

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-14)



Q. Just want to talk about the battle back that you had today after the rocky start and to have a chance there on the last to tie Marc?

JON RAHM: Well, I can say I can't really play much worse for the first 10 holes. Saved a lot of pars and kind of stood in there to go 3 over. Then after that you have 11 and 12 to deal with, which I parred, and then from 13 on kind of got in the mindset of just loosen up, doesn't matter, you're six shots back, just try to maybe get the round to even par, not shoot over par in this tournament, which is obviously a hard thing to do.

Made that eagle, started to get some good vibes, started hitting fairways, and that birdie on 14 kind of got me going. I was confident with the putter all day, I just was never close enough to make putts. And even with that bogey on 15, I'm like, you know, it's going to take a special finish. I saw Adam Scott finish with four straight birdies to give Justin Rose a run last year. I finished with a birdie and eagle to win by three, so I knew it was possible. I hit the shots I needed to.

What people probably don't know is that on 18, after I made that putt on 17, I never looked at the scoreboard, so as far as I was concerned I was tied for the lead. Sorry, one back. So with a birdie, I was going to be in a playoff.

I wouldn't have changed anything. I hit a great drive and a great second shot. The putt, that's a tough putt. You can't just ram it by 10 feet by, it's just not going to go in. So I did hit it with trying to make it with perfect speed thinking a two-putt would get into a playoff, but when Adam told me the news, he's like, "Hey, good try." I'm like, "What do you mean, we're in a playoff." He's like, "Nope, he birdied 18." And I didn't hear any roars or anything, so I just assumed he parred.

Again, even if I hit the right speed, that putt doesn't go in, it was left of the hole the whole way, so it doesn't matter. But still, it's just a sour feeling.

Puts a lot of things in perspective just knowing that, you know, the helicopter accident that happened today. One of my great idols that I was coordinating with a friend to actually meet sometime soon and pick his brain. One of my great references in the world of sports. I mean, it's unbelievable, him, his daughter and other people on that helicopter passed away today, so it's truly unfortunate. There's a wife and three sisters, one being very, very young, I think less than a year old who don't have a father or a sister anymore. That's the real deal.

There's much worst things going on in the world. There's an epidemic going on in China that could potentially kill thousands. Me missing a putt and not reading a scoreboard really,

really, really doesn't matter to me right now is what it is. I try my best, I do what I do -- I do what I can and luckily I play golf for a living, which is what I love and I do it good enough to play at an elite level, right?

So I'm really fortunate to be where I am and then my heart goes to all those people in the helicopter, all those families and all the other problems going on in the world, which are a lot more important than whether I make a putt or not.

Q. Your tee shot on 3, what was going on there?

JON RAHM: I mean, seriously, after what I just said we're going to talk about that?