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Pit Lane Interview

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John Hunter Nemechek



Q. John Hunter, have to settle for a fifth-place finish after controlling the race over that final lap. Walk me through what happened there.

JOHN HUNTER NEMECHEK: I haven't seen the full replay yet, but pretty frustrated with myself. Just hard to cover all the lanes there. Should have got to the middle and blocked the 17 a little bit faster than I did.

Didn't anticipate it quite like I probably should have off of Turn 4. But man, it was one heck of a race. It was a lot of fun all night. We came from the back to the front multiple times. Thank you to DriveValue.com, EPI, all of their partners, Legacy, for letting me come run this race for Halmar Friesen Racing. Huge shout-out to Toyota, Toyota Racing, and thankful to be a part of truck racing again in this Tundra.

Like I said, it was a lot of fun. I learned a lot. Hopefully I can apply something to Sunday. Hayden and I will probably go back and watch some film there, but overall a really fun race. Just dejected we didn't come home with a checkered flag.

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