



Q. (in progress)... not only this tournament but this venue as well from what you've seen so far?

JORDAN SPIETH: It's a beautiful place. As you drive in, it's a fantastic clubhouse, great facilities. You know, it's kind of a landlocked golf course and they've done an unbelievable job with the design to make you kind of really make you think. There's very few courses I've seen that have this much risk-reward around it. So you'll see guys that are hitting drivers versus other guys who are hitting 4-irons off the tee and that will happen multiple times throughout a round, so it's going to be a bit tricky out there. Obviously there is a huge advantage if you do pull off those drives because you're right in front of the greens. So I have yet to decide what my strategy is, but I might do a little bit of both.

Q. Why do you think it was a good move in your opinion to bring this WGC event to Mexico?

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, I think World Golf Championship in general is a term and a title that you would like to associate with places around the world. We normally do travel within the United States. So when we got off the plane here, it actually felt like, as we were kind of driving through a new city, you see a big Mexican flag versus seeing an American flag everywhere you go, you kind of felt like you were in a Formula One scenario or even like a world tennis tour, ATP. Those guys go all over the world to play their different events, so in that sense it was really cool. I thought it was awesome. I've spent time in Mexico just living in Texas, it's not far away so a different vacation here and there. Never in Mexico City, but certainly enjoy the time thus far.

Q. How long will it take you to get used to the elevation and how much difference is there?

JORDAN SPIETH: You mean physically?

Q. That as well as the clubs.

JORDAN SPIETH: We kind of have a pretty good idea on the clubs already. I'm going to play in the morning tomorrow to see when it's below 70 degrees what difference it makes. I've never played somewhere -- Bogota, Colombia, but I hit the ball further than when I played there in 2013 and that's about the same altitude. Other than that, I mean some of the shots I hit today, I just couldn't believe how far they were still flying.

Par 3, I had 235 to the hole and I took a 5-iron, didn't quite hit it great, I walk up and it carried. You know, it was carrying 235. Justin hit a couple 3-woods. He posted a picture of

his TrackMan results and he set it to 70 degrees and it was 80. So he didn't even get the actual yardage, he got 10 degrees cooler.

So it is a tricky adjustment and tougher to trust, but the way this golf course plays I think it will make it a little bit easier where you are hitting hybrids or 4-irons off some tees, you're not thinking so much about carrying certain numbers. You can if you play the risky shots, but the biggest adjustment's just powering through the 18 holes. It is physically quite a bit us different. We played nine holes today and I felt like I played 18 holes physically. In the gym this morning, it was a lot harder to do what is normally a lot easier to do, so that will be a slight adjustment. They say give it 24 hours, but that will probably continue to be something that's a factor here is just maintaining strength and endurance throughout the entire four days of competition.

Q. Jordan, I heard the greens are a little tricky.

JORDAN SPIETH: They are.

Q. That what your eye sees is not necessarily right. So how do you adjust on the fly?

JORDAN SPIETH: They're very severe, which they kind of have to be on a course like this, otherwise it would be way too easy. But scores, I mean you look at somewhere around 14, 16 under is what I'm thinking here, which sounds low but really for a course where you have so many wedge opportunities, it really isn't that low and that's just because of the way the greens are. So also it's a brand new course and we're at altitude, so trusting it into tough hole locations, trusting your yardages and actually hitting them could make the scores be even -- could be higher than that.

The greens are tricky, yeah. They're poa annua as well, so you've got to have some patience because they're going to get spiked up and one putt may do one thing and you may hit it again and it may do another. That's just the style of grass it is. But we've been playing on the west coast, so we should be used to that by now. Speed control's going to be very important.

Q. Did Ben Crenshaw give you any advice since he won here?

JORDAN SPIETH: I haven't talked to him about it. I did run into Lee Trevino last week and he said when you play in Mexico City, keep the ball really low so you can maintain control. He said the only thing he didn't like about this grass, this kind of Zoysia Kikuyu is he liked to bump-and-run a lot and you can't do much of that here. But he said keep the ball low. Even though guys are going to want to be sailing it over things, hitting drivers way up in the air, the lower you keep it, the more control you have. So that was nice of him to stop and take a second to tell me that.

