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An interview with

## **JIN JEONG**

THE MODERATOR: Welcome back to the Perth International.

JIN JEONG: Thank you.

THE MODERATOR: It's great to have you back here as the defending champion. Is that a nice feeling for you, too?

JIN JEONG: Yeah, definitely great to be back. Always enjoy this place. A little bit pressure see myself on walls and posters, but it's good experience.

**Q. This is your first time defending a professional tournament. You see yourself up in the posters and things like that. Are you trying to block it all out and play as if it's any other tournament?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, that's what I'm trying to do at the moment, but everyone I go past say same thing, Defending champion.

But, yeah, I guess that's my challenge for this week. It's part of not thinking about other stuff other than like my goal, my game.

Yeah.

**Q. Does this come at a good time for you, to come back to a tournament with good memories?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, definitely. I really love this place. Golf course suits me. I just enjoy being in Perth playing on this course.

It's great to be back.

**Q. How has your life changed since you won last year?**

JIN JEONG: Because of win I play European Tour full time, which is great. Travel a lot all over Europe.

I haven't been playing great last four or five months. Had a great start. So I am learning all new experiences this year and enjoying being on tour.

**Q. What are some of the things you've learned being on tour?**

JIN JEONG: Um, just how to manage myself a little bit better and how to prepare tournament. We see all different courses, so every week is different country, different course, different style of course, and different type of grass.

I need to learn how to adapt and play well those new conditions. It's been really good experience just learning curve I guess.

**Q. Do you change your mindset coming here knowing you can win here? You said you haven't been hitting it well.**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, makes me feel a little bit better. When I got to the first tee yesterday good memory comes in my head. I feel fresh again.

I was hitting pretty good all day yesterday and today, so, yeah, I think it's helping me.

**Q. Has it changed your leadup? Doing more media than you would've done last year?**

JIN JEONG: I haven't done this press conference last year. Just couple more interviews, but that's it really.

As I said, all people when I walk past they shook my hand and, Hey, defending champion.

That's the challenge that I have to take this week.

**Q. How are you going to handle that challenge?**

JIN JEONG: Sleeping pretty well, so, so far so good.

**Q. What do you think your chances are of going back to back?**

JIN JEONG: It's a very tough to say because a lot of good players here, all the top players from Europe. And Australian players really good players out there as well.

So I just need to do my best, and hopefully that's good enough.

**Q. Going back to the European Tour, what's it like when you're missing a lot of**

**putts? Is it a really tough time?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, wasn't really hitting well until April, May, and then I had a few changes. Change my coach in June, so changing a few things in my swing.

That's taking time to get used to it and understand properly. I think finally I'm understanding it better, so I started hitting better, getting more comfortable.

But it's only been a couple weeks, so it just takes some time for me to get used to new stuff and experience being on tour.

I'm expecting soon enough I get used to it and play better hopefully this week.

**Q. Do you get homesick at all?**

JIN JEONG: A little bit. I travel quite a lot last year, for like two or three months, but this year I've been traveling pretty much all year. So three, four weeks in a row it's okay, but anything longer than that makes me like, I want to go home.

**Q. Where is home for you?**

JIN JEONG: I still live in Melbourne.

**Q. And this year, for example, how many weeks or months do you think you spent in Melbourne?**

JIN JEONG: Not much really. January, February I went away for six weeks; came back; then went away for 14 weeks; came back; then seven weeks and came back.

So I don't know how many weeks that I spent.

**Q. One question from me: Obviously you played on the PGA Tour of Australasia quite a bit before you went to Europe. Is it nice and comfortable to come back and see all the boys you used to play with?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, definitely, because I know all the players out here, a lot of friends out here. So I feel a lot more comfortable playing in Australia.

I was growing up playing courses like here, so, yeah, that makes me feel more comfortable as well.

It's good to play PGA Australasian tour again.

**Q. Do you think that comfort will transfer onto the course and your results this week?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, that's what I'm expecting now. It would be great if I can have some turning point this week.

**Q. Financially, have you had to rely heavily on last year's win to get through the European season?**

JIN JEONG: I guess a little bit. I had a good start beginning of this season, so, yeah, haven't troubled financially yet.

**Q. Has that been good then, having that stability?**

JIN JEONG: Yeah, been really good.

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