

INFORMATION



HSBC Women's Champions Singapore Final-Round Notes March 6, 2016

Ha Na Jang saved her best for last. The 23-year old from South Korea shot a tournament-low 7-under 65 on Sunday and eagled the 72nd hole to claim her second career LPGA title at the HSBC Women's Champions in Singapore. Jang, who held the solo 54-hole lead, finished at 19-under par and four shots ahead of Thailand's Pornanong Phatlum.

"It's amazing right now, because last, eagle, is very fun, very enjoy, exciting in my mind," said Jang. "It's very comfortable today but it's really, really happy this year because two wins right now, very happy."

It's her second victory in just her last four starts. She won her first title - the Coates Golf Championship Presented by R+L Carriers- last month in Ocala, Fla. After recording four runner-ups in her rookie year last season, Jang said her goal in 2016 was to get two wins. She now realizes she'll have to reevaluate her goals.



"Target in 2016 is two wins, but right now, I'm there, so going to change my target from two more wins, so very comfortable right now," said Jang.

Jang's eccentric personality has been on showcase so far this year and has put on some memorable celebrations in big moments. In the season-opening event in the Bahamas, Jang had the first-ever albatross on a par 4 in LPGA history and took a traditional bow to the ground and kissed the green as she approached the hole. A week later in her maiden win, she celebrated with a Samurai inspired rendition with her putter on the 18th green. This week's featured a dance inspired by Beyonce's Super Bowl performance.

"I'm watching the TV and really good music with Beyonce, and watching Beyonce, she's really nice," said Jang. "I try, I think about, like I'm trying to dance after my putt, it's really good today. Yeah, single ladies. I'm single right now, too. (Laughter)."

Jang started the day with a one-shot lead over Phatlum and went out in 33 to extend the lead to three shots through nine holes. Her first bogey in 50 holes – going back to No. 14 in Thursday's first round – cut the lead to two.

"No. 10 is like just a little more -- too much thinking...Then I try more birdie, birdie, but I don't think -- after No. 11, just be patient, just be patient, it's okay," said Jang.

But three straight birdies on Nos. 12-14 gave Jang control and a four-shot lead with four holes to play. It was her putter that made the difference, sinking a 30-footer on the 13th and 50-foot bomb on No. 14. She said a little bit of extra practice yesterday on the greens seemed to make a difference.

"I think it's first round and then third round, is really big miss every hole the putt. But a little more practicing after yesterday's round and trying to compare to impact and feeling," said Jang.

She walked to the 18th tee with a three-shot lead after Phatlum birdied the 16th and said it wasn't exactly in her game plan to go for eagle. Jang initially didn't want to admit she was just trying to get on the green. Her approach on the par 5 went more left than she originally wanted but her 3-wood from 194 yards did not steer her wrong. Her ball hit the front side of the green and rolled to six feet left of the hole.

"No. 18 on the second shot, I just try right side of bunker my target, was a little bit miss," said Jang. "I say, don't hit the tree, don't hit the tree, just go on the green please and perfect finish, it's amazing. My mind is like, oh, my God, this is my shot. It's amazing."

FINAL LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	Scores
1	Ha Na Jang	70-66-68-65 (-19)
2	Pornanong Phatlum	70-67-68-68 (-15)
3	Amy Yang	71-67-68-71 (-11)
T4	Mirim Lee	69-67-70-72 (-10)
T4	Ariya Jutanugarn	73-69-66-70 (-10)
T4	Candie Kung	67-72-70-69 (-10)
T4	Na Yeon Choi	70-70-68-70 (-10)
T4	Chella Choi	70-70-68-70 (-10)

QUOTABLES

"No, not really. Never. (Laughter). Everything's no afraid. Afraid people, no, just my playing game. So just enjoy my life every week, every day."

-Ha Na Jang on whether the prospect of becoming No. 1 in the world scares her

"I like Adam Scott. (Laughter)."

-Ha Na Jang on who she would like to team up with at a potential PGA TOUR-LPGA mixed event

IT'S GOING TO BE A BATTLE

The insanely intense battle for spots on the Korean UL International Crown and Olympics team continued this week in Singapore and Ha Na Jang's mixed things up with her second-career victory. In such a strong field at the HSBC Women's Champions, Jang is projected to move from No. 10 to No. 5 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.

Jang started the week on the outside looking in on a spot to compete in the international competitions but will jump up to become the second-highest ranked South Korean trailing only No. Inbee Park

World No. 2 Inbee Park said earlier in the week that just earning a spot on both teams will be the toughest challenge this year.

"It is very tough. I think at some point No. 8 won't get to go," said Park. "That's just the way it is. Just making the team is probably harder than to get a medal. That's everyone's goal."

Based on this week's rankings, six South Korean players are ranked in the top-10 in the world while nine are in the top-20. New rankings will be released tomorrow March 7th. Jang said the rankings are something she doesn't want to get caught up in the rankings and will try to focus on her game week in and week out.

"I don't want to think about the Olympics and the ranking, everything," said Jang. "I'm playing golf every week and every tournament I enjoy, but I'm a little more -- the targets, I think about it. But I don't want to think about ranking and Olympics and International Crown, just I want more enjoy playing golf, no pressure."

SOUTH KOREANS IN THE ROLEX RANKINGS

As of February 29

Rank	Player
2	Inbee Park
5	Sei Young Kim
6	In Gee Chun
7	Amy Yang
8	So Yeon Ryu
10	Ha Na Jang
11	Hyo Joo Kim
18	Bo-Mee Lee
19	Na Yeon Choi

TAMULIS' LOOPER FRANK WINS ANNUAL CADDIE OF THE YEAR

HSBC continued its tradition in Singapore to award the "Caddie of the Year" and this year happened to be an emotional one. Thomas "Motion" Frank who loops for Kris Tamulis was announced as the winner on the 10th tee on Sunday before their 9:32am tee time. It was said to be a unanimous vote amongst the caddies and players. The result seemed to be kept a great secret as Frank's reaction was pure shock.

"Really? In shock," said Frank standing on the 10th tee. "Unbelievable. I love golf. I love this kids getting in golf. And golf has saved my life. That's all I have to say."

Frank helped Tamulis to her first career LPGA Tour victory last year at the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic and used the win as a bright spot in a year that was marred by personal turmoil.

Four months prior to the win, Frank was at the Tour's stop in Hawaii when he received the news that his house in Houston had caught fire and had significant damage. Members of the LPGA family were the first to step up and help.

Frank was presented with a special bib for Sunday's final round and said that being recognized presented a little extra pressure.

"I felt nervous, I did," said Frank. "I got comfortable after a couple holes, but I felt a little more pressure just to perform better."

