ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES December 6, 2024

JUSTIN THOMAS (-11)



Q. Justin, what worked so well for you out there today?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I just, I drove it well and I hit some good irons, some good wedges, but I really did nothing special. I feel like other than the 10 or so footer I made on 1, every other birdie I had was a tap-in. I definitely left a couple out there. You know, hit some good putts that didn't go in and also just kind of misread some. I've always found these greens can be a little tough to read, it's hard to kind of see the grain on some of them.

It just was a very low, low stress 5 under. I didn't feel like I had to grind on the majority of my birdie putts, a lot of them were tap-ins or whatnot. If I can just iron or wedge it just a little closer to the hole tomorrow and get some putts to go in, I feel like I've got a really good round out there this weekend.

Q. How good does that feel? You said you didn't do anything special, you shot 5 under. Does that kind of show like the work you've been putting in at home when you've had time is showing up?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I'd say so. I mean, I'd like to think -- I'd like to think that obviously. I mean, I drove it well today. When you drive it where I did today, you feel like you can't -- you feel like 5 under's about the worst you could shoot and that's kind of how I feel right now.

Yeah, there's a lot of positives and a lot of good in that, too. I just feel like if I can go out and obviously do that tomorrow and Sunday and put myself in those same positions, then I should have a lot, a lot of birdie opportunities to make a lot of birdies this weekend.

Q. What were you thinking when you saw Scottie running out six birdies in the first seven?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I mean, out here it's so doable, you literally can birdie every hole as soft as the greens are. I mean, he's a great -- obviously a great player but a great wedge player and you have a lot of birdie holes to start. I'm honestly surprised he only shot 8 under, I would expect him -- not that it was a lack of effort to kind of keep the pedal down, but it's a sneaky course because if you fall asleep on some shots, you can get out of position. But if you're on and focused and really in control of everything, like these last two days with no wind, you can just make so many birdies. It wasn't a big surprise to me at all.

Q. SEC title game, are you conference or is the hate so strong you're rooting for Texas?



JUSTIN THOMAS: My hate? Well, I don't really like Texas, either. I'm kind of in a lose-lose in that game, I don't know who I want to win. I mean, it's good for the conference. I think Texas comes in in their first year and I think they're one of the best teams in the country. Yeah, I don't know. I'm rooting for a tie maybe, can they both lose.

