
Q. Jon, how would you assess your round?

JON RAHM: To be honest, it's probably one of the most organized rounds I've played in a very long time. I'm not the best player in bermudagrass. I try to be a little smarter, try to have the uphill putts. I did that perfectly up until -- actually, I did that almost perfectly the whole round. From the first hole to I would say the 13th I played really, really good golf. I just made a couple of mistakes. Actually, I made one mistake on 11 and I wish I would have made a few more putts. But tee to green is about as good as I can play it.

Q. Is there a reason why you're not as comfortable on bermudagrass?

JON RAHM: I never grew up on it so it's hard for me to read the break and then add or take break away because of the grain. When it comes to chipping on bermuda rough, we all know how hard it is. So when you haven't grown up on it, it's a bit of an adjustment period. And for the few greens I missed, which I think it was three today, actually two, the chips weren't the best. I mean, I ended up making a 12-footer and then missing a 15-footer on 14. If I can hit those a little closer, it will help out.

Q. Has one of the biggest learning curves been learning the different grasses on different courses each week?

JON RAHM: I'm good on all of them, bermuda is the one that's a little harder just because I grew up on poa annua. So the West Coast Swing plays right up my alley, which is very different to how bentgrass plays. Adam, my caddie, grew up in Florida, he can understand. He told me a couple tricks and I'm learning slowly. Shooting 3 under par on this place, it shows that I've been playing good so hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. Why do you think you're able to adjust so quickly, you're seeing so many courses for the first time this year. Why do you think you're able to adjust so quickly and play well?

JON RAHM: Well, I've got to say four years in college helps. In college you fly, have one practice round and good luck. That's about it. So after four years of that playing 60 events that way you get used to it. If I get -- I mean I don't even like coming too early. I try to come on Monday. I play 9 on Tuesday and 18 on Wednesday and that's about it. I'm just used to it. I don't like looking at a course too often or too much before the tournament. I don't like overthinking things. And again, having Adam on the bag with all the experience he's got helps. He knows where to go and not to go. He always gives me the little tips I need to know in each practice round, which so far it's been plenty.

Q. Do you also like surprise parties, maybe there's a theme here?

JON RAHM: I'm sorry?

Q. Do you also like surprise parties? I'm wondering if there's a theme, like show up, take the course on and surprise?

JON RAHM: Well, I think I had one surprise party in my life so I can't tell you. Yeah, I liked it. Who doesn't like a surprise party, right?

Q. Yeah, so you kind of show up and get one practice round and it's kind of you don't know what you're getting?

JON RAHM: I think it's different, I think I just learn the courses quickly. The one thing we do is we don't set up one strategy for the whole round. We get to the hole and depending how we're feeling, we're like all right, we'll hit this club or not.

The first hole of the day is a perfect example, we said driver all the way and we got to the tee and I was like, man, I'm feeling like 3-wood so I hit 3-wood, right? So it happens. I keep going back, I mean Colonial is a perfect example when I said I'm hitting 6 drivers tops, I ended up hitting 12 drivers every day. So it's just I play how I feel, and depending how things are going and that's probably why I've been successful on those courses, even if I've never played them before, just try to stay in the moment.

Q. Do you know where in Florida Adam grew up?

JON RAHM: I think it was Coco Beach area, I'm pretty sure. I hope I'm not wrong.

Q. I thought you were going to eagle both par 5s, you came close there on 18. What were your impressions of this golf course as you went around it for the first time?

JON RAHM: It's tough. It was a really good ball striking day. To be honest, I didn't find myself out of position many times even though it played tough. I'm extremely satisfied with my round. The course is in good condition, it's right there in front of you. If you hit a good shot you end up good, if you hit a poor shot it's going to end up bad. So happy it's under par. It looked rough there for a second, but a good birdie-birdie finish and hopefully I can keep it going.

Q. You're an aggressive player. As you've gone around it today, does anything change tomorrow like maybe I can take advantage here, there?

JON RAHM: To be honest, I think I did what I needed to do. I think I actually handled the front nine really really well, 3 under, no bogeys, only one mistake. Then a lot of birdie putts that just didn't drop on the first few holes were really good putts. So I think I just need to

keep playing the same way.

This might have been the most conservative I ever played in a very long time and it's paid off. A couple bogeys, but to be honest one of the bogeys was just a mental mistake, three-putt. Nothing to really need to change, just keep it going, hopefully make a few more putts.

Q. You control your own destiny, you've probably heard that a million times. What's the mindset now with three rounds to go?

JON RAHM: Same thing. Three back, so we've got one shot at a time.