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Legion XIII

Jon Rahm

Tyrrell Hatton

Tom McKibbin

Caleb Surratt

Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Third time winning in Mexico. Jon, what do you think makes it so special for Legion XIII?

JON RAHM: I don't know. I think as far as this golf course goes, you need to be a good ball striker, and all four of us are good ball strikers, so I think that's where our strength lies. We're all solid tee to green, and you're going to make more or less putts, but this golf course requires you to hit it really, really straight.

Q. Tyrrell, first win this season. What can we expect from Legion XIII for the rest of the season?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, well, hopefully we can sort of continue from here. I think we won five times last year, so it would be nice if we can match that, and we'll try our best to do that.

Q. Caleb, talk to us a little bit about the Mexican crowds, the Mexican fans. How was the team received, and what does that say about Mexico?

CALEB SURRATT: Yeah, it was an amazing experience. One thing I thought was really cool about this week is I felt like there was more kids here than some other events that I've seen. Just seeing a bunch of little kids having a ton of fun watching golf and with their friends seemed really cool. I look forward to hopefully being back. It's a pretty awesome place.

Q. Tom, what can we expect for next year? As I said before, with Rahm, you have won three times before here in Mexico. What can we expect for next year?

TOM MCKIBBIN: Hopefully more of the same. Yeah, three

in a row has a nice ring to it, so four in a row would be even better.

Q. Do you guys consider this victory a turning point to improve in the team standings?

JON RAHM: No, not really. I think it's just nice to get the win. But I would say three of the guys up here would tell you they haven't played their best yet. I wouldn't say it's a turning point, but I think it's a showcase that we're still there and we're capable of winning, even when the team isn't at their best. So I'm hoping we can continue this form and keep giving ourselves a chance.

Q. Tyrrell, obviously a tough day individually, but on the 13th fairway you and Jon seemed to have a nice conversation. I was just wondering what the dynamic was like during the day today, and certainly during that moment it looked like you guys knew that you were going to win the team event pretty handily.

TYRRELL HATTON: I can't even remember what we talked about.

JON RAHM: Me either.

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, sorry. Don't know. Can't remember.

Q. What was it like to play with Jon today and he was obviously in very good form?

TYRRELL HATTON: Yeah, Jon obviously played amazing today. He got off to just a perfect start, and yeah, unfortunately for me it ended up being a difficult day.

I said yesterday, hopefully the bubbles go my way, and they certainly went a way, but away from the hole, so certainly not a great day.

Q. Caleb, you guys have won nine team titles and a Team Championship. Obviously you've gotten a lot better at celebrating on the podium.

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CALEB SURRATT: Yeah, it's been a great ride so far, and I think my biggest goal is getting up there individually and starting to win tournaments, and I think I'm on the right track and I'm excited to see some continued team success and some individual stuff, too. Definitely a good problem to have being up there. It's been really fun.

Q. Jon, I wanted to ask you about obviously the start. You kind of almost sent a message to the rest of the field that you weren't going to be caught today.

JON RAHM: Well, knowing who was in front of me and the length that everybody can hit it nowadays, the second hole is drivable for everybody. A lot of people can reach the third. I had to assume that quite a few with guys were going to start 2- to 3-under through the first three to four holes. If I didn't make birdies, that lead would have been gone immediately. I had to take advantage of that.

Obviously a massive bonus to hit a drive to tap-in in any conditions anywhere ever. That was huge and kind of freed me up a little bit to play the next few holes still aggressive because Puig was 5- or 6-under through six, seven holes. Not as big a lead as I would have liked to have at that point, but it was what I needed for sure early on. I needed to play those -- at least the first three holes 1- or 2-under to maintain the lead and obviously ended up with a lot more.

Q. Obviously the two guys on the individual podium, you're close to them, Spaniards, Arizona State. What do you take away from the top 3 individually this week?

JON RAHM: I've spent a lot of my last two years with David, with Puig. We have the same trainer, we have the same swing coach, Spencer Tatum and Dave Phillips, and we're members at the same courses. I think I spend more time with him than I do with my wife or my kids.

Not surprised to see him up there. Not surprised to see the weekend he had. That's why I kept the foot on the pedal, just because I know what he's capable of. He shot 9-under yesterday and he was on pace to do it again today. I had to get myself ready for that.

Josele, he is the one person that isn't lacking in all kind of firepower. Somebody so explosive yet so collected personality-wise is rare.

