

The Chase is On- NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Drivers to Sell Tickets

Phoenix International Raceway President Bryan R. Sperber has announced that NASCAR NEXTEL Cup stars Kasey Kahne, JJ Yeley and Joe Nemechek will join the PIR staff, selling tickets for the Checker Auto Parts 500 at the PIR Ticket Offices from Noon - 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 22.

"This is a unique opportunity for NASCAR fans to purchase their tickets to the Checker Auto Parts 500 Weekend directly from some of the top drivers in NASCAR," said Sperber.

Fans looking to secure tickets for NASCAR's Semi-Final Showdown Weekend at PIR can purchase their tickets directly from drivers beginning at Noon. Driver interaction is limited to selling tickets and they will only be signing autographs on purchased tickets. The PIR Ticket Office is located in Avondale, at 125 S. Avondale Blvd., Suite 200. Ticket windows are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

Kahne has captured four career NASCAR NEXTEL Cup victories, three of them during the current 2006 season (Atlanta, Texas, Charlotte). The 2004 Raybestos Rookie of the Year is currently fifth in the NASCAR Point Standings and is expected to be a contender in NASCAR's Chase for the NEXTEL Cup.

Yeley, a native of Phoenix, is currently running his first full season in the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup series and is in contention for the Raybestos Rookie of the Year award. Driving the #18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet for Joe Gibbs Racing in the NEXTEL Cup Series, Yeley is also running full-time in the NASCAR Busch



series where he sits in sixth place in the point standings.

Driving the #01 US Army Chevrolet, Nemechek has captured four wins, 18 top-5's and 59 top-10s throughout his 12-year career in the NEXTEL Cup series.

It's the playoffs - NASCAR Style - this November at Phoenix International Raceway. Semi-Final Showdown Weekend at PIR roars into action Thursday night, November 9th with the Phoenix 125, NASCAR AutoZone Elite Division, Southwest Series race. Friday features NEXTEL Cup Series qualifying and then the sparks will fly under the lights in the Casino Arizona 150, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race followed by the PIR After Dark fan festival Friday, November 10th. The best of the Busch Series battle it out on Saturday, November 11, in the ARIZONA.TRAVEL 200, NASCAR Busch Series race. Sunday, November 12th a champion could be decided in the Semi-Final race in the Chase for the NEXTEL Cup, the Checker Auto Parts 500 Presented by Pennzoil, NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race.

Tickets and information for these events can be found online at www.phoenixraceway.com or by calling either 602-252-2227 or 1-866-408-7223. ■

