

# The 149th Open

Mixed Zone

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## Jordan Spieth



**Q. Jordan, good playing today. First of all, just how big was that par on 18?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I think that it was certainly nice. I had a really -- those last six holes were kind of frustrating. I felt -- I don't know, I think I need to bring more food on the golf course tomorrow. I got really just in a weird head space, like fatigued there on like the 13th green as we were waiting and hitting putts.

I just didn't stay focused like I was early in the round. Wasn't very sharp. It's an easy solution for tomorrow. But the finish on 18 probably securing a second to last group on a Sunday is a good position to be in, but today was an afternoon where I was looking -- I was eyeing a number lower than what I finished at, as Louis is showing.

**Q. The conditions outside there today seemed to be crispening up over the afternoon. Was it much of a difference between start to finish? Did you feel that the greens were firming up a little bit and maybe bouncing instead of going straight and dying or maybe hitting towards rough?**

JORDAN SPIETH: I felt like it started to get a little shiny for sure. With the forecasted conditions being sunshine and less wind, I imagine they'll let them firm up because that will be the defense of the golf course.

I know that was the case the last time The Open Championship was held here, and it puts more of a premium on hitting out of the fairway for sure. I might look into what clubs I'm hitting off tees. I've been able to hit driver a lot around this course, and I'm not sure if that'll stay the same or if I'll look to make sure we're positioning ourselves in the fairway more.

**Q. With all those low scores being shot the first two rounds, what's your mindset like heading into the weekend knowing there's plenty of birdies out there?**

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, I think I wasn't really sure what to expect going into yesterday's round and just tried to kind of play hole by hole, and now you get, like you mentioned, a pretty good idea of what it can yield.

These pin locations, though, they may not look so tricky on television, but they're on -- a lot of them are on crowns and knobs and they've left a lot of opportunities to make them very, very subtly challenging, and I think that that's what's going to happen, which will obviously make it a little bit harder to make putts or get balls really close to the hole.

I think they made it a good mix with some fun pins these first couple days, as well, but I think, again, looking at the forecast, which I guess could change over here, but it's been pretty consistent, you'd imagine it's going to yield some birdies, and I think greens in regulation are key.

The greens are effectively a lot smaller than they look, where the pins can actually be located in a lot of runoffs.

For me personally it's just keep doing what I've been doing and then try and make a few more putts.

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