

# NASCAR Media Conference

## Frontstretch Quotes

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*An Interview with:*

## Ryan Preece



**Q. Ryan, wild night it was here for the Clash. Ryan Preece, you have worked your entire life to be in Victory Lane in a Cup Series race, and you get it done tonight in all kinds of conditions. How did you make that happen?**

**RYAN PREECE:** I don't even know what to say. To be honest with you, it's been a (expletive) long road. It's the Clash. But man, it's just been years and years of grinding.

I'm just super thankful for Brad Keselowski, Kroger, Coca-Cola, all our partners, Bam, break open the pappy. Jack Roush, the Fenway Group.

Two years ago I didn't think I was going to have a job. I thought I was going back to Connecticut (tearing up). I'm just super, super emotional.

**Q. We can appreciate that and the hard work. Let's talk about the race tonight. Some of that short track experience playing off?**

**RYAN PREECE:** Just a good group. Yeah, we had a really good car. I felt like we were fighting adversity all day, trying to come from the back. We got a lot of good spots. When we were putting rain tires on, man, this is as much of a mental game as it is everything anything. I felt pretty beat up.

We had a couple restarts go our way. Before you know it, you're in the front two rows, then the claws just come out.

Man, I can't thank Kroger, Coca-Cola, all our partners, every single one, Celsius, Tad Geshickter and Jodi Geshickter, Bam Marketing. I'm speechless, man. That last two laps, I'm speechless.

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