

ROUND 2 QUICK QUOTES
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JORDAN SPIETH (-9)

Q. Jordan, great playing, especially off the tee today. What was working well for you out there?

JORDAN SPIETH: Yeah, shot selection. I was really diligent about where I was lined up, the intent on the shot, not trying to squeeze stuff in certain places. I got a couple of balls on the green off the tee on the two drivable holes, which was obviously a bonus, especially on 7.

Yeah, I just, I felt like yesterday I maybe had a little hesitation off the tee, I just have not played a lot of rounds and having some toes and heels, just not finding the center of the face. Today I hit a couple good ones early and I just decided to continue to trust and focus on really just trying to hit the center of the face with intent on the shot. Just basic stuff, but stuff that you can get a little mentally rusty if you're not really dialed in on it.

Q. You just rejoined the policy board, that's really the only reason why I'm asking. With all the rumors about --

JORDAN SPIETH: I what?

Q. You just rejoined the policy board. Honestly, the only reason that I'm asking, with all the rumors about Jon Rahm going around, if that were to happen, how would that impact the negotiations with the Public Investment Fund?

JORDAN SPIETH: I'm not sure specifically how it would impact those negotiations, but all in all, Jon Rahm is one of the biggest assets that we have on the PGA TOUR. So it would be a really -- really not very good for us in general because we want to play against the best players in the world and that's what Jon is.

I know there's been some guys that have talked to him. I know he's maybe weighing some decisions, maybe not. I really don't know, so I don't want to insult him and say he's weighing decisions if he already knows he's not or he is. You know, that's somewhat out of my control in a way.

Obviously I could speak probably on behalf of 200-plus PGA TOUR players in saying that we really hope that he's continuing with us.

Q. Just a little bit about this round, scrambling five of five today. Any of the up-and-downs you were particularly proud of?



JORDAN SPIETH: You know, three or four of those were putts from within a foot from off the green. I had a really nice up-and-down on 4. And I can't think of another one where I really had to hit a chip shot because I was on the fringe on 2, 16. Pretty much every other up-and-down I was putting -- 13 I was putting off the fringe, so I only had to chip once.

But I played the par 5s poorly on the front, that kind of hurt because you like to get some momentum as you head into that kind of 8, 9, 10 stretch. I three-putted again for par on 3 and then had a number I could reach the green on on 6 and so I could count those more as kind of up-and-down mishaps.

But for a day where I didn't have the putter really going and/or didn't really have any -- I had a few kind of makeable ones that I missed, it's really nice to see the rest of the game there. And I felt like I hit good putts and some days they go in, some days they don't, but I felt like I stroked it better today and that's a good sign.

Q. If you were going to try to convince Jon to turn down crazy money, what would you tell him?

JORDAN SPIETH: Again, like what's weird is if he's not considering it at all, which I really don't know, then it would be an insult to be just playing this game with him to even answer these questions. He might be insulted by it.

You know, I think for me, if it were me, and I don't even know if I ever got an offer, but I like the way that I play four rounds of stroke play the same way we play the majors. I believe that we're playing against the best players in the world, and it's what I've always wanted to do is to play out here and try and catch PGA TOUR wins, catch the legends of the game. It's a history thing and the money's a bonus.

