



JON RAHM (-)10

Q. Bogey-free round today?

JON RAHM: Yeah.

Q. How would you sum it up today?

JON RAHM: How can I sum it up? I missed one fairway, I believe. That's only because they put a patch of rough in the middle of the fairway on 4, so that was kind of how everything went, right?

I hit it so solid off the tee, I was always in the fairway with a short club in. Besides that, followed with some good iron play. I think the best way to describe it, having five par 5s and two relatively short par 4s out of those seven holes, I got six birdies out of the nine, right? So I capitalized on the easier holes today, played really good. Was 3-3 out of sand saves. I just -- you know, didn't seem like much could go wrong. After that putt on 10 I got a lot of confidence and was swinging really aggressively at the pin.

Q. Jon, is there anything specific you're working on in your swing at the moment or a certain feeling you have when you're out there that you know always works when you really hit the ball well like you did today?

JON RAHM: I haven't changed my swing in about 10 years at this point, so I don't think I'm going to do anything to change it.

Q. Do you have any like thoughts out there when things are going well?

JON RAHM: I think the best way I can say is just stay out of my own way, just don't change anything. Things are going well, just keep doing what you're doing.

If it's only one thought in my swing for the people that get technical, you know, I get a little too bowed sometimes. Just keeping the clubhead in front of my hands, that might be the only feel that I have. On days like today after that 3-wood on 9, I just kept going ahead, I just didn't really think about my swing. It was like a well-oiled machine, I didn't have to think about it.

Q. Staying aggressive, that's sort of a big thing for you, staying aggressive?

JON RAHM: I mean, it's just like I said, if I'm hitting really solid drives and to have short irons in, it's hard not to be aggressive. You still need to be a little smart because there's

some areas on those greens that you don't want to go.

Like on 10 today, if you hit it anywhere right of the pin, you're going down to the low, and it's not like it's the hardest up-and-down, but you don't leave yourself an easy birdie chance. And then I was lucky on the tougher holes, like on 12 I was able to hit a really good shot in, so everything worked out today.

Q. How would you sum up 2018 for you?

JON RAHM: The best way I could say, I said it in Dubai, this year was a big year of personal growth more than my golf game. I was actually quite surprised on how well I played compared to what I had going on in my personal life and a lot of things going on. A lot of like I said, personal growth. I was able to play just as good golf as I did last year. I win twice, the Spanish Open, which is a huge win for me, get in contention in a couple of majors, and then hopefully finish strong today and this week.

Q. Are you more confident as a player because of the Ryder Cup?

JON RAHM: No. I learned a lot about myself that week, but I've always been about as confident as I can be about myself. That's probably the No. 1 thing that got me to this point, just belief and confidence that I could do what I set myself to do.

Q. What did you learn about yourself that week?

JON RAHM: Nothing that I want to disclose really.

Q. How are you approaching the majors and the entire season on the PGA TOUR?

JON RAHM: I always like that question. Majors, like everybody else, try to win it, simple as that. It's great that it's on courses like Portrush, which I've played before but I know they've changed like 14 holes, so that scratches that. I do like the town of Portstewart, I won the Irish Open on Portstewart, right, so I definitely have good vibes there. Augusta, Pebble, places that I've played good on, I really like it, I enjoy it a lot. Then Bethpage is somewhere that I've never been, so I can't tell you what the PGA's going to be like, but hopefully just keep playing good golf, keep trying to manage the expectations like everybody else and hopefully give myself a chance on Sunday.

Q. Speaking of expectations, do you keep the same expectations from year to year or will you adjust them for 2019?

JON RAHM: I adjust my goals every year. In a sport like this where everything changes so quickly, it's hard to set up a five-year goal, six-year goal. That's what I did last year, I set myself year goals and then I had an idea of what I wanted to do down the road, and then I found myself achieving all those things in five months of being on Tour. So it's so relative that I just set myself goals year to year. You know, if more comes, better. If not, keep

working trying to accomplish what I set myself to.

Q. Sorry if you've been asked this already, but is there a general date in mind for a wedding?

JON RAHM: There is, but we're trying to keep it slow, pretty small, to be honest. We're really thinking of doing a small ceremony in Spain just because a lot of my family members can't fly all the way to the U.S. and vice versa where a lot of the family members can't go all the way to the U.S. [sic.] So do something small in Spain and then a couple months later do a ceremony in the U.S.