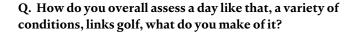
# The 153rd Open

Mixed Zone Thursday, 17 July 2025

#### **Justin Thomas**



JUSTIN THOMAS: I'm just tired right now. It's a long day. Yeah, I played really well. I feel like that's just kind of the weather you can get so easily here. I've played a couple times in Northern Ireland, and you very often get a lot of seasons in one day.

Yeah, just kind of have to take what you're given at that specific or certain time kind of thing.

Q. There's a lot of time in between shots on a day when it's longer rounds, but overall how do you process that in rounds of golf when there is a break in the action? How do you deal with your time?

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's no different than a normal round. I don't know, just kind of every day is different. Some days it's easier or harder than others. More than anything, it's just once you kind of get back into your shot or whatever, then it's time to just step back into that focus and that zone and focus on what I'm trying to do, and I feel like I did a really good job of that today.

# Q. Did it seem slow, or is it just how it's going to be when there's weather?

JUSTIN THOMAS: It seemed really slow. Once we got to the back nine, it just seemed -- yeah, it just -- I mean, the back nine's so tough with all the cross-winds. It's really, really hard to hit fairways. Then when you miss the fairway, it's hard to hit the green. It's a grind, so everyone's going through it.

### Q. It's not really that you're waiting so much as it is that it takes time?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, it's a lot of people in a golf tournament, and that's going to create -- I mean, a city that has a lot more population. Traffic is going to be a lot worse than it is in Pikeville, Kentucky, that's just the way it is. Then you add the elements and add everything, it's just going to be a long day.

#### Q. Was the wind particularly unpredictable?



JUSTIN THOMAS: Not entirely. It kind of like died down there for a minute, and then it felt like it picked back up. Then it kind of switched, it got a little more southeast. It was kind of supposed to be south/southeast all day. So it switched there for a second. It was pretty consistent directionally, but you always in links golf, I feel like different parts of the course it blows more than other times. You just hope where you are it's not blowing very much.

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