

# U.S. Open Championship 2017

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## Justin Thomas

### Flash Interview



**Q. Justin, was it the pink pants?**

JUSTIN THOMAS: Whatever it was, I'm happy with it.

**Q. The numbers were out there. You have a 63, what does that mean?**

JUSTIN THOMAS: That means I'm a part of history. It means I have a lot better chance to win the tournament than I did when the day started. I mean, it's all pretty self-explanatory, I guess, in terms of what it means. But just for me, I felt like I've been playing pretty well all week, and didn't have quite the numbers to show for it. Obviously, today I definitely had something to show for it.

**Q. Talk about the round. You got off to birdie-birdie start. Great momentum to get going. Was that a big confidence booster?**

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, if you hit good tee shots on 1 and 2 with the wind we had today, I felt like with the soft conditions, you need to at least get one of them with good tee shots. So to make both was obviously great. But that 6-iron I hit into 3 was one of the best shots I've hit today. That ball is way above my feet. I had 204 in and off the left wind. You need to make sure you get it up there but not too far. And I just pured the 6-iron right at it. You know, that's something to where a lot of people would just be like that's another shot I made par. But I don't know. Something about that shot kind of calmed me, and it made me very comfortable for the day.

**Q. Second shot on 18, take us through your thoughts. What did you think right after you hit it?**

JUSTIN THOMAS: I knew I hit it really well. I had 310 hole, but it was downwind to where I knew if I hit it solid, I could definitely get it there. But I knew my miss, if I hit it off the bottom or got spiny, it was going to be in those front bunkers, which was fine. That was perfect.

That's all Jimmy and I were trying to do is give ourselves a best chance to make a 4. Make 4, get out of there and post a great number those things are bonuses, you know? I wouldn't have been able to do that without that rain last night. So I guess I'm thankful for that.

**Q. Jonathan said that he wasn't sure you knew what that putt, last putt was for, the score exactly.**

JUSTIN THOMAS: I didn't know. I mean, I knew what it was score-wise. I knew it was for 63. You've got

leaderboards everywhere, and for the most part you usually have an idea what you're doing.

I told Jimmy walking up there once I found out we had a putt, I said let's try to become a part of history here. He said, yeah, let's do it. But I had no idea in terms of 9-under being the best in the U.S. Open.

**Q. In your bag it looked like you were looking to see how much your arms were shaking?**

JUSTIN THOMAS: Yeah, I'm hungry. So I was -- honestly, I was a little mad at myself because I could feel I was hungry on 14 and 15, I didn't have anything. I just get a little shaky and jittery on putts, and that's what happened on 15. Then I was so mad at myself for that. So I could feel a little bit again, but I just wanted to calm myself and just try to relax over that putt.