

U.S. Adaptive Open

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Woodmont Country Club (South Course)

Jordan Thomas

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: All right, we're here with Jordan Thomas from Nashville, Tennessee.

JORDAN THOMAS: That's right.

Q. JT, why don't you just talk about how preparation has gone the past couple days.

JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah, it's been great. I mean, the course is playing pretty firm out there so we've not really seen it in this condition.

But it's playing firm, it's playing fast. It's great. I mean, this place is perfectly manicured so it's a treat to be here.

Yeah, just really, really good golf course.

Q. Yeah. You had a really good second round last year, 71. Any tips and tricks around Woodmont you want to tell first-time competitors?

JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah, the par-5s is where you have got to make hay while the sun is shining out here. The par-5s are pretty gettable. There are some manage holes, holes that can jump up and bite you. Par-3s aren't the easiest par-3s in the world, but plenty of opportunities with par-5s.

It's a good golf course. Kind of all out in front of you so you don't have to really do anything special.

Q. I know you had a really fun group yesterday out at the practice round. Do you have any fun moments or conversations out of that?

JORDAN THOMAS: Oh, I mean, that's just an unbelievable pairing, Andrew Austen and Chazzy, always fun to play with those guys. They've become really good friends of mine, which is kind of the blessing of adaptive golf, is we're such a tightknit community now.

Highlight was probably -- I call him Jimbo, Andrew Austen's snack game a really strong. Probably No. 1 in the world



when it comes to snacks. So we had a good time breaking his ribs about that.

Q. Yeah, great for the Lunch Pail.

JORDAN THOMAS: Great for the Pail. Those guys are true Lunch Pailers. We actually initiated him yesterday so they're officially now Lunch Pailers as well, which is really big time.

I have a feeling you may be a lunch pail err, too. You're a flusher.

Q. Really?

JORDAN THOMAS: Saw you hit an 8-iron yesterday pretty straight down the middle, little baby cut.

Q. Hey, love to be put on the spot there.

JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah.

Q. We want to talk a little bit about your foundation. You do a lot of great things for kids.

JORDAN THOMAS: Sure.

Q. Do you want to talk about how that's been going, especially in the last year?

JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah, for sure. It all started in 2005. I got hit by a boat propeller when I was 16 years old and lost both my legs. And so I grew up in a place of privilege knowing that I would have access to prosthetics.

So I saw an opportunity when I learned that kids didn't get access to prosthetics, that that for me was an unacceptable reality, so I started my foundation in the hospital eight days after I lost my legs.

It's been 21 years now we've done it. We have 230 kids in 36 different states that we provide prosthetics too, provide mental health support, we provide scholarships, we provide camps. Just a really loving community of people that do amazing things when they're given the opportunity to do it.

Q. That's incredible.



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JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah.

Q. Adaptive golf has come a long way and there is a chance in 2032 that it makes it into the Paralympic Games at Brisbane. If that were to happen, what do you think -- A, what would that opportunity mean to you, and also just for the adaptive golf community?

JORDAN THOMAS: Oh, I mean, I think that has been kind of in our minds since the USGA took the lead with the U.S. Adaptive Open. If we were to get into the Paralympic Games that would be a dream come true. To represent my country against these guys that are incredible players would be just a real gift and a privilege.

THE MODERATOR: Amazing. Thank you so much for your time.

JORDAN THOMAS: Yeah, thank you. Appreciate it.

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