

ROUND 3 QUICK QUOTES
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JUSTIN THOMAS (-15)



Q. Just kind of assess your round out there. Obviously 65, low round of the week for you so far.

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I scored very well. I felt like I -- honestly, I felt like I played better, quite a bit better yesterday than I did today. I definitely got a couple good breaks. I got away with a couple bad tee shots or, you know, a couple putts, you know. I felt like I just pulled that putt on 14 and it just caught the edge. I've been waiting a while for some stuff like that to happen, so it's nice to see it. But more than anything, I'm staying patient and I'm staying kind of within myself and I'm just managing my way around the course very well.

Q. I know maybe a couple months ago some of those bounces weren't going your way, I felt like they just kept not adding up. Obviously you feel better about your game than you did there and now those bounces come with it. Seems like a microcosm of where you're at now.

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's just golf, anybody that's been out here can tell you. It's frustrating but wild at the same time. I'm putting myself in a lot better positions to have good things happen, but more than anything, mentally I truly believe that good things are going to happen, so that's at least a good start.

Q. I know you said you didn't, you know, need to play well here, felt like you needed to play well, had any pressure on you this week. What, though, has been the most encouraging sign that you feel like you can take forward that you found this week?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Just that I'm in contention. I feel like I didn't play well Thursday. I just felt like I was not very sharp today in terms of my actual golf game. I've hit some -- felt like I had a handful of wedges that I should have hit closer, a couple putts that I feel like I could have hit a little bit better, and I shot 7 under. I mean, that's more encouraging than anything. I think that's better than going out there and playing great and, you know, not missing a shot and shooting 7 under or 6 under even. To me, being in contention with I feel like the golf that I've had this week is more encouraging than anything.

Q. Nice to feel those pressures of being back in contention again?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Oh, it's the best. The crowd is amazing today, seemed like there was quite a lot of people out there. The finishing stretch obviously creates a lot of excitement. Yeah, this is why all of us play, so it's nice to be a part of those roars a little bit.

Q. Can you just run me through the eagle at 15 real quick?



JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah. I just pushed a drive. It's a very hard fairway to hit. I joked with Bones after the tee shot, through two rounds I had yet to hit a bad shot on that hole and I had not made a birdie yet. So I was like, after the tee shot I said, maybe this is what we need to make a birdie, is to hit a tee shot a little offline.

Really is just one I'm trying to just hit in front of the green or hit in that front bunker because it's a very tough green to knock on in two, and that's what I tried to do the last two days coincidentally and made par. Today I just tried to put it short of the green and I hit a couple very poor bunker shots for how easy they were, and then when I got there, I don't know, I just liked the look of it, and I told Bones walking in I think it's about time we hole a bunker shot there. As soon as it landed, after that first bounce and it started rolling, I thought it was going to go in. So that was a pretty cool moment for us.