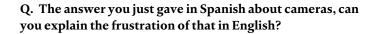
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Jon Rahm



JON RAHM: I'm trying to walk and there's way too many people in my way and I can't go on my pace because they're in my way.

Then I'm walking off 18 and trying to deal with the unlucky moment on 18, and there's somebody with a boom light on my ass keeping up with Rory's pace, and I can't go at my own pace. That's kind of the disregard that I existed, that's all.

Q. Would it be fair to say it's a two-club wind out there, it's a long course and the bunkers are difficult?

JON RAHM: I mean, the practice rounds were windier than today. But yeah, it's a tough golf course. You have to put it in the fairway, and if you don't, if you go into one of those bunkers -- it's not surprising when it's happened to every single person in our group at least once.

Rory and I both on 18. Well, mine on 11 wasn't really a straight shot. It's just unfortunate. But it hit somebody.

But yeah, I saw us two, Justin Thomas on 18, many cases where that happened. Yeah, they're proper penalty structures for the most part.

Q. That bad?

JON RAHM: Yeah, that's why they're there. You have to try to avoid them. Plenty of people did a good job and shot a low score today. It's very difficult to avoid them all.

It's been done before, but it's a little bit -- little different golf course than it was in the past. They've lengthened it quite a bit and changed a few green contours to make the ball run away a little bit more.

From what I've seen, it's a little bit more difficult than it's been in the past, but clearly still scorable, so hopefully I can take advantage of it.

Q. (Indiscernible).



JON RAHM: Yeah, you never want to hit somebody. On that hole it's the place to miss, and I knew if you go towards that area you can get somewhat of a lie to where you can get close enough to the green. You never want to hit somebody. I think it hit him right on the eyebrow. He was okay. He told me he was a little dizzy, so hopefully there's no concussion and it's nothing too serious.

Wherever the ball goes, it's secondary at that point.

Q. Asked about the lie, didn't he?

JON RAHM: Yeah, he did ask about the lie. I mean, it's okay. Listen, it would have been a tie for break of the year if that went in the fairway. You can't ask for that at that point. I just hoped he was okay.

As soon as I walked off the tee, I heard him say, call the medics, and you don't want to get too scared. You doesn't want to see something bad happen.

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