

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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JUSTIN THOMAS (-8)



Q. J.T., nice finish, birdies on the last two, 8 under, 5-under 67, just a few comments about today, please.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I played well, I played really solid, I drove the ball well, felt like I gave myself a lot of chances, felt like a lot of like 12- to 20-footers. It was nice to make those putts on the last two holes because I felt like I would have been a little for walking off for how I played. Again, that's why I stay patient, just kind of stay in it and was able to have a nice -- birdied those last two to salvage a good round.

Q. It was a little difficult out there for you yesterday, you said. Was it just kind of the driver that kind of flipped some things for you?

JUSTIN THOMAS: No, it was definitely golf swing. Even as a golfer we're the first to blame anything and everything else, but it was me. I could -- I took a video afterwards. I called my dad when I was going to the range. Just the angles of where the camera -- I generally hit it from the right side of the tee so the angles generally aren't really good enough for him to see much, so he didn't see anything. But I could tell in one video I was getting stuck underneath it. I could feel it some out there, and I feel like the adjustment I made on the fly yesterday to at least get it in the house, and so I had a good thought just from a little 10-minute range session yesterday afternoon that I felt like could get me through today, and it worked pretty well.

Q. You talked about kind of taking more ownership with your swing. Does that almost invigorate you, like kind of having a more active role, seeing it after the round and --

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's basically exactly what I meant. I felt like there could have been some times maybe last year or in the past of I've got to get in the house and figure out what dad sees and what's going on, as opposed to, you know, we're going to most likely see the same thing. He may word it differently that could resonate a little bit more.

Like I said to media this week and to other people, it's just that that's a part of what I think has made me as successful as I've been in my career thus far, is I've been very good at adjusting on the fly. I just feel like yesterday was a really good example of that, of just getting it around when I didn't have much and shooting a decent score.

Q. What was the adjustment you found on the range?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Just getting -- I mean, I generally -- my misses is right and that's from getting stuck underneath it, just kind of not a very clean transition. It will get a little long with

the driver and just kind of get stuck underneath, and then from there it's just a lot of timing. So today just felt like I'm on top of the ball a little bit more, almost like a pull-cut type feel.

Q. Kind of going back to the change in driver, how did that feel for you today just going to a different driver, and were you able to get much time practicing with it before you used it today?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I've used it the last three weeks, or I should say probably two and a half weeks. The Titleist guys, they came to where I was and we generally do like a yearly kind of checkup fitting type situation, if there's anything I really want to do, and just a little bit longer driver was something I wanted to look into, something to just kind of travel with if I needed it for maybe certain courses.

But I was hitting it well. I was hitting it really, really well for two and a half weeks and then literally Wednesday in the pro-am I just started not hitting it well at all. I just hadn't used it in competition to have the trust and faith in it.

Q. Are you going to still tinker with it or are you ready to --

JUSTIN THOMAS: If I drive it like I did today, I'll use it for the rest of my career.