

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-8)



Q. Can you give me an idea how much more difficult the conditions are today versus yesterday?

JON RAHM: It's hard to tell you if you don't play. Those fairways are narrow enough as it is. When you start adding the side wind, it's just not fun. I couldn't tell you. There's a lot of holes out there -- let's take the first hole per se, right? If you put it in the fairway, in my case today I had 110 yards, just a go pin 100 out of 100 times. If you miss it in the right rough, you have a tree in the way, you can't stop it, you depend on the lie. Things can get complicated and that's on an easy hole.

If we go to one of those longer ones like 2 where you're having a 6-iron into the green and you miss the fairway, you really need to manage. The key for me today was some of those early up-and-downs. I was able to get some really, really good up-and-downs starting on 13. 13 was a good one. Kept things going 13, 14 and 18 were really good up-and-downs, and we can throw the one on 8 there as well. I saved four shots right there and was able to finish my first 9 under par, which was nothing short of a miracle because I didn't strike it well.

And then on my second nine, took advantage of the easier holes, hit it really well and posted a good score.

I can't really stress how hard it can get. North is easier. South today is brutal, I mean absolutely brutal. Every shot counts out there. Even being on the fairway some shots are not easy and with this wind and rain coming in and out, for those who played the North today, we should be really fortunate to play that course today.

Q. You made a putter switch this week, I believe. What's your confidence level with the new putter?

JON RAHM: Well, based on my score, I'd say it's pretty good.