

Woods win fifth top player award

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While Woods has said majors are the most meaningful criteria in these awards, it was clear that more went into this vote.

"Number of wins and quality for the entire year," Woods said. "I had the second-lowest scoring average in tour history next to mine in 2000, so that shows I played at a consistent level for the entire year."

Singh was equally consistent, winning four times - in the winter, spring, summer and fall - and ending Woods' four-year reign atop the money list with \$7.5 million in 27 tournaments, nine more than Woods played.

The 40-year-old Fijian was consistent from start to finish, and he was particularly strong at the end of the year with two victories and eight straight finishes in the top 10 as he surged past Woods to win the money title.

"He was more consistent than he's ever been," Woods said. "Toward the end of the year, he just got on a roll and was very consistent with his game. He had a lot of confidence. It just seemed like every single week he was in the top 10. That's what it's all about."

Singh finished ahead of

Woods in three of the majors, although neither won any of the four Grand Slam events.

Masters champion Mike Weir, U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and Davis Love III, whose four victories included The Players Championship, also were on the ballot.

Woods last month won the points-based PGA of America player of the year award for the fifth straight year.

These honors usually have been decided by the end of the summer. This was the closest race since 1998, when Mark O'Meara's two majors were voted ahead of David Duval's four tour victories, money title and the Vardon Trophy.

That was the only season Woods failed to win a major award.

He won PGA Tour rookie of the year in 1996, winning twice in eight tournaments to qualify for the Tour

Championship, still one of his most remarkable feats.

"If you look at my career so far, the only year I really didn't win a big award was '98," Woods said. "I'm very proud of that because it shows consistency at a high level for an extended period of time."

Even more satisfying for Woods is that he missed the first five weeks of the year while recovering from knee surgery, and wasn't sure how it would affect his game.

He answered that immediately, winning the Buick Invitational by four shots in his first start. Woods won the Accenture Match Play Championship two weeks later, and won by 11 shots at the Bay Hill Invitational.

He finished in the top five in 10 of his 18 tournaments.

The only black mark were the majors, where the closest he came was a tie for fourth - two shots behind Curtis - at the British Open.

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Project No.	County/Route		Type	Location	Metric/English	GOALS BY PERCENT		
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B-3702 B-3915 8.2390603	Vance	11	Culvert, Drainage, Grading, Paving	Bridge 19 over Flat Creek on SR-1306, Bridge 21 over Flat Creek on SR-1303	English	10%		
B-3837 33285.3.1 8.2353103	Durham	03	Structure, Drainage, Grading, Paving, Curb and Gutter	Bridge 94 over Northeast Creek on SR-1945	English	10%		
B-4334 33671.3.1 8.2353103	Davidson	17	Structure, Grading, Drainage, Paving	Bridge 404 over South Potts Creek on SR-1147	English			
R-967CA 34355.3.10 6.689006T	Stanly		Widening, Grading, Drainage, Culvert Extension, Curb and Gutter, Paving, Guardrail, Signaling, Signals	NC 24-27 from West of SR-1142 (Browns Hill Road) at the West City Limits of Locust to East of Island Creek	Metric		10%	5%
R-0967CB 34355.3.9 6.689007T	Stanly		Structures, Culverts, Widening, Drainage, Grading, Paving, Signaling	NC 24-27 from East of Island Creek to East of Big Bear Creek	Metric		10%	5%
R-2000AA 34365.3.42 8.401729	Wake	04	Structure, Grading, Drainage, Concrete Paving, Signaling, Its, Signaling	I-540 (Northern Wake Expressway) from NC 55 West of Morrisville to Research Triangle Park East limits	Metric	10%		
R-2000AB 34365.3.43 8.401728	Durham Wake	03	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Concrete Paving, Signaling, ITS, Signaling, Structures, Culverts	I-540 (Northern Wake Expressway) from Research Triangle Park East limits to 0.966 Kilometers Southwest of I-40	Metric	10%		
R-2000AC 34365.3.44 8.4011730	Durham	05	Guardrail, Structure, Drainage, Grading, Signaling, Paving, Guardrail	I-540 (Northern Wake Expressway) from 0.9 Kilometers Northeast of I-40 to 0.7 Kilometers Northeast of I-40	Metric	10%		
R-2246C 34408.3.3 8.2661604	Cabarrus	21	Culverts, Grading, Drainage, Paving, Signaling, Signaling	Concord-Kannapolis Westside Bypass Extension from SR-1431 (Wedding Road) to SR-1555 (Grand Canyon Road)	Metric		8%	4%
R-2539B 34452.3.5 8.1210202	Pamlico	30	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, Culverts, Structures, Signaling	NC 55 from East of SR-1127 (Bayleaf Road) to East of SR-1129 (Bennett-Tingle Road)	Metric	10%		
R-2559B 34464.3.5 6.699003T	Union		Grading, Drainage, Paving, Structures, Signaling, Signaling, Culvert	US 74 Monroe Bypass from West of US 601 to West of SR-1758	Metric			
R-2559C 34464.3.3 6.699004T	Union		Grading, Drainage, Paving, Signaling, Signal, Structures	US 74 Monroe Bypass from West of Richardson Creek to Existing US 74	English			
R-2625A 34488.3.4 8.2800803	Cleveland	3	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, Signaling, Structure	New Route from Approximately 0.5 Kilometers North of I-85 Interchange on Dixon School Road to South of SR-2256 Southwest of Kings Mountain	Metric			
R-2911E 34517.3.6 8.1631804	Rowan	74	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, Culvert, Signal, Signaling	US 74 from SR-1127 to SR-601 in Salisbury	Metric			
R-3100C 34522.3.2 8.1792503	Catawba	28	Widening, Drainage, Grading, Paving, Curb and Gutter, Culvert Extension	NC 16 from SR-1801 (Claremont Road) to SR-1800 (Caleb Setzer Road) Southeast of Newton	Metric	10%		
U-2009B 34772.3.8 9.8103420	Cabarrus		Grading, Drainage, Paving, Grubbing, Structure, Signaling, Signaling	Kannapolis - Westside Bypass from NC 73 to NC 136 (Mooreville Road)	Metric			
U-2404A 34797.3.4 8.1792405	Catawba	29	Widening, Grading, Drainage, Paving, Curb and Gutter, Signaling, Structures, Culverts, Track Work	Newton - Conover Loop from NC 16 South of Newton to US 70	Metric	10%		
U-3852B 34995.2.2 9.8022057	PITT		Signaling	Greenville - (Phase II) Computerized Signal System	English			

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