

# NASCAR Media Conference

## Pit Lane Interview

Friday, February 13, 2026

## Gio Ruggiero



**Q. You said Daytona is what it is. When you look back at that finish and you saw the replay, how tight was it there for you?**

**GIO RUGGIERO:** Yeah, it was tight there at the end of the race. Everybody was trying to do whatever it takes to win, and that's what I did for myself and my team.

Probably would have pushed John Hunter to the win there, but he almost wrecked me twice. I think overall as a group, we need to do better as Toyotas. I thought me and Tanner and Taylor worked together really well, but everybody else just seemed like they were out there on their own.

I definitely think we learned some things going into the next superspeedway.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports