

Valspar Championship

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Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)

Justin Thomas

Quick Quotes

Q. Finished up when the rain started, bit of a roller coaster of a day for you. I don't know how you would describe it, but what was it like keeping that mental stamina going when you're dealing with a lot out on the golf course?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I think my finish on 18 kind of sums it up. I truly just feel like I completely lost my concentration and what was going on and just hit a terrible iron shot there. Yeah, it was weird. I mean, I think we got very lucky with the weather. I know those guys had a lot of wind this morning, we had some this afternoon, it just was very gusty and it made that back nine very challenging. But, yeah, I scrambled really well and I hit a lot of really, really quality golf shots. I picked a bad time to have the worst shot of the tournament so far, but I'm in a great place with two days left.

Q. Speaking of that impressive scrambling, on the broadcast Steve Sands called your up-and-down an all timer. What were some of the most important moments that stuck out to you in terms of keeping the momentum going, considering how hard it was out there?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I thought 10 was huge. I drove it a lot better today, but I hit a bad drive on 10 again. And you can get lucky on some of these holes or you have, in pine straw you can really work the ball enough. I've hit it over there two days in a row, I mean, they're bad tee shots, but I just haven't had anything. I felt like you get to a spot where you can get it up by the green or on the green, and I just had to chip it out to 65 yards, and getting those up-and-down those are the kind of things that can change the entire momentum for the back nine. So stuff like that, or the up-and-down on 14 and 15, those are huge.

Q. Based on what you saw in your swing today and yesterday what is the most important focus for you tomorrow?

JUSTIN THOMAS: Keep doing what I'm doing. I think I need to just stay disciplined and, I mean, there's a lot of



holes out here I think you have the clubs in your hands that you do -- and like 18, a little 8-iron in, and it's hard to not think birdie, when you just have some pins that aren't really birdie pins. So I think I've done a really good job of that for 35 holes, I just didn't do it on my last, but, yeah, just keep doing what I'm doing and I'll be all right.

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