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Victory Lane Interview

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Michael Jordan



Q. MJ just needs to show up to the racetrack and his driver overcomes everything. I don't even know where to begin. All the issues for him that he overcame, MJ. What was that like watching from your perspective?

MICHAEL JORDAN: I'm pretty sure it's frustrating for him because he had an unbelievable car. You know, you never know what's going to happen, especially at Darlington. I think that the key to him winning was just keeping his head.

I think Billy did a good job of trying to keep him calm. We knew we had a fast car. We knew on a 30-lap run we were real good, on a short-lap run we were real good. We just had to get the car right. And he kept his composure, and he did an unbelievable job.

Q. I know you're so competitive. How fun is that when you know he's down and out and watching him come through the field?

MICHAEL JORDAN: I wanted everything to be good. Once he gets back out there, I feel like his competitive juices are going to carry him all the way to the end. Those are the longest 18 to 20 laps that I can even imagine. I just didn't want to see a caution. The caution would have changed everything. But he did the job. He earned it all week, and I'm real proud of the team.

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