

# NASCAR Media Conference

## Frontstretch Quotes

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*An Interview with:*

## Ryan Blaney

**Q. Ryan, a month ago you had zero wins. Two in the last five weeks. What has clicked?**

**RYAN BLANEY:** I think just things are really kind of falling into place for us. I feel like we've gotten to a great place on speed the last two months especially. I feel like we honestly had a couple races slip away from us which we had a good shot at winning.

It was nice to stick to the plan today. Kind of our plan was to have track position at the end because I knew our car was fast enough. Super proud of Jonathan, the 12 boys, the Wabash Ford Mustang was amazing. Appreciate Menards, Bodyarmor, Advance Auto Parts, DEX Imaging, who makes this possible. So cool to win here again.

Awesome to be back. The crowd, you guys were amazing. Thank you for being here all weekend.

**Q. You talked about how important this place is to you. Would nine-year-old Ryan Blaney have believed when you were winning quarter midgets races out there would have two Cup wins here?**

**RYAN BLANEY:** No, at the time I just wasn't thinking about that. I was trying to figure out how I was going to have fun that weekend and win that night.

No, it was super special seven years ago to win here with the Wood Brothers. It's just as special to win here today. You love tracks that are special to you, where you get your first win and things like that. So this place means so much to me.

My fiancée, a ton of her family is here. Can't wait to see them. Can't wait to see her family. So proud of the effort. Looking forward to hopefully continuing this momentum to next week up in Indy.

**Q. Let's talk about how this team is right now. You turned it at the right time to win the championship last year. In mid July, is this the best the 12 team has ever been?**

**RYAN BLANEY:** I definitely think we're at a better spot at



this time than we were last year. I feel like our speed is better. Like I said, our execution is great. I think we are doing everything as a 12 group the best that we can.

Some other kind of unforeseen circumstances kind of have hindered some finishes, possible wins. But I'm just proud of the whole Team Penske group. All those men and women at the race shop, they work their butts off to try to get better and deal with the drivers when we say we need to get a lot better.

Appreciate them, Roush-Yates engines, all the work that they do and continue to do. Go, USA.

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