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**Q. (In progress) with the start or pleased with the turnaround?**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** I've got to be -- I should be and I will be more pleased with the turnaround, but at the moment I've got to figure out how to just get off to a little bit better start. It's the same sort of thing as Vegas, just really having a hard time getting in a focus and just kind of getting in that competitive mind frame. Unfortunately, at a course like this, you can't afford to be 3 over through 11 holes every time you play it.

No, I mean, that seven-hole stretch really kept me in the tournament, so I'm very, very pleased to do that.

**Q. You mentioned Vegas. Has this been something that you struggled with in the past or is this kind of a new --**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** No, I just think it's from lack of competitive golf. Anytime I take two or three weeks off, at least for me personally, it takes a little bit to get back into it. I had just an atrocious warmup, so that didn't help, but I'm usually pretty good at kind of finding something. I was hitting drives that weren't bad, they were just missing the fairway, which being in the rough is a lot different than the fairway when you've got ball in hand.

So I think it's -- there at the end of the year I started getting into a lot better rhythm, and then you take a couple weeks off after the Ryder Cup and play and take another couple weeks off, I really just think it's just rust more than anything. But that's still no excuse, I've got to figure it out.

**Q. How were you able to turn it around? Is there something freeing --**

**JUSTIN THOMAS:** Not really. When you're pretty much in last place, there's not really a whole lot good about it. I just couldn't hit the fairways. You just can't play out here from the rough. Like I said, with ball in hand, this course is so easy if you can just put it in the fairway. Whenever I did have a couple chances, I wasn't hitting it close to the hole, and then if I hit it somewhat close, I would just kind of burn the edge.

Yeah, making those putts on 3 and 4 just kind of got some momentum going, and I knew that my goal was to try to get it in the 60s with seven to go and it was nice to get one more than that.