

WITH JORDAN SPIETH

The 50th staging of the Singapore Open could not have attracted a bigger golfing personality. Jordan Spieth, world No. 2-ranked golfer, winner of two Majors this year and Golfer of the Year 2015 will lend his credentials to the country's national Open, which will be staged at Sentosa Golf Club's Serapong course in January after a three-year hiatus. Here, in an exclusive Q and A interview with Swing, the 22-year-old American sensation talks about his phenomenal year and what he knows about Singapore and the Serapong course.

The SMBC Singapore Open will be your first time playing in Singapore, what do you know of the city?
JORDAN SPIETH: I couldn't be more excited to visit Singapore for the first time and compete in the SMBC Singapore Open. I'm excited to see the culture and experience the city first hand.

The Serapong Course at Sentosa Golf Club is one of the best tracks in Asia. Have you an idea of what to expect in January?
 I am expecting to really enjoy the golf, as I've heard nothing but great things about the Sentosa Golf Club.

It has been a phenomenally successful 2015 for you, what was the highlight of the year?
 It's hard to only name one highlight, but certainly capturing my first Major championship win at Augusta National is something I'll never forget.

The Singapore Open is one of the leading tournaments in Asia with the list of champions including Adam Scott, Ian Poulter and Angel Cabrera. When you tee it up in an event with a great history and great champions is there extra incentive to win?

Sure, there is definitely an added element that comes when an event has such a great list of past champions. It would be an honour to add my name to that list.

Your win at the 2014 Emirates Australian Open is talked about as the catalyst for your success in the Majors this year. In your mind, how important was that victory?
 Playing the final round the way I did is something I've been able to draw on throughout 2015, and it was great for my confidence. I proved I was able to do what I needed in the big moments.

A big consolation after your near-miss at the PGA Championship was your elevation to world No. 1. Has it always been an ambition of yours to reach that pinnacle and how does it feel to be able to call yourself No. 1 in golf?
 We've put in a lot of hard work the past few years to get here and being No. 1 in the world was a lifelong dream of mine. It feels great and now I have to continue to work hard to stay there.

Anirban Lahiri was joint-fifth in the US PGA Championship, the best result in a Major for an Indian, and Hideki Matsuyama has shown his obvious potential in big events.

Do you think they and other Asians have the potential to win Majors in the near future?
 Absolutely. The global game is stronger than ever and guys like Hideki and Anirban are proving it.

How important is it for you, as world No. 1, to play internationally?
 It's extremely important for me to play internationally. I enjoy travelling and I'd like to continue to help grow the game globally as much as I can.

Are you a goal-setter and, if so, do you have a target for the number of Major wins in your career?
 I'm a big believer in setting and resetting goals as you go, but my goal is to win every time I compete!

Your play this year has been amazing, what part of your game was key to your successes in 2015?
 My putting and mental game have both been a huge part of my success this year... we've put in a lot of work on and off the golf course to make sure I was prepared when opportunities were presented throughout the year.

This Q and A session was done last week when Jordan Spieth was world No. 1. Last Monday, he fell to world No. 2 in the new rankings' list.

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