

ROUND 2 INTERVIEW
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JON RAHM (-13)



Q. Jon, it looked like on your last I think three drives, I think you hit the fairway and before that on your second nine it looked a little frustrating. Did you figure something out there toward the end or not really?

JON RAHM: Well, it wasn't too far off. I missed a lot of fairways that weren't necessarily bad tee shots, right? Those fairways on the North course are extremely tight, for the most part narrower than the South. When you start missing them barely, it's easy to get a little tight or try to change things but I really didn't have to do anything special. On 6, believe it or not I just said, you know, screw it, if you hit the fairway, might as well have 80 yards, and went to hit it as hard as I could and it turned out perfect. Holes 7 to 9 was repeating exactly what I tried to do on 6.

Q. (Inaudible)

JON RAHM: It was in the fairway. There's a lot of those that I hit that didn't feel that bad and I thought would have a chance to go in but just didn't. that was the frustrating part.

Q. Does it feel good to get through a round like that and still be at the top knowing that your good stuff is coming?

JON RAHM: I mean, it wasn't bad yesterday, it certainly wasn't bad today. I managed really well today and it feels good because if you tell me before the round I'm going to hit four fairways and shoot 7 under, I'd tell you that something out there must have been really good, which today was. For how little fairways I hit, I was able to hit a lot of those greens from the rough, which is not the easiest thing to do.

Q. How often do you go full bore on a drive like you did on 6?

JON RAHM: Very often. Very, very often. I just tried to change the launch angle, right? Everything was going a little bit right, I was just trying to hit a little more up on it so hopefully it would just shallow out my path a little bit and make it go straight, which it did, it worked out. And luckily those drives from 7 to 9 requires to hit a high hard one and it worked out. Yeah, I mean, I go hard at it pretty often.

Q. I think a lot of golf fans would be excited with the prospect of you and JT potentially doing Saturday. Do you pay attention at all, do you care, or are you just here to win a trophy?

JON RAHM: I mean, I'm here to win. Doesn't matter who really I'm with. I feel like -- if you're

playing with a better known name like J.T., I think it makes for better TV. And for us, if we were to play together or go on to win, it would probably be a little more satisfying. But either way a win's a win, it doesn't really matter who's out there with you.

Q. Halfway through this tournament, is it more like, I mean obviously a major's different, but is it more like when you won here at the U.S. Open or is it more like when you won the Farmers in terms of your position and how you're playing and everything, or is it like neither?

JON RAHM: It's different, it's different. Neither of those I had the lead. I think I'm tied for the lead right now, or close to it. It's a little different. A U.S. Open is very, very different. I believe I was 3 under through two rounds and I was thrilled with that score. At 14 under right now and I think how much better it could have been if I hit fairways, right? So it's not comparable. When we played that Farmers I won, it was colder, a little windier. I think I was 3 under through 36 and I wasn't far from the lead. It's just not the same, it's a little bit different.