starting 31<sup>st</sup>.

On Lap 20 incident, Sorenson reported to crew that Said moved down track and collided with him.

Lap 21: #2 Kurt Busch to pits, four tires, fuel, 16 seconds. #24 J. Gordon returns to pits for more repairs, 27 seconds.

Lap 24: **GREEN.** #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .492 of a second.

Lap 27: #20 Stewart up to 12<sup>th</sup>.

Medical update from NASCAR: #60 Boris Said has been evaluated and released from Clarian Emergency Medical Center.

Lap 33: #20 Stewart up to 11<sup>th</sup>. #31 Burton leads #9 Kahne by .783 of a second.

Lap 37: #31 J. Burton leads #9 Kahne by .810 of a second.

Lap 39: #37 Skinner to pits,

Lap 40: **YELLOW.** Smoke trailing from #48 Johnson entering Turn 1. Johnson to pits with left front tire deflation. Fire in #48 pit after pit stop. Fire extinguished.

Lap 41: Nearly entire field pits. #78 Wallace does not pit, inherits lead.

Order exiting pits: #31 Burton, #16 Biffle, #29 Harvick, #9 Kahne, #6 Martin, #17 Kenseth, #07 Bowyer, #99 Edwards, #18 Yeley.

#25 Vickers up to 13<sup>th</sup> after starting 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 41 pit report:

Four tires, gas: #2 Kurt Busch, 14 seconds; #99 Edwards, 13 seconds; #9 Kahne, 13 seconds; #07 Bowyer, 15 seconds; #17 Kenseth, 14 seconds; #29 Harvick, 16 seconds; #8 Earnhardt, 17 seconds; #5 Kyle Busch, 17 seconds.

Four tires, gas, wedge adjustment: #11 Hamlin, 14 seconds; #6 Martin, 15 seconds.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure adjustment: #18 Yeley, 13 seconds; #31 Burton, 13 seconds; #16 Biffle, 15 seconds.

Four tires, gas, front fender repair: #48 Johnson, 27 seconds.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure and wedge adjustment: #12 Newman, 17 seconds.

Four tires, gas, added spring rubber: #20 Stewart, 14 seconds.

Lap 42: #48 Johnson returns to pits. Team taping left front fender, 42 seconds. #24 J. Gordon to pits, 16 seconds.

Lap 43: #78 Wallace to pits, four tires, gas, 18 seconds. #31 Burton inherits lead.

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**RACE RUNNING (cont.):**

Lap 45: **GREEN.** #31 Burton leads #16 Biffle by .106 of a second at end of lap.

**ELLIOTT SADLER:** “It’s crazy what 365 days will bring to you. Last year, it was sitting on the pole leading the race, then struggling this weekend. It got really loose under the 01 car, kind of took air off the spoiler. It’s a shame, 100 percent my fault.”

Lap 47: #31 Burton leads #16 Biffle by .508 of a second. #20 Stewart up to sixth.

Lap 49: #99 Edwards passes #20 Stewart for sixth.

Lap 50: Top 10 – #31 Burton, #16 Biffle, #29 Harvick, #6 Martin, #17 Kenseth, #99 Edwards, #20 Stewart, #9 Kahne, #18 Yeley, #11 Hamlin.

**BORIS SAID:** “Something in the front happened and they had to fix it in the pits, and then when we went back out it was really, really loose. I just rode around and came in under that caution and fixed it. Then we went out and, I don’t know, somebody just got into me just a little bit - just enough. It was just a racing deal. It wasn’t on purpose or anything, I don’t think. I don’t know who it was, but it’s unfortunate. I really just wanted to bide my time and be there at the end and learn. I’m not used to going out this early in the race, so I feel bad. I feel like I let the team down and all those fans who are supporting our SoBe Energy Drink car. It’s disappointing, but I’ll go home and watch it on the hotel TV.”

Lap 58: **YELLOW.** #19 Mayfield hit SAFER Barrier exiting Turn 1, continued. Light damage to right side of car. Mayfield to pits, crew repairs damage to left rear quarter-panel and right-front fender. Mayfield reported that handling problem caused him to loose control of car in Turn 1.

Nearly all remaining cars in field to pits.

Order exiting pits: #25 Vickers, #31 Burton, #29 Harvick, #99 Edwards, #16 Biffle, #17 Kenseth, #6 Martin, #9 Kahne, #18 Yeley, #11 Hamlin.

Lap 58 pit report:

Right-side tires, gas: #25 Vickers.

