

JUSTIN THOMAS (E)

Q. Justin, how would you assess the round today?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I mean, it was -- I played fine. I didn't really do anything well, I didn't do anything terribly. I mean, the weather was a bummer, wasn't really -- when I woke up and looked at it this morning, didn't think I was going to be playing 16 holes in rain. So that's a bummer, especially in the position that I'm in and the scores that I need. But who knows what will happen the rest of the day. It just, you know, I just wish I would have taken advantage of a couple more scoring clubs.

Q. Is this round kind of indicative of how you played recently? You feel like you're playing well but score aren't showing it?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Not really. I felt like I was pretty patient. I felt like I hung in there, I just didn't -- I just didn't hit it very close to the hole. I hit a couple bad wedges and short irons with the ball at my feet, just kind of struggled with trust and swinging with the slope.

I mean, the rain was honestly more frustrating than anything. You couldn't get consistency with how the ball would react and whatnot with the rough, but all of us had to deal with it this morning.

Q. Looks like you went away from the putter that you were using last week. Can you talk a little bit about that decision?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah. I just went back to my old faithful. I putted with it on Saturday last week after I missed the cut for probably like an hour, maybe a little more, on the putting green, it felt great.

I think if it was a little different situation or a little different part of the season I'd probably keep messing with it, but with a week like this, I want to -- I want to have the putter in my hands that I've made the most clutch and successful and good putts with and that's what that one is.

Q. And even you're still in touch with --

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah.

Q. .You've got to feel pretty good about that, you're still in touch with the lead?

JUSTIN THOMAS: For sure, for sure. I'm not very far away at all in terms of from the lead



or from being where I need to be.

But yeah, just like I said, it was a little frustrating, having a little hard time getting things going, and I feel like I had a couple chances there on my front nine but especially my back nine there to, you know, shoot 2 or 3 under today. But, you know, even par's not going to kill me as long as it doesn't get too nice out here and these guys don't go deep.

Q. You talked about the weather, how nasty it was. Your caddie was working overtime today. Talk about that relationship on a -- particularly on a day like today.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, caddies have a tough go at it when it's like this. It's hard to put into words. We've had, unfortunately had it a couple times this year, especially the last couple months. And we joke, you always think two arms and hands is enough until it's raining and you're playing golf and you're caddying. If you could have another arm or two, it would be great just from trying to hold yardage books, umbrellas, golf, a bag, pin sheet, whatever it is. It's definitely a team effort out there, but they unfortunately take the brunt of it with the rain.

Q. Justin, (inaudible) came out today the legacy events next year like Tiger's events, Arnold's event and Jack's event will have cuts, you know, they'll have shortened fields. Just kind of your thoughts on those events having cuts even though some of the other signature events will not?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I think when you have -- when you have your own event, you're definitely entitled to do what you want. I know I would be -- I'm sure I would be that way if I had my own event and I wanted it a certain way and maybe the Tour or somebody didn't. I'd be fighting it pretty hard, too. When those guys have done all they have and they're the one that's put in the time. Tiger, I've seen firsthand how much he does that week. If he wants to have a cut in his event, I think that's more than OK to allow that I would say.

