

**ROUND 1 INTERVIEW**  
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**JUSTIN THOMAS (+1)**



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**Q. Justin, just assess your round out there today.**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** It's probably the worst I've ever felt over the ball in my life. It's a helpless feeling just because it's a course that you feel like you can score, make a lot of birdies on. I really kind of started on Tuesday, I was hitting balls, wasn't swinging it very well, and then yesterday I just was hitting it awful. I thought I kind of got it worked out a little bit, did some work on the range after and felt like I kind of got a pretty good thought, but I apparently didn't. It's just one of those days where kind of everything wasn't going my way and not playing well definitely added to that.

**Q. Was it something with your setup?**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** I don't know. That's the hard part, I tried so many different things out there. I just keep hitting my irons so far off the heel. Out here when you play for all that altitude, you play for the ball to go that far, and you hit it that thin and that far off the heel, it doesn't go anywhere. It's a pretty tough recipe to match up.

**Q. So what do you do tomorrow on the range?**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** I don't know, I just have to find a way to somehow start hitting it better. I felt like as bad as I hit it, obviously 1 over's not a very good score out here, but as low as you could go out here, I still have a chance. I hung in there as well as I could, I did the best I could today. It unfortunately still wasn't a very good score. I need to figure out a -- I hit it pretty well off the tee, I thought. I hit a couple loose drives there at the end, got a little lazy, but other than that, just need to find a way to hit those irons a lot more solid.