Four tires, gas: #29 Harvick, 15 seconds; #17 Kenseth, 15 seconds; #24 J. Gordon, 15 seconds; #99 Edwards, 14 seconds; #11 Hamlin, 15 seconds; #9 Kahne, 14 seconds; #16 Biffle, 17 seconds; #48 Johnson, 14 seconds; #20 Stewart, 25 seconds due to wheelnut gun problem; #12 Newman, 15 seconds; #8 Earnhardt, 19 seconds; #5 Kyle Busch, 21 seconds.

Four tires, gas, wedge adjustment: #6 Martin, 16 seconds; #7 R. Gordon.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure adjustment: #18 Yeley, 14 seconds; #31 Burton, 16 seconds.

Four tires, gas, track bar adjustment: #2 Kurt Busch.

Four tires, gas, added spring rubber: #96 Raines.

Lap 59: #20 Stewart returns to pits, 15 seconds. Wheelnut air gun failed on left rear, forcing team to check wheel. Stewart falls to 36<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 61: **GREEN.** #31 Burton passes #25 Vickers for lead.

Lap 62: #31 Burton leads #29 Harvick by .937 of a second. #19 Mayfield to garage.

Lap 64: #20 Stewart up to 28<sup>th</sup> after falling to 36<sup>th</sup> on restart.

Lap 65: #31 Burton leads #29 Harvick by .953 of a second.

Lap 67: #31 Burton leads #29 Harvick by .708 of a second. #17 Kenseth third, 2.838 seconds behind leader.

Lap 69: #31 Burton leads #29 Harvick by .334 of a second.

Lap 70: #29 Harvick passes #31 Burton for lead on front straight, leads by .554 of a second.

Lap 71: #31 Burton passes #29 Harvick for lead in short chute between Turns 1 and 2, Harvick repasses Burton for lead on back straightaway, Burton then passes Harvick for lead again, leads by .317 of a second at line.

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**RACE RUNNING (cont.):**

Lap 75: #29 Harvick leads #31 Burton by 1.632 seconds.

Lap 76: #99 Edwards passes #31 Burton for second.

Lap 77: #29 Harvick leads #99 Edwards by 2.224 seconds. Thirty-nine of 40 cars running are on lead lap. #24 J. Gordon one lap down.

Lap 78: #20 Stewart 23<sup>rd</sup>. Was 36<sup>th</sup> on Lap 61 restart.

Lap 79: #48 Johnson up to ninth.

Lap 80 (halfway): Top 20 – #29 Harvick, #99 Edwards, #31 Burton, #17 Kenseth, #6 Martin, #16 Biffle, #11 Hamlin, #48 Johnson, #9 Kahne, #26 McMurray, #07 Bowyer, #18 Yeley, #7 R. Gordon, #25 Vickers, #42 Mears, #21 Schrader, #2 Kurt Busch, #5 Kyle Busch, #4 Wimmer, #10 Riggs.

Lap 82: #48 Johnson climbs to eighth.

Lap 83: #29 Harvick leads #99 Edwards by 1.756 seconds. #31 Burton third, 5.987 seconds behind leader.

Lap 84: #48 Johnson climbs to seventh.

Lap 85: #17 Kenseth under #31 Burton in Turn 2 for third.

Lap 86: **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3.

Lap 87: All 40 cars still running to pits.

Order exiting pits: #29 Harvick, #31 Burton, #17 Kenseth, 6, 48, 11, 16, 99, 18, 9. #24 J. Gordon back on lead lap despite being three laps down earlier in race. J. Gordon has regained laps on each of the last three caution periods for being the leading car not on the lead lap.

Lap 87 pit report:

Four tires, gas: #29 Harvick, 15 seconds; #24 J. Gordon, 22 seconds; #99 Edwards, 16 seconds; #07 Bowyer, 15 seconds; #16 Biffle, 15 seconds; #26 McMurray, 18 seconds; #8 Earnhardt, 33 seconds, #5 Kyle Busch, 27 seconds.

Four tires, gas, wedge adjustment: #18 Yeley, #6 Martin, 15 seconds.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure adjustment: #48 Johnson, 15 seconds; #20 Stewart, 17 seconds.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure, wedge adjustment: #31 Burton, 13 seconds.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure, wedge, track bar adjustment: #2 Kurt Busch.

Four tires, gas, tire pressure, track bar adjustment: #7 R. Gordon, 17 seconds, #17 Kenseth, 17 seconds; #42 Mears.

Four tires, gas, track bar adjustment, removed spring rubber: #9 Kahne, 16 seconds.

Four tires, gas, added spring rubber: #12 Newman, 18 seconds.

