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## JORDAN SPIETH'S MASTERS DEBUT CAME 10 YEARS AGO, AND IT HASN'T BEEN BORING AT AUGUSTA FOR HIM SINCE

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Can Spieth return to the green jacket ceremony? Following the 2015 Masters, Spieth packed his green blazer to Hilton Head for the RBC Heritage. It was his sixth tournament in seven weeks.

At home in Dallas, his roommate, Alex Moon, had recorded each round of the 2015 Masters, and planned a celebration for when the 21-year-old returned.

"I'm on the couch and Jordan walks in with a hanging bag," said Moon, who played on the University of Texas golf team with Spieth. "I said, 'Hold up, I'm trying it on.""

Alex galloped around Preston Hollow in green, and told Jordan his welcome home party had been decided. The two would get sandwiches from Eatzi's Market and watch seven hours of tape with Jordan providing shot-by-shot coverage.

But as Jordan and Alex walked into Eatzi's, nothing felt the same. Eyes latched to Jordan. Customers wanted photos, autographs, while four businessmen rose from their table for hugs.

"These men had to be worth millions," Moon said. "They were drooling over him. It was right then at Eatzi's when I thought, 'Damn, things will never be the same.""

Augusta hadn't changed Jordan — but it had altered his life. At 21 years old, he was the second youngest Masters Champion.

Jordan's fame had multiplied overnight, as did media requests and social media followers. But for Spieth, one aspect shrank from April 2015 to April 2016 — his itch.

Now, a decade after his Masters introduction, Jordan will arrive at Augusta National as a 30-year-old, father of two.

As for his itch?

"The itch is as high as it's ever been," Spieth said. "It equals how I felt after 2014."