

# TOUR Championship

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East Lake Golf Club

## Justin Thomas

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. How would you characterize that round?

JUSTIN THOMAS: It was scrappy. It was a grind. Disappointing. I mean, to finish the way I did was definitely disappointing. But to be even 5-under with how I was driving it was pretty impressive. I just really, for as good as I drove it yesterday, and I felt as in control as I was, I hit some really squirrely drives and try to go figure that out on the range here this afternoon.

But, yeah, I mean, I'm close. I'm in a good spot going into this weekend. Obviously I would like to be a little closer but there's nothing I can do.

#### Q. What was the difference between how well you drove it yesterday and today, little mechanical things?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, probably. My tendency with the driver is to get a little long and across the line, and so I would assume that's kind of what it was of. I was trying just to hit shots out there. And I wasn't too far off. The worst drives I hit were really my last two holes on 17 and 18. But I hit a lot of drives that were pretty close, or at least they were solid. But, yeah, just go hopefully iron that out and be good.

#### Q. How do you feel about the position you put yourself in trying to make up ground heading into the weekend?

JUSTIN THOMAS: I don't know how these guys are going to finish. If one of them birdies December 18, I'm in the same spot I was to start the day, which isn't ideal. I would like to be closer and I feel like I should be. But there's nothing I can do about it. I just, I know that I can shoot a low score out here. I had a chance to do it today with driving it poorly.

So I feel like if I can just get the ball in the fairway, take advantage of the scoring clubs when I can, and keep putting it like I am, I got a chance to shoot a really good score.



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#### Q. Do you enjoy the challenge of a tougher course?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah. It's a lot better than last week. It was a pitch and putt.

#### Q. Do you feel like that helps you as a chaser?

JUSTIN THOMAS: It's just better, yeah. I mean, you go to a place like last week and you have to really shoot 7-, 8-under just to keep pace. You can play good golf at a place like last week or the week prior and not really gain any ground or lose ground shooting, 3-, 4-under. So a place like this, there's not really a lead that's safe with how tough it can play, but at the end of the day I can't worry about what the other guys are doing I just have to go out and try to make some birdies and stop making mistakes.

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