Lap 90: **GREEN**. #19 Mayfield returns to race after lengthy repairs in garage. #31 J. Burton passes #29 Harvick for lead. #17 Kenseth also passes #29 Harvick for second.

Lap 94: #19 Mayfield to pits for further repairs.

Lap 96: #20 Stewart up to 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 97: #31 Burton leads #17 Kenseth by .974 of a second.

Lap 99: #24 J. Gordon up to 34<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 100: Top 10 – #31 Burton, #17 Kenseth, #29 Harvick, #6 Martin, #48 Johnson, #99 Edwards, #16 Biffle, #11 Hamlin, #42 Mears, #9 Kahne.

Lap 103: #31 Burton leads #17 Kenseth by 1.114 seconds. #24 J. Gordon up to 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lap 106: #31 Burton leads #17 Kenseth by .332 of a second. #20 Stewart up to 13<sup>th</sup>.

Lap 107: #31 Burton leads #17 Kenseth by .247 of a second. #00 Elliott to pits.

Lap 109: #31 Burton leads #17 Kenseth by .180 of a second. #17 Kenseth under #31 Burton for lead in Turn 3. #31 Burton tries to regain lead at line, falls .008 of a second short.

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**RACE RUNNING (cont.):**

Lap 110: #17 Kenseth holds lead on outside in Turns 1 and 2. #48 Johnson passes #6 Martin for fourth.

Lap 111: #17 Kenseth leads #31 Burton by .336 of a second. #29 Harvick third, .440 of a second behind leader. #48 Johnson fourth, .675 of a second behind leader.

Lap 112: #29 Harvick climbs to second, .399 of a second behind leader #17 Kenseth. #48 Johnson third, #6 Martin fourth. #31 Burton falls to fifth.

Lap 113: #11 Hamlin passes #31 Burton for fifth.

Lap 115: #17 Kenseth leads #29 Harvick by .363 of a second. #48 Johnson third, .447 of a second behind leader.

Lap 117: #48 Johnson passes #17 Kenseth for lead. #29 Harvick third.

Lap 118: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by .814 of a second.

Lap 119: #19 Mayfield to garage. #31 Burton falls to seventh.

Lap 121: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.445 seconds.

Lap 123: #40 Stremme to pits for routine service.

Lap 124: #16 Biffle, #6 Martin, #99 Edwards, #48 Johnson, #1 Truex, #8 Earnhardt, #20 Stewart, #11 Hamlin, #96 Raines to pits.

Lap 125: #17 Kenseth, #29 Harvick, #31 Burton, #18 Yeley, #07 Bowyer, #10 Riggs, #9 Kahne, #2 Kurt Busch, #24 J. Gordon, #34 Chaffin, #25 Vickers, #42 Mears to pits.

Lap 126: #12 Newman to pits.

Lap 124-126 pit report:

Four tires, gas: #24 J. Gordon, 15 seconds; #29 Harvick, 15 seconds; #11 Hamlin, 13.59 seconds; #2 Kurt Busch, 14 seconds; #31 Burton, 15 seconds; #16 Biffle, 15 seconds; #6 Martin, 16 seconds, #20 Stewart, 19 seconds; #7 R. Gordon, 18 seconds, #8 Earnhardt, 16 seconds, #5 Kyle Busch, 17 seconds, #18 Yeley.

Four tires, gas, track bar adjustment: #48 Johnson, 15 seconds; #99 Edwards, 14.5 seconds; #17 Kenseth, 15 seconds; #25 Vickers.

Four tires, gas, track bar and air pressure adjustment: #12 Newman, 15 seconds.

Lap 135: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.850 seconds. #11 Hamlin third, 2.773 seconds behind leader.

Lap 136: Teams of #31 Burton, #6 Martin, #16 Biffle, #29 Harvick, #18 Yeley, #11 Hamlin report they has enough gas to finish race without pit stop. Roush Racing reports uncertainty whether #17 Kenseth can go distance. Roush Racing reports #6 Martin may have loose wheel.

Lap 137: #43 Labonte to garage.

Lap 139: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.672 seconds.

Lap 141: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 2.308 seconds.

Lap 143: **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3. Smoke reported trailing from #6 Martin. #31 Burton, #48 Johnson, #17 Kenseth, #11 Hamlin, #99 Edwards, #9 Kahne, #10 Riggs, #2 Kurt Busch, #96 Raines, #26 McMurray, #24 J. Gordon, #6 Martin, #20 Stewart, #07 Bowyer, #18 Yeley to pits. #11 Hamlin first car out of pits.

