

# NASCAR Media Conference

## Press Conference

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*An Interview with:*

## Denny Hamlin



**Q. Denny, did you realize the position that Ross was in there when you went by him on the final lap?**

**DENNY HAMLIN:** No, I did not. I'll be honest with you, I didn't know if I was racing for 10th or 30th. I didn't know anything about anything on that last run.

I wasn't very good, I know that. I missed my marks a ton. Just didn't do a good job driving, but I saw the 1, because I didn't even hear anything from the spotter about, like, closing or anything. I didn't know anything about anything going on, but obviously the 1 was in a position there, and obviously we got caught in it. Yeah, I didn't.

I wish I would have known, but yeah, the 1 was slipping. I wasn't great, but I'm, like, this is another spot, move me up in the metric for qualifying next week. That was my motivation to get -- I guess I was racing for about 18th or so.

**Q. Would you want to talk to Ross after that, what you saw there?**

**DENNY HAMLIN:** No, I don't fault Ross at all. I just wish I knew so I could have been either prepared or made a different decision.

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