

# Chase Elliott wins first Nationwide Series race

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The siren at the world famous Pool Room rang out through Dawsonville Friday night when Chase Elliott won his first career NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Texas Motor Speedway.

"This is unbelievable, man. I can't believe it," he said. "This is just awesome."

Driving the No. 9 Napa Auto Parts Chevrolet Camaro for JR Motorsports, Elliott at 18 is the second youngest driver to win in the Nationwide Series.

"To have this opportunity to come and race these guys...is a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said.

Elliott ran near the front of the pack for most of the race, taking the lead on lap 134.

He battled teammate Kevin Harvick as the race wound down, once again taking the lead from his JR Motorsports teammate with 15 laps to go.

In his first start at the famed Texas speedway, Elliott said passing Harvick for the lead

was special after relying on the veteran's experience at the track.

"I went to him for a lot of advice this week. He gave me some tips that I felt helped tonight to pass him for the win," Elliott said.

His dad, NASCAR Winston Cup champion Bill Elliott, said he was speechless after watching his son win his first race in the series.

"For never have been to some of these places...and come out and beat the kind of guys you've beat, you've done a great job," he said.

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