Lap 143 pit report:

Right side tires, gas: #11 Hamlin, 8.3 seconds.

Four tires, gas: #17 Kenseth, 13 seconds; #31 Burton, 15 seconds; #99 Edwards, 17 seconds, #16 Biffle, 10 seconds, #24 J. Gordon, 15 seconds, #29 Harvick, #15 seconds.

Four tires, gas, track bar adjustment: #48 Johnson, 14 seconds.

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#### RACE RUNNING (cont.):

Cars not pitting: #5 Kyle Busch, #8 Earnhardt, #12 Newman, #01 Nemechek.

Restart order: #5 Kyle Busch, #8 Earnhardt, #12 Newman, #01 Nemechek, #11 Hamlin, #07 Bowyer, #17 Kenseth, #48 Johnson, #99 Edwards, #6 Martin.

Lap 147: **GREEN.** #5 Kyle Busch leads #8 Earnhardt by .177 of a second. #07 Bowyer third, 1.546 seconds behind leader.

Lap 149: #5 Kyle Busch leads #8 Earnhardt by .293 of a second. #48 Johnson third, .883 of a second behind leader.

Lap 150: #48 Johnson still third, but only .187 of a second behind

Lap 151: #8 Earnhardt under Busch for lead in Turn 2. #48 Johnson passes Busch for second on backstretch. #48 Johnson under Earnhardt in Turn 4 for lead, leads by .108 of a second at line.

Lap 152: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.274 seconds. #8 Earnhardt third, 1.440 seconds behind leader.

Lap 153: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.237 seconds. #8 Earnhardt third, 2.141 seconds behind leader.

Lap 155: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.541 seconds. #29 Harvick third, 2.986 seconds behind leader. #8 Earnhardt sixth.

Lap 156: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.977 seconds.

Lap 157: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 2.018 seconds.

Lap 158: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 1.883 seconds.

Lap 159: #48 Johnson leads #17 Kenseth by 2.144 seconds.

Lap 160: **YELLOW, then CHECKERED.** #48 Jimmie Johnson won the 13<sup>th</sup> Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. #96 Raines smoking heavily. #7 R. Gordon, #16 Biffle collide. #9 Kahne crashes heavily, heavy damage to front end of car.

Jimmie Johnson stops at Yard of Bricks at start-finish line and receives checkered flag from flagman Rodney Wise. He then stood on the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet and saluted the car. Johnson then unleashed a large burnout across the Yard of Bricks while driving clockwise on the oval for a victory lap.

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#### POST-RACE QUICK QUOTES:

**JIMMIE JOHNSON:** (About winning Daytona 500 and Allstate 400 at the Brickyard in the same year): "I don't think I can answer it yet. I was just thinking on that on the cool-down lap, and I think it will take a little time to soak in. I just saw Greg Zipadelli coming down pit road, and he said, 'Today is a special day.' And the look in his eye and the look on his face, that feeling setting in. I'm speechless right now. I can't thank this race team enough for what they've done. We overcame a left front flat tire to rally back. We drove all the way to the front. I never thought I would win at this racetrack. We had such a drought at this racetrack, and now we have a victory." (About early tire problem): "I was really nervous because I knew we had a fast race car, but I knew I had to come through traffic, and I knew it would be harder on the tires coming through traffic. But Chad knew something with that would help that left front survive. Two short runs after that and the tire pressures were right, and this baby was money after that." (About late restart): "There was nothing of a championship on my mind today. I wanted this trophy over here with the brick on it. I want to pucker up and kiss those bricks on the front stretch. It was all about winning the race today. I gave a little bump draft on the 07, and I knew if I could get position on the 17 right away then the guys up there in front of me with no tires, it would take just a little bit of time to get by. I've watched so many races as a kid growing up here. I thought I would come here in an IndyCar. I can't believe I'm here in a stock car, in NASCAR, winning the biggest race."

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**POST-RACE QUICK QUOTES (cont.):**

**MATT KENSETH:** “Robbie (Reiser) and the guys did a great job, and I feel real bad because they put me in the position to win again, and I just couldn’t figure out how to get it done. Jimmie just did a better job in traffic. I just got slowed up with a couple of them cars. Jimmie Johnson and Chad Knaus, those guys are awesome. Those guys have been the guys to beat the last three years. The 48 just kind of came out of nowhere. He was real fast. There was no way I could beat him one-on-one. I was just hoping to get out front first.” (About traffic on restart): “I just got three-wide on the bottom and got slowed up, and he just took the outside and had a lot of momentum.”

