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Jon Rahm



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Q. Jon, thanks for joining us. Can you please reflect on your second round here at The Open.

JON RAHM: Great round. Very similar to yesterday tee-to-green. Obviously yesterday we had a little bit more wind and I made some putts early on, and I think that was the key, right.

The par putt on 5, just making par on 5 with how the hole went and making birdies on 6 and 7 really got me going. I got confidence and played really good golf on the last 14 holes.

Q. There is a little bit of a gap to make up on Louis over the weekend. What I can hark back to is 2019, the Irish Open in Lahinch. I remember passing you when I was cycling into Lahinch about 7:00 in the morning. You were one of the first out and then you went and hit 64, 62 in a similar enough set up. Is having that kind of -- knowing you have that ability to go low on a weekend on a links course, beachside course with different variable breezes and stuff like that, is that handy to know, and is there a chance that we could see that over the next two days?

JON RAHM: There is always a chance. I would say even though I love Lahinch, Royal St George's is a little bit more difficult of a golf course and the setup is a little tougher. The year in Lahinch, there wasn't much rough so I could take advantage of just hitting drivers and even be a little erratic for the most part, and give myself birdie chances.

With that said, you know, I can play this level of golf on the weekend as well. I can play really good. It can wet better as well. I think I give myself a chance to catch up by Sunday.

But we will see tomorrow. Tomorrow is the most important day obviously right now. If I can put another solid round like I did today, post a good number, and hope that the leaders don't go too low, I think that's the job.

So all I can control and what I can do, and, yes, I have the confidence that I can go low on a weekend to win the tournament. You know, hoping I don't have to do anything extravagant, but if it needs to be done, I'll try and I have the confidence I can do it.

