

Sentry Tournament of Champions

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Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii, USA

Plantation Course at Kapalua

Jon Rahm

Quick Quotes

Q. Clean card today. Assess your round and what went well today.

JON RAHM: Pretty much everything. Can't say much. It was really good tee to green. If there's anything to put an asterisk on it's maybe putting.

More than anything the speed, right? I feel like the greens were a little bit slower today. Me and Patrick talked about it a little bit. It could have just been us, but it felt like they were a little bit slower and I just felt like I left a lot of putts out there on line that with the right speed might have had a chance of going in. But either way, still a solid round of golf.

Q. You mentioned yesterday about holes 1 through 4. It took you the first four holes to kind of getting going again on 5. Still any rhyme or reason to anything --

JON RAHM: They're not the easiest holes. I don't understand why you guys are so obsessed. I checked the, actually the difficulty this morning. For whatever reason the No. 1 and 2 are ranked third most difficult on the course. So it's not easy.

And then 3 and 4 are not the easiest either. I mean, I know we make a lot of birdies and you can hit good shots and I certainly hit the shots today. I just didn't happen to make the putts.

But once you get to 5, 5, 6, 7, 8 with the right shot, 9, 10, 12, they're all birdie holes. They're all holes where you're going to have a short iron in. You're going to have a chance to make birdie.

So I think if you play those first four holes even par like I have and you make good swings and hit quality shots, it's not the end of the world. You can keep it up.

Q. Do you see a lot of other players struggling on those holes too just in general?



JON RAHM: Yeah. Yeah. I don't think I've ever played with anybody or it's not very often where you have somebody that's 2- or 3-under through 4, right?

If you're 1-under, I feel like you're already stealing one. You get to the par-5, you have a chance to go 2-under, and then you have a couple birdie holes, like I said.

But like I said, today I definitely had the putts. I had makeable putts on 1, 2 and 4 and I had good putts and they just didn't go in.

Q. What's it going to take for the weekend? The putting and getting that speed right?

JON RAHM: And I wasn't that too far off. Again, I'm nitpicking, right, I had so many chances out there, I had so many putts for birdie that it looks like you're missing a lot, but the make percentage is not that high. I can also say my lag putting today was excellent. I had a couple long putts out there on 6, 15 with slopes in the way, that one on 18 as well, where you can easily hit it to a distance where you can be fighting for the 2-putt and I hit them all to tap-in. So pluses and minuses, but it's still really, really good golf.

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