**KEVIN HARVICK:** “It was a good day. We had a good car. We just got a little bit behind on the next-to-last pit stop. We put on four tires, and we just didn’t have enough time.” (Could you have beaten I think we could have at least raced. It’s hard to pass.”

**TONY STEWART:** “I think I passed 60 cars or more today, so pretty happy with it. Just really, really proud of this Home Depot team. We had an air gun break. Versus taking a chance, Zippy brought us back to make sure the lugs were tight. Went to the back and battled our way back into the top 10, so pretty happy with this Home Depot team.”

**CLINT BOWYER:** “It was good. It was fun to come here and qualify on the front row and finish in the top five. But it was a struggle. The boys had a little bit of trouble in the pits. We had a great day and I’m proud of Gil (Martin, crew chief) for making a gutsy call.” (About the choice to take two tires at the last pit stop): “At that point, I was frustrated with our track position. It was a go-for-broke deal. We came here and sat on the front row, and you want to win. If you get that opportunity to get a fast car, you don’t want to waste it. So, I told him, ‘Let’s go for it.’”

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Goodyear made this statement about tire performance in today’s race:

**GREG STUCKER (Director of race tires sales and marketing):** “As we expected going into today’s race, Goodyear tire wear improved throughout the day, and by Lap 40, we were very happy with what we saw on the cars. We continued to see improvement throughout the afternoon, including complete green flag fuel runs during the event.”

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**ALLSTATE 400 AT THE BRICKYARD POST-RACE NOTES:**

•Jimmie Johnson became the second driver to win the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard and the Daytona 500 in the same year. Dale Jarrett first achieved the feat in 1996.

•Before today’s victory, Jimmie Johnson’s best career finish in four previous Allstate 400 at the Brickyard starts was ninth in his first start, in 2002. Today was the first time he led a lap of Brickyard competition.

•Matt Kenseth’s finish of second was also his second as a runner-up at the Brickyard. He also finished second in 2003 and has four top-five finishes in seven Brickyard starts.

•Kevin Harvick’s third-place finish was his third top-seven finish in six starts here. He won the event in 2003.

•Clint Bowyer’s fourth-place finish matched Kasey Kahne’s fourth place in 2004 as the best finishes by a first-time driver in the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard.

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#### ALLSTATE 400 AT THE BRICKYARD POST-RACE NOTES (cont.):

•Bill Elliott finished 22<sup>nd</sup> on the lead lap today, again completing 160 laps at Indianapolis. He has now completed 2,080 of a possible 2,081 laps of Brickyard competition to lead all drivers. Next is Joe Nemechek, who also completed the distance today and raised his total to 2,056, second all-time.

•Jeff Burton and Bill Elliott remain tied for most times running at the finish of Allstate 400s at the Brickyard with 13.

•Jeff Burton led 87 laps today to move his career Allstate 400 at the Brickyard total laps led to 113. He becomes the seventh driver to lead 100 laps or more laps in their Allstate 400 at the Brickyard careers.

•Mark Martin's finish of fifth was his eighth in the top nine of Brickyard competition in 13 starts.

•This year's Allstate 400 at the Brickyard had the most drivers – 35 – finish on the lead lap than any previous edition of the "400." The previous mark was 31 in 2005.

•Jeff Burton, Bill Elliott, Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte, Sterling Marlin, Mark Martin and Joe Nemechek extended their string of Brickyard appearances to 13 – all of them.

•Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s finish of sixth was his best ever at the Brickyard. His previous best in six starts was 10<sup>th</sup> in 2001.

•Kyle Busch's finish of seventh was his second straight top-10 finish in two races at the Brickyard. He was 10<sup>th</sup> last year.

•Tony Raines' finish of 11<sup>th</sup> was the second best of his NASCAR NEXTEL Cup career. Raines, from Laporte, Ind., recorded his best finish of sixth in 2003 at Rockingham, N.C.

•Jimmie Johnson's win in a Chevrolet and Matt Kenseth's runner-up finish in a Ford marked the 12<sup>th</sup> time in 13 years that no manufacturer has swept the top two spots in this event. The only time a manufacturer achieved that feat was 1996 when Dale Jarrett beat Ernie Irvan, both in Fords.

•Jimmie Johnson's victory was the fifth for team owner Rick Hendrick at the Brickyard, extending his record. Richard Childress, Joe Gibbs and Robert Yates are tied for second on the list with two victories each. Hendrick's other victories were in 1994, 1998, 2001 and 2004, all with Jeff Gordon driving.

#### END DAY 3 (SUNDAY) NOTES