

BMW PGA Championship

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Virginia Water, Surrey, England

Wentworth Golf Club

Jon Rahm

Quick Quotes

Q. Amazing 62 with a phenomenal back nine, 29 to shoot 62. What were your thoughts starting the day, were you thinking about a score?

JON RAHM: No, thinking to go as low as possible. To be fair, after those first seven holes, missed the birdie putt on 7, I was 1-under. I thought I fell behind pace and Adam told me, let's see if we can get to 13, 14 and double digits under par. You know, to my delight, I started hitting a lot of good shots into the greens, hitting fairways and made the putts and found myself on 14 tee at already 13-under par.

You know, it was a period of not black out but a state of flow that we wish we could play every single round, but I finished it off.

Q. Eagle position on 18, were you thinking, if you post 16-under, you have a chance to win?

JON RAHM: There's a chance regardless, whether it's 15 or 16. I wanted to get ahead of Patrick Reed because he played a great round of golf and 16 is better than 15, obviously. I doubt 16 wins it outright and I doubt those guys don't go low because it's scorable out there. But I'm hoping the wind picks up a little bit and I have a chance. The next few hours are definitely going to be a bit stressful nonetheless, but the reaction you see on the last hole is for mainly finishing off a great round of golf. The 18th hole was about as good as I can play that hole.

Q. Wonderful final round of golf and fantastic way to finish over those three holes?

JON RAHM: Yeah, it's a great day of golf, what can I say. I've been feeling good all week. It's been getting better and better every single day.

Today seemed like everything clicked. First round ball-striking wasn't there but my putting saved me. Second round, ball-striking was good and putting wasn't quite there as good as I would have liked, and today, starting on 9, everything just got fired on all cylinders. Not too often where I get to shoot a 29 for bogey on a par 27, if I'm not



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mistaken. It's definitely a fun round of golf, where I was really looking forward to it because I've had a long year of having a good round going and just not finishing it off and I think that reaction on 18 was more for the fact that even with a bogey, I came and persevered at the end.

Q. You saw some of the guys going out before you, you could see there were low scores to be had out there. What was the mindset heading into the round, and did you set yourself a target that you thought might be enough?

JON RAHM: I didn't have a target in mind, no. It is funny enough, my dad told me yesterday, 16-under you have a chance. 10-under isn't an easy feat to accomplish.

Then we started playing and I started playing fantastic. The first five holes I played really good golf. I just needed to make the putts. Adam told me, I think walking down 6 or 7, Jon, let's see if we can get to 10-under, get to 13 and finish strong and at least give ourselves a chance to finish top 10, maybe top five. Next thing I know I'm standing on 14 tee 13-under par, and just keep hitting the right shots and making the putts. Once I got to that point the goal was to finish ahead of Patrick Reed, and the more ahead, the better.

Q. It's been a unique week in a lot of ways, 54 holes and the reasons why we do have that format this week. What's it been like being a player in the middle of that this week?

JON RAHM: It's definitely something we are not used to dealing with, right. I think it's hard to explain because in my lifespan no Spanish king has passed away. Just abdicated, which is different. So I wouldn't be able to explain what the people from Great Britain feel and how they felt. I hear stories about what's going on in Windsor castle right now with people lined up and bouquets of flowers and quite a sight to see. But I wouldn't know, I can't put myself in the shoes of a lot of people that have dealt with that. She was a beacon of positivity, and somebody to reign for 70 years and be the longest reigning monarch ever as far as we know, it's a moment in history, right.

So I think taking that day off to support, but I'm happy that

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we could keep playing and have this event, because even though what happened is sad it is the Flagship Event of the DP World Tour and it is an event that needs to be played and I'm happy with that.

Q. You really round another gear from 9 onwards. If you can evaluate the last 9 or 10 holes and tell us where your mind is coming off 18?

JON RAHM: Hard to say, how am I going to evaluate, 9-under on the last ten, it's very good golf. It's one of those things where everything clicked together. I played a really good round of golf, and you know, it was something I felt like it was a long time coming. My game has about in good position for quite a while. I just haven't posted the scores, and this is a very satisfying round getting towards the end of the year. Since México, I haven't had a chance to win and posting a good score, whether or not I win is something I need, and I'm really happy with that.

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