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Best Dad's Day ever for Rahm

Spanish golfer — and new father — wins at Torrey Pines after a couple career-changing putts: 'It had to happen in a beautiful setting like this'



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SAN DIEGO — Two career-changing putts for Jon Rahm brought two trophies Sunday.

He cradled his 3-month-old son, Kepa, as he walked off the 18th green at Torrey Pines on Father's Day. And then he collected the silver U.S. Open trophy after a performance filled with passion and absent of blunders that wiped out everyone else.

Rahm made a bending 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to catch Louis Oosthuizen. He buried another curling, left-to-right birdie putt from 18 feet on the final hole for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot victory.

"Little man, you have no idea what this means right now," Rahm said to his son on the practice range when he won. "You will soon enough."

The 26-year-old Rahm became the first Spaniard

ABOVE: Jon Rahm, of Spain, reacts to making his birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the U.S. Open championship on Sunday at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. TOP: Rahm holds the champions trophy.

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to win the U.S. Open, finally getting the major prize to go along with his enormous talent. His victory also returned him to No. 1 in the world.

On a back nine filled with double bogeys by so many contenders and a shocking meltdown by defending champion Bryson DeChambeau, Oosthuizen was the last to fall.

Trailing by one shot, Oosthuizen drove into the canyon left of the 17th fairway for a bogey that left him two shots behind, and then he missed the fairway on the par-5 18th that kept him from going for the green for a look at eagle to force a playoff.

He settled for a birdie and a 71. It was his second straight runner-up in a major, and his sixth silver medal since he won the British Open in 2010 at St. Andrews.

"Look, it's frustrating. It's disappointing," Oosthuizen said. "I'm playing good golf, but winning a major championship is not just going to happen. You need to go out and play good golf. I played good today, but I didn't play good enough."

Only two weeks ago, Rahm was on the cusp of another big win. He had a six-shot lead at the Memorial after 54 holes, only to be notified as he walked off the 18th green at Muirfield Village that he had a positive COVID-19 test and had to withdraw.

Worse yet, his parents had flown in from Spain to see their new grandson, and Rahm was in self-isolation and couldn't be there for a special moment.

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SWIMMING | COMMENTARY

A white-dominated sport is struggling to diversify

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OMAHA, Neb. — Cullen Jones still remembers the first time he really felt hate at a swimming pool.

He was a teenager growing up in New York City, competing for the first time at higher-level meets where he stood out as one of the few Black swimmers.

"I definitely felt different," Jones recalled in an interview this week at the U.S. Olympic trials. "When I was 15 years old, I finally won a big race. I beat this white kid. Well, his mom walked by and said, 'Oh, shouldn't you be playing basketball?'"

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Cullen Jones smiles after his heat in the men's 50-meter freestyle semifinal at the 2016 U.S. Olympic swimming trials in Omaha, Nebraska. Jones, who won four Olympic medals during his career and is now retired, is working to make swimming more diverse and change the perception that it's for whites only.

NBA | COMMENTARY

Nothing to see in Blazers broadcast move? Fan disagrees

BY JOHN CANZANO

The Oregonian

Dwayne Anliker got some sad news this week. Not as tough as the stroke he suffered seven years ago. But hearing that Trail Blazers television broadcaster Jordan Kent was out of work hit Anliker like a bag of bricks.

"Life," he said, "just got more difficult."

Anliker, 38, is legally blind. He has less than 10% vision out of one eye at a time. He doesn't drive. He can't work. Anliker said, "My vision is like looking through a straw." Prior to his stroke,

he worked as a custodian at an elementary school in Hillsboro. He'd become a fan of Kent's work. Learning that the organization plans to bring back Kevin Calabro troubles him.

More on that in a bit.

First, know that Anliker's stroke was a fluke, caused he said by a misdiagnosis by a doctor who believed he had a sinus infection.

"I actually had a cyst on the ventricle that drains the fluid off the brain," he said. "It's called a 'flipper' because it would flip down and up."

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SOCCER

Thorns capture 1-0 win vs. Kansas City

After a frustrating 45 minutes in which the Portland Thorns generated numerous dangerous chances with nothing to show for them, of course it had to be forward Simone Charley who helped her team find a breakthrough goal deep into first-half stoppage time.

The 26-year-old finally capitalized on one of the team's gilt-edged opportunities when she brought down a picture-perfect pass from midfielder Crystal Dunn in stride, took a touch past on-rushing Kansas City NWSL goalkeeper Abby Smith and knocked the ball into the back of the net.

Charley's goal and tenacious first-half performance helped the Thorns to a 1-0 victory against KC NWSL on Sunday afternoon in front of an 80% capacity crowd at Providence Park.

"It was an important goal that changed the game," coach Mark Parsons said. "I was proud of how we (bounced back from earlier misses) because earlier in the season I don't think we were capable of doing that, but we've grown and shown that we can do it."

Portland dispersed for the international break following a 3-0 home win against Racing Louisville on June 5, but it appeared as if they hadn't missed a beat with a defensively sound victory against a team that hasn't scored in its past three matches and is still searching for its first win since relocating back to Kansas City last summer.

Portland's crop of international players will remain with the team for at least one more game before rejoining their national teams for the Tokyo Olympics.

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TRACK & FIELD OLYMPIC TRIALS

Day 3: Here's who qualified Sunday

It was a busy day of event finals on Sunday at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials at Hayward Field in Eugene.

By the time Day 3 of the trials was done, 22 more athletes had earned spots on Team USA for the Tokyo Olympics.

On the track, Trayvon Bromell topped a competitive field in the men's 100 meters, clocking 9.80 to beat Ronnie Baker (9.85) and Fred Kerley (9.86). In the women's 400, Quanera Hayes won in 49.78 seconds, while Allyson Felix made her fifth Olympics at age 35 by placing second in 50.02. Wadeline Jonathas finished third for the final spot on Team USA in the event.

Here's the full rundown from Sunday:

Men's hammer: Rudy Winkler, Daniel Haugh, Alex Young

Women's high jump: Vashti Cunningham

Women's triple jump: Ketura Orji, Tori Franklin, Jasmine Moore

Women's 400 meters: Quanera Hayes, Allyson Felix, Wadeline Jonathas

Men's 400 meters: Michael Norman, Michael Cherry, Randolph Ross

Decathlon: Garrett Scantling, Steven Bastien, Zach Ziemek

Women's 100 hurdles: Keni Harrison, Brianna McNeal, Christina Clemons

Men's 100 meters: Trayvon Bromell, Ronnie Baker, Fred Kerley

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