I mean, he might be the only man to have won the European Championship and the U.S. Amateur himself. He's certainly not lacking in talent. Obviously a little bit less experience as a pro but somebody who's already won

and who can get it done.

Seeing those two names up there, two friends, makes me want to beat them even more, but also be cautious because I know exactly what they're capable of.

Q. Jon, you gained over 18 strokes on the field from tee to green, which is the most you've done in more than two years. Did you feel like that was happening, and is this the most complete your game has felt?

JON RAHM: I was aware I was hitting it really well. Especially some of the tighter holes like 11, I hit the fairway every single day, hit the fairway pretty much every day on 13. I don't think at all this week I was ever in a position where I didn't have a shot to the green. Now, granted, that's a little bit of luck sometimes with the trees, but I did a really good job off the tee at always giving myself a shot and never having to really be overly defensive.

I knew it was good. Obviously I didn't know it was that good.

As far as the game goes, I would say no. If you had told me last Thursday I was going to win by six this week, I would say you're crazy because it felt horrible. Last week wasn't great until Sunday.

Seemed to have found something that can work, but still needs to get a little bit more refined to say that it's complete. A little bit too much thought, if you will, when it comes to the swing that I would like, but obviously today it was pretty good.

Q. Do you feel like something clicked Sunday at Augusta?

JON RAHM: Yeah, yeah. Adam and I nearly got in a heated argument on Saturday on the putting green at Augusta when he was trying to explain something and I wasn't fully understanding. Once it clicked what he was trying to say and what I needed to work on on that range session Saturday afternoon, it was so much better. Sunday at Augusta I played much better golf, and it's only gotten a little bit easier since then.

But it's not always the easiest to have a swing thought while playing, but this one obviously seemed to work out.

Q. Jon, good afternoon. After such an intense season, what does this victory tell you about your current form?

JON RAHM: I don't know. Every week—and they've all been so good—I feel like they've been so different that I

wouldn't know what to tell you.

Obviously this week I did a lot of things very well. But out of the six or seven tournaments I've played this year, six have been very good. And one has been very bad. And the fact that a major was so bad worries me. Right?

So let's just say I'm going to keep having that feeling that I need to be better than I've been so far. But obviously this week has been very, very good.

Q. Hi Jon. The other day you mentioned that your win in Hong Kong after almost two years without a victory was a relief for you. Now, what does this victory mean? What's your feeling, your emotion right now?

JON RAHM: I don't know why, but it feels very similar, actually. I think that after winning once, losing in another playoff to Bryson, and having played so well this year, I had this nagging feeling—well, a bit of a nagging thought—about whether I could win more than once. Right?

And coming back this week and giving myself the chance, and playing as well as I did today—well, yes, it's a "relief." Right?

I don't know if this is going to be the week that lets me play with more freedom for the rest of the year or not, but it's been very special. And hopefully I can keep playing this well. And keep giving myself opportunities.

Q. You'd already won in Mexico, but that was when you were on the PGA Tour. Now that this is your first victory in Mexico as an LIV player, how does this win feel different?

JON RAHM: It's different from none of them. A win is a win, wherever you are, whoever you're playing against. So I'm very happy.

This win at Miranta (phonetic) was fun. It was a really good week. It was a week where I don't think I'd been playing very well all year. That week I started playing much better. And as each day went on, with every swing, I felt better. A bit like this week, in that sense.

I started Thursday with a little bit of—not doubt but wondering if what I was working on was going to work. And every day I got better, and every day I felt more comfortable. It's a shame I can't go back to Mayakoba and try to close out the three events I play here in Mexico. But anyway, I'm very happy to finally win here at Chapultepec.

Q. This is the fifth time in your LIV career that you've

started the final round as the leader. Do you savor victories more when everything goes smoothly from the final round? Or when you're coming off a comeback?

JON RAHM: You savor them the same. A win is a win. I think we all want those moments, those videos of sinking a putt on the last hole to win. But as a competitor, you want to reach those final holes with a lead, like I did today, so you can enjoy them and play without stress. Right?

So I'd say all victories are "the same," in terms of satisfaction.

Q. I want to ask you, how did you handle the mental aspect of yesterday, where you finished as the leader? And today you had an impressive start in this final round. How did you manage to stay focused, not falter, and avoid distractions? And overall, what are your feelings about this trip to Mexico?

JON RAHM: Great feelings, obviously. Man, mentally, the hardest part today was knowing that the players ahead of me are obviously very talented and hit the ball really far. Especially David Puig and Josele. They're young guys who hit it really long. And I knew that on the 2nd and 3rd holes, they were going to reach the green. And then the 1st and 4th holes—it's not like they were very difficult. Right?

