

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-8)

Q. Jon, as it stands right now, tied for second and you've put yourself in a good position going into the third round.

JON RAHM: Yeah. Good day, can't complain. Conditions were much easier today. It was a little bit more doable out there. I believe I played pretty much as good as yesterday. The only difference between today's scores and yesterday was a couple made putts. Made a few longer ones today on the second hole, that bonus eagle putt on 15 and the one on 16, right? So making a few of those was the only difference really.

Q. How do you keep the momentum from Dubai to here energy-wise?

JON RAHM: I never know how to answer to that question because it is different tournaments, different courses. As much as I wish I could just do the same every week and just play good, it doesn't work that way. So it's truly just sticking to your game plan and knowing you're feeling good and knowing you're going to play good, right? It's more that.

It's not like last week I spent all week practicing, it was Thanksgiving in the States so I spent most of the week eating more than anything else.

I think I just come with the confidence that I know I've been playing good. I don't need to do anything special to be able to play good. And knowing winning last year and how I did it, right, you don't need to do anything out of the ordinary, just do what you're good at and hopefully execute properly.

Q. You mentioned your confidence, even though weeks apart, wins in the last few starts, you're in position here headed to the final 36 holes. Is this the most confident you've ever been in your game right now?

JON RAHM: I don't think my confidence level ever changes. I have a lot of belief and confidence in myself, it's just sometimes you feel better than others, it's as simple as that.

Again, as a competitor you have to have that belief or you have to have that confidence in yourself, otherwise it'll be absolutely impossible to play good. But now it's always very nice to, you know, back it up with good performances, so in that sense, yeah, I might be -- I won't say it's the most, because I've been pretty consistent throughout my career and I've played good before, but it is a unique, you know, time or the first time I've won two starts in a row. But again, Spanish Open was two months ago, it was such a long time ago. It's not like it was the last two weeks, right? It was a long time ago, so I don't think it really changes it that much.

Q. What part of your game do you feel the best about as we go into the final --

JON RAHM: Hard to pick one, hard to pick one. If anything, I would say maybe the strength off the tee. I hit it really good in Dubai off the tee, I hit it really good this week, and definitely in Spain. A much narrower course than these last two in Spain, I hit it so good off the tee it allowed me to be aggressive, right. So I would say I've been confident hitting a lot of good tee shots. That's why when I get to 18, I don't even think about it, just pick it up and hit it as hard as I can pretty much every hole here, and it's worked out so far. I would say everything feels really good. It's hard to pick a favorite because my iron game's also been really good. I shot a bogey-free 6 under, so anytime you're bogey free, everything's really working.

Q. You said that you different all the tournament you won, so Irish Open, are you planning to go to as well?

JON RAHM: Yeah.

Q. And what do you think about G-Mac as the host for the next two years?

JON RAHM: I love G-Mac, so it's great. He's a great guy, good person to be around. I think he'll be a great host. Both Northern Ireland and Ireland love him, he's a very lovable person and I think he'll make the country proud and he'll make a good effort in that event. Like I said, I'll be there next year.