

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-17)

Q. Very good defense of your title, went close again. The winning habit's not there, but very good performance.

JON RAHM: Well, still not over. You know, it would take a bad shot from Henrik, who's clearly playing beautiful and hitting really, really good iron shots all week. I saw two days of that. So I'll be surprised if that second shot goes outside 20 feet to be honest.

Yeah, good performance, played really good tee to green especially today. I just couldn't get it going and I got a stretch of good putts over there on 14, 15, 16 to give myself a chance. I have made my share of long ones this week, especially on 15, but I can't help to think a lot of those short ones I missed. I mean, either way, I mean, still really good score, 17 under par with a couple missed putts. Everything evens out. So those three eagle putts on 15 even out a lot. Still hoping. I never wish anything bad to anybody, but hopefully I can come back here as a champion this year. If not, Henrik is a very deserving champion.

Q. How do you sum up this fall, this three-month stretch for you? Is this the best golf you've played in a similar stretch your entire career?

JON RAHM: I wouldn't say like when it comes to hitting the ball, I wouldn't say it's the best. I've just scored really well. I've managed to score really well. Even this week it wasn't the best I felt with my irons, but I was able to keep myself in position. Each miss was in the right spot and I was able to salvage a lot, at least this week.

Played pretty solid in Spain, can't complain about that, I hit it really good with the irons. Same thing at Wentworth. I don't know if it's the best because I've had some good runs, but definitely I've been able to close better than in the past.

Q. In that same vein, is it almost like disappointing that now it's time for some time off now given that you're playing so well?

JON RAHM: I'm flying to Maui in 20 days, less than that, so it's not like it's that far away. No, it's a good ending to the year. It's as simple as that, we can put this year behind us and focus on next week for me and next year.

Q. How would you rate the year?

JON RAHM: It was the best year I've had. I'm not going to give it a 10 because I don't think anybody would give it a 10, but close to a nine out of 10.

Q. Are you a scoreboard watcher, Jon, on days like this?

JON RAHM: Yes. I wish I would have had a scoreboard on 18 to know that I was one back because I definitely played it 20 feet short of the pin thinking I was at least tied for the lead, so I wanted to give myself a chance. But had I known, I would have been a little bit more aggressive. It is what it is. I still hit a good shot, I just mis-hit it a tiny bit and came up shorter than I wanted it.

Q. Do you remember another big tournament like this where there wasn't a scoreboard on 18?

JON RAHM: No. Well, there's one on the left on nine, but it's kind of hard to see the small numbers, I couldn't really tell. And it wasn't until I got to the green where they changed the position of the names.

Q. So if you knew, you would have hit a more aggressive shot?

JON RAHM: I would have maybe planned -- because I think I had one -- 54 meters to the pin and we didn't want to get past 150 because you get the risk of having what happened to Tiger, so I planned at least four or five short of it and ended up 20 feet short of the pin. Had I known that, I think I would have maybe grabbed a 9-iron and made a more aggressive swing towards the pin.

Q. What is next for you, Jon?

JON RAHM: I'm getting married in less than a week, that's what's next, then Christmas, have fun and then we're already in Hawaii.