## NASCAR Media Conference Pit Lane Interview

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## **Christopher Bell**



Q. Christopher, things started with a lot of optimism for a race win. What is the biggest takeaway from this afternoon?

**CHRISTOPHER BELL:** I don't know. Kind of déjà vu as last year. Just we were all a little bit at the beginning of the race, obviously got going pretty good there the second half of the race. I felt like at the second half, I had what I needed to go out there and win. I just didn't do a good job on the restarts, didn't get through there.

I don't know. Feels a lot like last year. Hopefully we can execute the next two a little bit better than last year.

Q. Almost got collected in the crash. How dicey of a moment was that for you?

**CHRISTOPHER BELL:** That's just being fortunate, being blessed. They crashed. The sun is right there. There's tire smoke. I had no idea where any of 'em were. Just kind of prayed, hit the brake, tried to keep it as far left as I could. Fortunately we missed it.

Yeah, I don't know, it literally feels like déjà vu. Yeah, proud of everyone on this Rheem team. We didn't get a Rheem win this year, but came really close. Guess we'll roll the dice at Talladega.

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