

# NASCAR Media Conference

## Frontstretch Quotes

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*An Interview with:*

## Ryan Blaney



**Q. Ryan Blaney, nothing about today was easy for you, back to the front multiple times. 49 passes. The restarts were not your friend. How did you overcome all that to end up right here?**

**RYAN BLANEY:** No, I mean, just perseverance. I mean, everybody on the 12 group persevered all day. We had a couple mistakes that we learned from, got better, had to come from the back a couple times.

Obviously the 20 was the best car. Jonathan made a great call to take two. We were able to get the lead. Hold them off.

I don't know how many more laps I could have held them off. We were able to do that. Really proud of everybody at Team Penske. We swept the weekend, Newgarden winning yesterday, us winning today. Can't wait to see Roger. Appreciate Dent Wizard, Ford, Ford Racing for what they do, Menards, Wabash, Discount Tire, BODYARMOR, Advance Auto Parts, DEX Imaging. Everything that these people put into our program is cool. It's cool to win, especially after a day like that. Can't say enough about the 12 guys for keeping their head down and doing what they do and Jonathan again for making a good call at the end.

**Q. I heard throughout the Penske organization, there was a lot of pressure to get the sweep. Roger wanted that sweep so bad. On top of all that, your first win as a dad. What does this moment mean?**

**RYAN BLANEY:** Yeah, I mean, it's awesome. Unbelievable. Honestly when I crossed the start/finish line, I thought of Charley and Gianna. I wish they were here. They're watching.

It's different. Obviously winning feels great, but going home to my family, my wife, my son, it's even better. That's just cherry on top. Looking forward to getting home. Thank you, everybody who came out this weekend. Awesome weekend, guys. Hope to do it again soon. Thank you.

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