

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JUSTIN THOMAS (-6)

Q. Just any general thoughts on how you played? Hit it better than yesterday?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, definitely. I mean it was substantially easier with the wind, but yeah, I hit it a lot better. I left a lot out there, but I made -- as many putts as I felt like I had missed, I made just as many. It's easy -- got to keep reminding myself of that, to not good too upset. But I guess I played my way somewhat back into it, but Xander kind of went off today, so that makes it a little harder.

Q. It's just Friday, but do you ever glance at a board and ask yourself, "What is this guy doing and why?"

JUSTIN THOMAS: No. I mean, I was looking at it the whole day today because I thought he started at 5, so I thought he shot 8 under on the front. Shot 7, so obviously that sucks, that wasn't very good.

No, this is a place you can do it at. You can go crazy low out here. You've got a lot of bowl pins, a lot of pins you can get close to. If you don't hit the fairways or if you don't have control of your ball, as firm as the greens are, you can make a lot of bogeys, too. It's right in front of you, you just have to go get it.

Q. This is kind of an oddball one, but you or anyone in your group, have you found yourself hitting provisions just in case of a lost ball with so few marshals?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I did yesterday, I did yesterday once. Yeah, a couple times. I mean, it's -- this rough is weird, if you hit it in the wrong spots, it's so soft for some reason. I think it was apparent yesterday, it just plugs and disappears. Yeah, it is odd. There's a couple times where I thought about hitting them yesterday, but it looked like someone already had it. Fortunately I drove it well enough that I didn't have to today, but Brooks hit one on 7.

Q. Oh, that's right, big search party. Why was it dragging do you think today pace-wise?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Today? It was a lot better than yesterday. We played in 5-45.

Q. What do you think is the slowdown? Nature of the course, walks or what?

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's clearly not the size of the field. I'd be curious to see what would happen if we had 140-man field out here, we might play in six and a half hours.

I just think this rough is long enough that if you miss the fairway, you're going to have to look for it and if you hit it offline, people probably just aren't hitting provisionals and then they're having to go back to the tee. You get 10 guys that do that over the course of an entire field, that could be 10 minutes a group and then all of a sudden there's 50 minutes or so.

Yeah, I mean, it was so slow yesterday, it was painfully slow. Today it felt the same way with less wind. Yeah, it surely is just I think without having spectators and the rough being the way that it is and the ball just kind of plugging sometimes when it lands in the rough, and the fescue is not much better.