

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES

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JUSTIN THOMAS (-7)

Q. Justin, how did you turn this around?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I mean, I didn't feel like I did -- it just, I mean, I just, I hit one bad drive on 4 yesterday and resulted in a triple, but I didn't feel like I hit a bad tee shot on 1 yesterday. I got I felt a pretty bad break to go into a bush. No, I felt like it was more of a fluke than anything and I kind of kept my head down and just tried to make a bunch of birdies and get back in it like I have.

Q. What were you arguing about on the ruling?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I mean, arguing doesn't really make it seem fair. I never -- it was always my -- yeah, it was always my understanding if you're in a tire track, you get relief. I was more calling a rules official over as courtesy to kind of talk me through it. He came over and said because there's sand everywhere here, you know, it's pretty common and you get a lot of tire tracks and it just needs to be deep enough.

Again, it's just one of those rules, there's no defined "deep," only if you kind of can't get the club on the ball kind of situation.

The direction I was going, yeah, it definitely could have been deeper, but I had enough stuff behind my ball where I couldn't go the route I wanted to go because of the tire track.

I called a second opinion because I just had never heard that before. I asked if it was on the local rule sheet because again, it's not something that we normally play. And they said it wasn't but they had just spoken about it in a rules meeting, but we're not in those rules meetings.

The moral of the story is just to hit the fairway and not have to deal with it, but I learned yesterday, that it has to be deep enough, which whatever that is.

Q. What do you take away from your play today?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I'm playing really well. I'm excited, everything feels good. I didn't putt it as well as I would have liked today. I could have shot 7, 8, 9 under on that front nine as wild as it is. I feel like I have good control of my game right now. I just kind of, I'm in a good head space, just kind of staying patient and I feel like I can go on a little run of birdies at any point in time. Really just feel like if I drive it like I did today, then I have a lot of birdie opportunities over the weekend for sure.

