

# Great Ocean Road Open

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## Jordan Thompson

Press Conference



J. THOMPSON/P. Herbert

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THE MODERATOR: Questions, please.

**Q. Jordan, three sets. You love the dogfight, don't you. He always provides a strong challenge. Talk us through the match today.**

JORDAN THOMPSON: Yeah, I don't know if I love it but always seem to get myself into one. Yeah, he's a tough player. He's a world-class doubles player, world-class singles player. He plays on the edge, takes a lot of risks, and even in that last game, he pushed me, and yeah, I had to serve it out pretty tough and save a break point. But felt like he was red lining, going after everything. I was just ready to move and just try to make as many balls as possible.

**Q. How important are these matches?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: Yeah, very important. Before a Grand Slam, no one has played -- well, most of the Aussies haven't played any tennis. I haven't played anything since October, November. Yeah, it's good to be playing matches. Already played three in two days, got more to come. So it's great prep.

**Q. What will you take from today? What did you do better than last round?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: I probably served a little bit better today, but warmer conditions, ball is a little bit livelier. I was probably slightly more aggressive, got to the net more than yesterday. Yeah, probably returned a fraction better, as well.

**Q. Anything in particular that you'll be focusing on the next round?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: Just depends who I play. Different game plan for different player. We'll see who wins.

**Q. So many Aussies are doing well this week. Have you been following their progress and what does that mean to you to see everyone doing well?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: Yeah, there's so many Aussies playing. I haven't kept an eye on everybody, but yeah, I always see someone is playing, and I feel like everything is so scattered with three events in the one place, I don't know what tournament everyone is playing in. Sort of just trying to focus on myself. But I've kept an eye on a few of the matches before I've been getting on the court. We've had a few that have come through, and it's great to see.

**Q. What's your favorite thing about Melbourne?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: My favorite thing about Melbourne? That it's in Australia. I'm not really sure. Yeah, I think that's all I've got for you. I think that it's in Australia, and that's my favorite country.

**Q. Who would you most like to play mixed doubles with and why?**

JORDAN THOMPSON: I guess Ash Barty because she's got a lot of variety. She's Aussie. I would want to play with another Australian. Yeah, I think she does great things for the sport, so it would be fun to play with her.

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