

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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JUSTIN THOMAS (-15)



JUSTIN THOMAS: The greens were just a bit firmer this afternoon. It's amazing the difference of playing at 10:00 and 2:00, the difference that is. Because of that, we were just kind of playing smart and just trying to make as many pars as we could and sprinkle in a couple birdies.

Q. At that point you were able to keep yourself in the right positions again today, but how important was the start to be able to get that seven-footer and then to make the birdie on 2 to try and settle things down?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, it was big because I was really nervous today. It felt like it had been a while, but I guess it hadn't really been that long. I don't know, I was very nervous, very jittery. To make that putt on 1 and again on 2 just kind of calmed me and got me going for the day.

Q. I saw you look at the boards on 9. What did you know on the back nine, how did you approach it, because there was a lot of carnage in front of you that kind of made the path a little bit easier. I know it's not easy, but it made the little bit easier to manage your way in?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I was in a great spot because it's hard to attack and make birdies out here when it's like this. The first two days it would have been a lot harder to hold a three-shot lead than it was today just because I felt like keep making pars and sprinkle in a couple here and there and have a good chance. But when you start forcing, you start trying to make birdies out here when it gets this firm and the fairways are firm and the greens, it's stuff to do so. So I was looking at the leaderboards every chance I could because I wanted to know where I stood.