Q. What's going to be the biggest challenge on this course?

JORDAN SPIETH: Really, I think discipline. I think discipline's going to be the toughest. Taking chances when you really feel like you can and then dialing it back. I mean you can hit -- you don't have to hit a driver out here and you can hit all 18 greens. Greens-in-regulation's going to be an important stat. Obviously if you do pull off -- some of these holes are reachable or at least you can get just in front of the green with driver and if you pull them off, they're going to be a chip and a putt for birdie. So it's discipline, picking the right spots to be aggressive. Doesn't have to be early and it really don't even have to be late, it's just a matter of kind of how you feel. If you feel really good with a driver, then it will lead to an advantage.

Q. Is it reminiscent of Riviera?

JORDAN SPIETH: No, I don't find it that similar. Same grass types, though. In that sense it's pretty similar, but really different styles. Very narrow alleyways off the tees here, got to play balls a lot straighter. Riviera, you have some room to work it on a lot of those holes.

We've enjoyed this golf course. I think it's well bunkered off the tee, makes you think, and then the green complexes are tough and fair right now. You know, if they got firmer and firmer, there would be some locations where even with a wedge you can't get to. Right now they're fantastic. They're rolling the right speeds and they're the right firmness, I think, for tough but also fair in yielding birdies. So I think that's what everyone wants to see is certainly some excitement, but also if you're out of position then you shouldn't be rewarded, so this golf course is doing that.

Q. Jordan, where would you say you are with your game right now?

JORDAN SPIETH: I feel really good about it. Did some work with Cameron, I kind of had gotten off a little in the tough conditions we played in in Pebble and Riviera with my long clubs, just kind of a little bit of a closed face. So we worked on that last week and tried to pick my speeds back up, which was just kind of a simple fix that took a few days of some hard work that I put in. It feels good since I've been here. Still trusting that kind of clubface rotation with my long clubs is the one thing that's kind of weighing on me a little bit just because it's tough to do when, again, these holes are so narrow and you feel like it's just an abnormal feeling.

But I feel like things are in great shape to have a good week this week, I think it's a good golf course for me, and then ultimately gain some momentum as we lead into the Masters. Yeah, I mean, I couldn't have asked for a better start to the year thus far. My putter has heated up for two days out of all the rounds I played this year, so we get that thing start going, my greens-in-reg are as good as they've ever been, so I feel pretty good about it.

Q. Do you think it's easier for maybe not the best players to play in this field because it's shorter?

JORDAN SPIETH: No, not necessarily because I wouldn't say the best players are the

longest players. Certainly there's -- in the top-10 in the world there's probably six or seven guys that are in the top-20 in driving distance, but it may even it out a little bit. What it does is a lot of guys will be playing from a lot of similar locations. It's who has best control from really 100 to about 150 yards is really, really important out here. Best control for distance control and spin control. That's going to be very important out here. So it throws a little bit of the bombers out, it's not a bomber's golf course, but if those guys are hitting it long and straight they can certainly still have an advantage.

Q. Can I ask you about the Masters?

JORDAN SPIETH: Sure.

Q. Are you thinking about it more and more with each passing day and what positives did you take out of last year?

JORDAN SPIETH: Well, that it's still a good course for me. We've gone there and been through the right process to give ourselves a chance to win each year. Do I think about it more and more? Yeah, I think so as we get closer. You know, if the U.S. Open was the first major of the year, then I would think about that. It's not a Masters versus other majors, it's just major championships are what we put emphasis and you have a while between the PGA and the Masters. So as we get close to the first one, you kind of get ready for major season and start to pick a plan to get out there to play another round or two in the next few weeks. But yeah, again, just try and go through the same motions and last year was just another -- it just solidified that what we do leading up to it is the right process to have a chance to win. We'll just try and do the same thing.