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## HSBC Women's Champions Singapore Second-Round Notes March 4, 2016

Ha Na Jang and Mirim Lee share the second-round lead of the HSBC Women's Champions and sit atop the leaderboard at 8-under par. Both players were bogey-free on Friday and lead Suzann Pettersen (69) and Pornanong Phatlum (67) by one shot. Jang had four birdies and an eagle on the par 5 7th hole in her round of 66, the low round of the tournament so far, while Lee had five birdies en route to a round of 67.

Jang, who is No. 10 in the Rolex Rankings, also had an eagle on Thursday in the first round and seemed like the Serapong Course at Sentosa Golf Club has given her no issues at all.

"First round and second round, two eagles, so I feel very comfortable," said Jang. "On every hole, I be patient every hole, so it's no problem this week."

Jang won the season's second event- the Coates Golf Championship- for her first LPGA title and said some effective self-talk helped her through Friday's round.

"Today I'm very comfortable on the front nine," said Jang. "And I'm talking to myself, 'don't do too much thinking Ha Na, just be patient, a lot of birdies, two more days, so more concentration, you can do it.'"

Lee, who is a two-time winner on Tour, said she hasn't felt comfortable with her swing after going through some major changes in the offseason. She picked up both of her career victories during her rookie season in 2014.

"Swing feels no good, right now but scoring well," said Lee. "I have no idea. I just try straight, straight, straight."

Fifteen-time winner Suzann Pettersen is in the hunt heading into the weekend after rounds of 68-69 and missed a seven-foot birdie putt on the last to stay at 7-under par and one shot back.

"Yeah, it's been two great solid rounds for me," said Pettersen. "Feel like I left a couple out there today, but I mean, it's not easy, starting the round with the wind gusting here and there but overall very happy."

Pettersen has five career victories in Asia and has been wanting to add this week's title to her resume. She lists the Tour's stop in Singapore as one of her favorite places to visit in the world.

"I feel like Asia is my second home," said Pettersen. "I really just try to win everywhere I go, and we've played a lot in Asia, so I've had a lot of opportunities over the years. HSBC is still on my bucket list to win, so I have a job to do in the next two days, so we'll see."



Four players are tied for fifth at 6-under par including Amy Yang, Gerina Piller, Shanshan Feng and LPGA of Japan member Sun-Ju Ahn.

#### LEADERBOARD AFTER ROUND TWO

Pos.	Player	Scores
T1	Ha Na Jang	70-66 (-8)
T1	Mirim Lee	69-67 (-8)
T3	Suzann Pettersen	68-69 (-7)
T3	Pornanong Phatlum	70-67 (-7)
T5	Amy Yang	71-67 (-6)
T5	Gerina Piller	70-68 (-6)
T5	Sun-Ju Ahn	69-69 (-6)
T5	Shanshan Feng	69-69 (-6)

#### **PERKS WITH BUTCH**

Suzann Pettersen has been vocal about the positive results she's seen in her game since starting to work with Butch Harmon at the beginning of the year last year and adds the exposure to some of the world's best male players as one of the perks to playing under Harmon's watch.

Before making the trip for the LPGA's Asia swing, Pettersen drove down to south Florida from Orlando to get a session in with Harmon and ended up getting more than she bargained for. She got a front row seat to watching world No. 5 on the men's side Rickie Fowler post a course-record 60 at the Floridian in Palm City.



"Rickie and I went to see Butch at the Floridian. Yani was there to see Claude," said Pettersen. "We did some good work all of us in the morning and after lunch we decided to go play and Rickie shot an easy 60, had a putt for 59, had a couple of drinks on the back nine."

Pettersen says she loves getting access to seeing the best male players fine tune their games and turns into a sponge to soak up any advice.

"That's kind of what I love, as well, being with Butch," said Pettersen. "You get a close-up of some of the best male players in the world. It's just nice to be able to kind of talk different shots and kind of discuss how they execute certain stuff. I seem to learn a lot from it, so I really enjoy it."

The Norwegian says after watching Fowler completely in zone, he'll be hard to root against when the major championship season starts in a month.

"Rickie played a flawless round of golf, easiest 60 I've ever seen," said Pettersen. "I think he's going to be red-hot for the Masters. He hits it so pure and flushing it, and he hits his driver really straight. Obviously putted fantastic. It's just fun to see how his game has come around. But he works hard at it. It doesn't come for free, so good for him"

#### **QUOTABLE**

"Butch, he's given me -- we've worked really hard in the start of the change, and now it's more for me to go out and trust it. But for me, it's like deliberate practice is what I need to do, don't waste time, but when I do practice, it's got to be really high quality. He's a good man to keep a leash on my neck to make sure I stay right on top of it."

*-Suzann Pettersen on her approach to practice under Butch Harmon*

"Singapore golf course looks like jungles, so I try like jungles shirts."

*-Ha Na Jang on her outfit choice on Friday*

