



# Jon Rahm

## Quick Quotes

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**Q. Can you assess the last two days?**

JON RAHM: Not good. I mean, I grinded and got a lot of good up-and-downs to be able to break par and hopefully make the cut. But just a lot of bad swings and then a lot of mistakes when I was in a good position.

I must say, yesterday and today, there was quite a few iron swings that I thought were good that just -- whether we got the wind wrong or just other things that happen at Augusta that didn't end up either on the green or close enough for it to be a birdie chance, and then after that, I just feel like I hit a lot of good putts and nothing went in.

Just little things like that that at major championships can set you back quite a bit. I have a pretty big mountain to climb to have a chance tomorrow or to have a chance come Sunday.

**Q. Talk about the tee on 13. Did you hit driver?**

JON RAHM: 3-wood. Yeah, 3-wood, and I just didn't hit it good enough. I could have gone for it, but I had to start it just right of the green, very long shot for a 4-iron that wasn't very comfortable. Hit a lay-up to a perfect spot.

This is one of those examples where I should have given myself a birdie chance and I hit it over the green. That's just mistakes that you can't afford.

**Q. Does the game feel close?**

JON RAHM: It feels very close. I wish I could explain it. There's a lot of good swings that I just haven't gotten the reward I thought I was going to get, but it feels a lot closer than the score reflects.

Also, it's a heck of a golf course we're playing out here. It's not easy. It's very difficult, especially with the wind. It's always going to be harder to minimize mistakes.

**Q. Does it surprise you how well those guys at the top of the leaderboard are doing?**

JON RAHM: No.

**Q. The score is out there?**

JON RAHM: Yeah, it was out there. Our front nine -- for the better part of 12, 13 holes, there was wind, but wasn't a lot. For the most part greens were fairly receptive. I absolutely saw somebody going out and shooting 3-, 4-under on the front and keeping it going on the back. And even on the back you can give yourself chances, which many people did. Wyndham played with me today; made a fairly easy 4-under on the back playing really good golf, obviously.

I'm not surprised. I would be surprised if with the wind they have right now and this afternoon somebody comes in

and shoots another 4- or 5- -- not 4-, but 5-, 6-under. It's a lot harder to play a really good round of golf, but it's possible.

**Q. Does your mentality have to be, I have a tee time, I have a chance?**

JON RAHM: I think I can let myself try to somehow make a positive out of that, enjoy it, because looked rough there for a little bit. You made it to the weekend. It wouldn't be the first time somebody teeing off on Saturday morning posts a score, and if the weather gets a little more difficult in the afternoon has somewhat of a chance going into Sunday.

What I mean a score, it's going to take something around 66 or lower to probably get close enough to attack on Sunday.

**Q. It's a Ryder Cup year; does that come into your mind playing a big event like this, and how much is it on your mind throughout the season that that's coming up in September?**

JON RAHM: In what sense?

**Q. In terms of are you going into this thinking you really need to capitalize on these weeks and making the most of them?**

JON RAHM: No. No. I think I've said it before. Good golf takes care of everything. Qualifying for the Ryder Cup is the result of good golf, period. Now, I understand I have less weeks that count, but I can't be out there thinking on the Ryder Cup.

This week is big enough as it is. It would be a bad frame of mind to be thinking that many months in advance.

**Q. Is there a time in the past where you can look to where you're real close and then you came through and the scores came?**

JON RAHM: Yeah, I don't think that's happened in a lot of people's careers. I mean, I'm not going to start thinking about every time that it might have happened, but yeah.

**Q. I meant yours.**

JON RAHM: No, I know you meant me. God, I mean, it's hard to draw similar moments, but even 2023, the month leading up to the Masters, I played really bad golf, besides the first round of Arnold Palmer. Played bad at Arnold Palmer, played bad at Match Play and then came in and won.

I know I played good early in the year, but that would be a perfect case, even though I was in a much better position through 36.

I think it's happened a few times going into the fall where I didn't have a good year and then in the fall I played good golf. But yeah, it's close. Golf can be such a momentum sport that one hole, one swing, one nine, one good stretch of golf can be the spark that starts the fire.

So I know I'm close, so going to keep that in mind and keep trusting the process.

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