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Pit Lane Interview

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Chase Elliott



Q. You get all the way up to second, looked like maybe just a few more laps.

CHASE ELLIOTT: It was definitely better there towards the end than we had started the run. I thought there might be an opportunity. I knew that he was starting to get tight there at the end of runs.

Yeah, man, as bummed as I am to come up that close to a win, I have to kind of bring myself back to a reality check, how much better we ran today than we've been running.

I'm balancing that, right? Obviously these things are hard to win. We had a great opportunity to do it. But really proud of the effort throughout the week, preparation, yesterday. Just kind of fighting through a not-so-good day. Getting up there in the mix with the guys that win a lot of these races anymore. Really proud of that.

Obviously it was a really solid day. Obviously bummed to come up that short. Wish I could have pieced together just a little better couple laps there towards the end. Trying to be as tidy as I could be. He did a really good job. Congrats to him for holding his ground there and putting together a good five or six, because it looked like a handful.

Yeah, I don't know. Just kind of mixed feelings.

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