

# Ty Gibbs Wins First NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship

Scores Second NASCAR Title for GR Supra with Victory in Season Finale

Toyota GR Supra driver Ty Gibbs won his first career NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) championship on Saturday with a victory in the season finale at Phoenix Raceway. Gibbs's championship marks the fourth, and second consecutive, Xfinity Series driver title for Toyota.

- Gibbs won seven races, claimed 16 top-five results and 23 top-10 finishes over 33 races to claim the 2022 Xfinity Series driver's championship.
- Gibbs captured the second championship for the Toyota GR Supra and is the fourth Toyota driver to win a NXS driver's championship. In addition to Gibbs, Daniel Suárez (2016) and Kyle Busch (2009) have also won Xfinity Series titles for Toyota in Camrys, while Daniel Hemric (2021) scored the title in the Toyota GR Supra last season.
- Toyota has earned 190 victories since joining Xfinity Series competition in 2007, with 40 of those victories being in the GR Supra.
- Gibbs is the reigning Rookie of the Year, and is the youngest driver in NASCAR Xfinity Series history to have 10 victories

TY GIBBS, No. 54 Monster Energy Toyota Supra, Joe Gibbs Racing

**How did you put all the chatter behind you and deliver the**

**title?**

*"First off, I want to say thank you to my team, my pit crew. Everybody did an awesome job. They put us here. Awesome job to my team. I know what I did last week was unacceptable, and I apologize once again. It was unacceptable because we could have had two shots to win this deal, and it was stupid from an organization stand point. I will sit here and tell you I'm sorry as much as I can, but it is not going to fix it. I've got to fix my actions. I feel like today I had a good race. We made some good moves. Me and the 7 (Justin Allgaier) were racing really hard. Hopefully we put on a good show for you fans, thank you for all of what you guys do."*

CHRIS GAYLE, crew chief, No. 54 Monster Energy Toyota Supra, Joe Gibbs Racing

**How proud are you of this kid after this week?**

*"Yeah, just think how tough you have to be, how resilient you have to be after going through that last week. The hardest thing for him was going to be all the stuff leading up to it, man. When you got between these two walls on this the racetrack, that's where he shined today, man. There were three or four moments there where he could have panicked, could have got himself in trouble, could have got somebody else in trouble, and man, he did such a marvelous job all day."*



# FORD'S ZANE SMITH DRIVES F-150 TO NASCAR CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Zane Smith won his first NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship behind the wheel of his No. 38 Front Row Motorsports F-150.

The championship is the first for Front Row Motorsports in any NASCAR series.

Smith has now finished 2nd, 2nd and 1st in the last three seasons.

Smith is the 3rd driver to win the NCWTS title with Ford, joining Greg Biffle (2000) and Matt Crafton (2019).

Smith swept the weekend as he won the pole and all three stages in the race.

Smith led a race-high five times for 77 laps in winning for the fourth time in 2022.

Ford ends the season with six wins and its third series title.

**ZANE SMITH, No. 38 Michael Roberts Construction Ford F-150 – VICTORY LANE INTERVIEW**

*"I wasn't gonna let it go down like that. I knew when I came out 11th, I've been in way uglier times before and I was either wrecked or I was coming home with the championship trophy and we got the big one."*

**WHAT ABOUT THE MOVE ON THE**

**BACKSTRETCH FOR THE FINAL RESTART. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?**

*"I'm gonna win this. There was no other option. I was either backing it in the fence wrecking, or I was leaving tonight with a championship trophy. There were no other options and when I saw the 18 get underneath me I was worried that I got him too loose underneath me. Fortunately, he stayed off of me. I have a lot of respect for all three of them. It's pretty impressive for some of the racing we've seen lately for us three to go at it that hard and that clean."*

**YOU HAVE BEEN RUNNER-UP THE LAST TWO YEARS. IS THIS EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE?** *"I didn't think it was gonna be that dramatic, but the third time is the charm."*

**WHAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS YEAR AND THIS TEAM TO ALLOW YOU TO GET IT DONE?**

*"Last year and the year before we showed so much speed and should have won a lot more races than we did, but Bob Jenkins is the only reason why I'm here right now."*

*Without him, none of this would be possible. When I came here all I cared about were the guys that were on this team. I had seen their work ethic and I knew the effort they put in and I know they want it as bad as I do. I didn't care what the trucks or anything looked like all I knew is the work ethic was there and we could make a championship out of this team."*

MARK RUSHBROOK, Global Director, Ford Performance

**WHAT A FINISH. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS AFTER SEEING THAT?**

*"What an incredible race tonight, an incredible season. I just have to give a big thank you to Front Row Motorsports, Bob Jenkins, Jerry Freeze and what they've done putting together this truck team. It's just a great group of people. They gave Zane a great truck tonight, a fast truck and Zane took advantage of it. He drove that thing so well, especially on the final two restarts and went and got the win. He's such a talent and I'm so happy he's driving a Ford."*