So I had to convince myself that basically one of them, or both, or even more players were going to start 2, 3, or 4 under par over the first five holes. And I had to match that so I wouldn't lose the lead in that sense. Right?

Obviously, it's an incredible bonus to hit that shot on the 3rd hole and leave it up there. But even so, having made those subsequent birdies, that kind of explains where I was mentally. I knew David was still making birdies, and I had to do the same to maintain that lead.

Also, with all the time I've spent with him, I'm very aware of how good he is. And of the few mistakes he can make on any given day. Right? Like he did yesterday.

So I had to stay aggressive and maintain that lead, because there are holes on this back nine that I'd rather not face when tied, with just a one-stroke lead.

Q. The pros here at Chapultepec were telling us it was practically impossible to have scores under 20 under par because the course is shaping up so well. Obviously, that wasn't the case. My question is, without comparing it to past tournaments you've played here, how has the course felt?

Because obviously they're working year after year to make it better for you.

JON RAHM: The only difference I've noticed this year compared to others is that the greens were a little too soft at the start of the week. This afternoon, on the last 10 or 11 holes, you could tell they were already a bit firmer. And you could see there were a lot fewer birdies. Right?

I'd say for me it started on the 10th. That one was already firm. The 11th was firm. The 12th, the 13th—they were all firm by then. And that's when it changes. That's when a course like this—which is narrow, with small greens—really shows its teeth. Right?

If it's soft, with how far the ball flies at this altitude, even the best players in the world are going to make few birdies. Right?

The big difference is that it's a little bit firmer. But well, I understand it rained a lot last week. And that's just how it goes.

Q. This is your second win so far this season; you're solidifying your lead in the standings. How do you feel about that?

JON RAHM: Sorry, I didn't hear you at the end. What did you say?

Q. It solidifies your lead in the overall standings of the competition.

JON RAHM: Well, yes, obviously it's a shame that Bryson wasn't able to finish today. I hope he's okay. Although I'm not really sure if he got injured or if he just wasn't feeling quite right.

Obviously, the race—let's say the competition for the whole year—is something I want to win, hopefully for the third time. But this year, maybe I have a little less doubt. Right? Compared to last year. Because I didn't get any wins. But obviously that consistency paid off. So let's see if I can keep playing this well. Let's see if I can keep winning. And make it to the final tournaments without needing anything special to win.

Q. Obviously, Mexico—you've said you consider Mexico your second home. You've played here, obviously, in the World Golf Championships. You're a winner, Jon, of the Mexican Open. You're a champion, obviously. And now, with your first victory here at LIV Golf Mexico City, what does Mexico mean to you? What does this place mean to you? What does it really mean that you feel so at home every time you're in our

country?

JON RAHM: I've been saying it all week. I'm treated so well every time I come to Mexico, whether it's here, in Mayakoba, in Playa del Carmen, wherever we go.

It's special to be able to come here and have the support of the crowd, just like I've had all week. Even playing with Abraham on the first day, I felt like I had—not quite the same level of support as he did, but a whole lot of it. Right? And every day when you play with a Mexican, the support has been immense. Honestly, I have to thank the crowd.

Then again, it's hard to match the quality of Mexican hospitality anywhere else. The truth is, it's a real joy to come here, and it's a true honor to compete here. I think all of that makes me feel so comfortable, which helps me compete. And that's why I've played so well. And it's a true honor to compete in front of the Mexican crowd.

Q. You've already talked about what it means to play in our country. However, I'd like to know, what percentage of it has to do with all this support, all this excitement people have for you? Emotionally, how does it help?

Or maybe it can be distracting. How do you handle that kind of thing, Jon?

JON RAHM: The crowd isn't much of a distraction. The truth is, they've been really kind to me and have supported me a lot. The only thing is "dealing with" the emotions when kids ask me for photos and autographs while we're competing. Right? I can't just stop.

But anyway, I think they understand that. Having a crowd that supports you—I wouldn't know what percentage to say, honestly. I couldn't quantify it because it's hard. Right?

I'd say at the very least, 10–15 percent definitely helps.

When things are going well, it's very easy. No matter where you are. When things are going badly, that support from the fans really comes in handy. It does help, maybe. Maybe not a full lap every time, but over the course of the week, once or twice, that support always helps. So, 10 percent, I think, is about right.

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