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Frontstretch Quotes

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An Interview with:

Chase Elliott

Q. For the second time this season, Chase Elliott is going to victory lane, and for the second time in your career, you get a win here at Texas. We talk about how tricky this particular mile and a half is. What allowed you guys to have the success you did today?

CHASE ELLIOTT: Man, I think, first off, thanks, everybody, for coming out. You are awesome. Great crowd as always. I have not been a huge fan of this place, and I've made that very obvious, but you know, to continue to work hard, and I really think this is a testament to the whole team, but not just the 9 team, but everybody at Hendrick Motorsports.

We have not been where we've wanted to be throughout portions of the season. Man, everybody has just been digging in very hard, from the engine shop to Hendrick Motorsports to all the setup shops, to everybody at Team Chevy. Appreciate our partners with Napa and Prime on the car this week. Really cool to have them back. Obviously they're coming to Charlotte races in a few weeks, to Charlotte.

Yeah, man, just crazy. You know, to say as much as we struggled out here to have won two races here now in the last few years is pretty wild. So just super grateful for all the people that helped make this possible. Yeah, looking forward to celebrating with them.

Q. For the second time this season, it's a one-two finish between you and Denny Hamlin. Bring me back through that final restart and what ultimately was the difference-maker?

CHASE ELLIOTT: Yeah, you know, I wasn't really sure whether to go top or bottom. You know, the bottom had been winning out on a lot of the restarts. I felt like, man, if I didn't get clear off of two, I was going to be in a lot of trouble. Fortunately Alex gave me a great push. Was able to execute turns one and two, get clear, and then just kind of manage the last few laps.

So it worked out really good, but just, man, it was really cool to get a win as early as we did at Martinsville, and now to have two this early in the year is really special. I think,



again, it's a testament to our team. We have a great group. Those things don't last forever. I think for us we have to make the most of a great opportunity. Have a great race team, great people back at home, great support from the boss and people that keep this deal rolling. We're just going to try to keep our heads down and keep chugging. Long year. A lot of racing left, so we'll try to build on it.

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