

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-11)



Q. Jon, what was the biggest difference from Thursday to today?

JON RAHM: There's a couple. Obviously putting, but I would say my iron game was a little bit better today, in general my swing felt better. Yesterday was one of those days where I just couldn't seem to find the center of the face. Lines were good, just wasn't truly comfortable and it's hard to score that way even though I finished really, really strong.

Today was a bit of a different story, it was much better off the tee, and with the irons I felt better and was able to be a little more aggressive and give myself a lot of birdie looks and a lot of close ones.

Q. Did I hear you tell Todd that you thought your speed was a little better on the greens today?

JON RAHM: Quite a bit, yeah. Yeah, yesterday I'm going out on the early shift with the greens a little bit faster, a little bit more slick, right. Those are about as good of greens as you're ever going to find. After spending the last few months in Europe and Arizona with overseeding, I haven't seen greens like this in a long time. So it's one thing to do it on the putting green and it's one thing to do it on the course. Yesterday it seems it took me a little bit to get used to the greens, but towards the end I had it down and putted really, really well, so today I just kept it going.

Q. I don't know how many nice things you could say about your ball-striking today, it was really, really good. Wondering if the 17th almost kind of illustrates what kind of day it was. What club was that?

JON RAHM: It was a 7-iron. Not gonna lie, I thought the ball had stopped about three seconds before I heard the crowd react. What was --

Q. -- it stopped?

JON RAHM: No, stopped. I thought I was 20 feet short. I thought it wasn't moving because it was a shadow and we couldn't really see it, then obviously the crowd let us know. That was a really good feeling swing. A couple of those 7 irons were really good today that just maybe weren't on the same line, but a couple 7, 8, 9s that were really, really good feeling swings and it showed. Another really good shot was the second shot on 9. Even though I couldn't make the putt, it was just a good feeling swing. My shot into 7, even though it ended up 15 feet, it was really good feeling. It was a lot of good out there today.



Q. It's so good that a couple of the shots you point out are ones you didn't convert for birdies?

JON RAHM: Yeah. Well, I wasn't planning on missing three-footers today. And it wasn't really a bad putt, it was a misread, so I can't really say much about it.

Q. Seemed like you had a lot in that kind of 8- to 15-foot range all day?

JON RAHM: Yeah.

Q. Make or miss, I mean, it was there.

JON RAHM: It's not the easiest course to be stiffing it at because the ball releases a little bit, right, unless you have a wedge in hand. Seven-, 6-, 8-irons can actually release so you have to take that into account and be a little more precise, so yeah, you're going to find yourself a lot between 10 to 20-foot range.

Q. And the bunker shot on I think it was 8, was it?

JON RAHM: Yeah.

Q. Was that just a bonus or was that a great bunker shot?

JON RAHM: Great bonus. It's funny, yesterday I hit three great bunker shots that I didn't even make up and down on. Today, yeah, it was a good bunker shot. I couldn't see the pin. After one of the two really bad iron shots today, that one was atrocious from the center of the fairway, but sometimes --

Q. It's good to know you hit at least one bad iron shot today.

JON RAHM: Two of them, yeah. That one on 18 was not good, either. But it's golf, it is what it is. Usually things tend to even out throughout a round when you're playing good golf. And yes, I made those two mistakes, but I had that hole-out, I made the long putt on 10, the other one on 16.

Q. Sixteen, yeah, from 25 feet.

JON RAHM: Maybe it was a little one-sided towards the positive side today.

Q. This doesn't really matter, I guess, but would it have been a benefit at all if the rake hadn't gotten in the way?

JON RAHM: I have no idea, but that's a badly placed rake because the natural course of that hole is for that ball to end up in the bunker, right. It eliminates a few options, I have to fly it next to the pin. Maybe I would have had a longer putt -- short par putt, maybe not, we don't



know. But yeah, the natural course of action is for that ball to end up in the sand, but it is what it is.

Q. I was going to ask you one other thing. How are you feeling this time of the year?

JON RAHM: Great.

Q. It's kind of a question I've been asking earlier about the majors, the FedExCup being over with and you still have stuff, but --

JON RAHM: In our case, we have the Tour Championship coming up as well in Dubai, right? So for me the Spanish Open is an important date, so I want to make sure I'm fit for that.

Q. There's been no letup necessarily for you in terms of practice and momentum?

JON RAHM: I mean, you're not playing for the same. I take a little bit more time off at home, I try to be dad and help out, but still try to stay in shape to compete at a tournament, that's for sure.

Q. What do you do after Dubai? I know you're playing Bahamas, but do you shut it down pretty much completely?

JON RAHM: It's Thanksgiving, so probably put on a few lbs, that's for sure.

Q. Join the club.

JON RAHM: Listen, not that I need them, but I'm for sure going to be joining that club like everybody else most likely.

