

## MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA

### ROUND 4 INTERVIEW

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### JON RAHM ( -21)

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**Q. Jon, I know you wanted to go a little bit lower today in your final round, but you still kept the pressure on Tony out there. What did you make of this round today?**

**JON RAHM:** Yeah, I knew I needed a low one again today, somewhere 23, 24, 25 under was, maybe if I had a target in mind, that was it. It was a day where I didn't do much wrong, but I didn't do much right, either.

I didn't feel like I was putting perfect swings out there, but they also weren't terrible. I just found myself a large part of the day between 20 and 45 feet for birdie, never really having a real look. And then when it was time to put some pressure on, you know, I didn't play 12 and 14 properly, made some birdies in between. But still, again, even 16 and 17, those are two shots that if you tell me mid ball flight, I would have told you they were on the green and they were going to be good shots and they just weren't. That's pretty much the same story the first two days, right. If it wasn't for that fantastic round yesterday, I really wouldn't have had a chance to compete for the tournament.

It is what it is. Still proud to come back after the year that has been and put on a show and have a good defense of the title.

**Q. Was there a certain point in your round where you kind of were feeling a little extra pressure as the holes were kind of dwindling?**

**JON RAHM:** No, no. Even when I made the birdie on 15, I knew if I could somehow play 16, 17 well, there was a chance there. I feel like if I hit that second shot on 16 on the green and give myself a real look at birdie, Tony's up-and-down gets significantly more difficult. And even if I make it, now it's a two-shot difference, two to play. You never know what can happen, but there was plenty of options throughout the day.

The first five holes with the tee shots I hit and where I was, I should have given myself at least a couple putts inside 12 feet for birdie. I just never really did. Then there was a couple holes when I had the chance again, like 8 I didn't take advantage of it. I think I did what I needed to do off the tee and I just didn't capitalize on a couple of those opportunities. And then, well, I'm not going to be making 40-footers every day, I also didn't have the one putt that maybe would have turned things around. It's not terrible, it's still a 67, it's 4 under par, but I wish it could have been better.

**Q. Even as someone who's the No. 1 golfer on the Tour and has won so much out**



**here, how valuable is it to have this experience continuously being in the hunt on Sunday like you were?**

**JON RAHM:** Yeah, I mean, it's a great reminder that what you've done means absolutely nothing, you still have to go out there and do it.

It's also good so you don't think too much of yourself, right? Like obviously I wanted to win, but it's a reminder that everybody out here is a great player and Tony came out with a two-shot lead and played fantastic golf.

I feel like had I been able to pressure him a little more, we would have seen more birdies from Tony. It's like I said, a great reminder of what I still need to do to be able to keep winning tournaments and if you ask me, that's almost a blessing in life, to know that the work is not really done. It's never done, the search is ever ongoing. The path, I believe Arnie said the path to success is always under construction and that couldn't be any more true.

**Q. Jon, you're playing really well, Tony's playing really well. How does this set you up to maybe do this again in two weeks at Oak Hill?**

**JON RAHM:** We're two weeks away. Right now I've got a couple sponsor days coming up the next few days and after that I probably need a bit of time off, just a little bit of rest. Not too much, just mind, body and soul just need it. It's been a lot of golf. And again, I haven't had time to really sit back and rest after the Masters. I'm looking forward to do that.

**Q. When are you going to Rochester?**

**JON RAHM:** I have no idea. I know tomorrow I'm flying to my sponsor day and that's about it, that's all I can tell you.

