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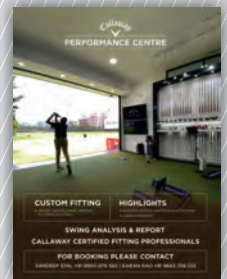
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The powerful Americans, led by captain Jim Furyk, won 7.5 points from out of 12 to maintain their stranglehold in the biennial team competition. Xander Schauffele, Russell Henley, Patrick Cantlay, Collin Morikawa, Max Homa and Keegan Bradley won their matches, with Bradley, in only his second appearance in the Presidents Cup, delivering the point for the assailable lead following a 1-up victory over Si Woo Kim.

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Angel Hidalgo held off three-time champion Jon Rahm in a play-off to win the 2024 acciona Open de España presented by Madrid. The pair had gone head-to-head in an all-Spanish final group with David Puig, with Rahm's birdie-birdie finish leaving them tied at 14 under par. Both players birdied the first extra hole but after Rahm's chip slipped past the second time, Hidalgo holed a two-foot putt for victory to claim his maiden DP World Tour title.

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Hitaashee Bakshi held onto her lead on the Hero Order of Merit after 11 Legs of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, but the star has been Vidhatri Urs, who with three wins in the last three legs has become the most successful this season. Vidhatri, who has played only five of the 11 legs is lying seventh, as Hitaashee Bakshi who has played 10 off the 11 legs is on top.

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Jasmine Shekar from Bengaluru faced some nervous moments at the end of the third and final round, but finally crossed the line to win her maiden pro title in the 13th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Golden Greens Golf Club. The 19-year-old who has had many runner up finishes, including being solo runner-up twice, was four shots clear with two holes to go.

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Former ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP winner, Hideki Matsuyama, has been known for changing putters even during tournament rounds. He may change from one putter to another, but most his putters kind of have the same look. He uses a plumber's neck putter, where some might have the line on top of the putter, some might have a dot, or maybe a sight line in the back cavity of the putter. All these help

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PGTI

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Das, lying overnight tied third and two off the lead, pulled a rabbit out of the hat with a fiery last round of 64 that helped him outplay the rest of the field and bag his eighth professional title thus ending a seven-year long victory drought. Shankar (70-64-64-64), the 2014 PGTI Order of Merit champion, who went 53 holes without a bogey during the week, totalled 18-under 262 for the tournament.

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FAMILY PROBLEMS AND CONFLICT: TURNING FILTH INTO FRAGRANCE

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Question: When there is conflict and discord in the immediate family - with one's parents or siblings for example - irrespective of what the reasons may be, how does one arrive at some harmony?

Sadhguru: Since you said parents and siblings, you have one excuse - you did not choose these people. If it was about husband and wife, there was a choice - you could not blame it on someone else!

Family is a good training ground for you to know your limitations. You are cocooned with a certain number of people - which means every day, whatever you do, you have to step on each other's toes. There are things they do that you hate, but still you have to be with them. It isn't like your Facebook family of 10,000 - if there is someone you don't like, you click him out.

Family is a beautiful place for you to grow beyond your likes and dislikes. Your likes and dislikes are the basis of compulsiveness within you. When you are stuck up with likes and dislikes, consciousness is out of question. The moment you like or dislike something, you naturally behave compulsively - favorably compulsively to what you like, in a reactive way compulsively to what you do not like.

Becoming conscious

Family is a cocoon where whether you like it or not, you have to be with these people for a certain period of time. Either you make this a bitter experience, or you learn to transcend your likes and dislikes. Let's say there are certain aspects about your husband that you hate. If after some time, you say, "He's like that - it's

okay," he has not changed, but you transcended your dislike for a particular type of behavior or whatever else it was that bothered you about him. If you become bitter or you resign, in the sense of "There is no other way - I have to put up with them," all the pain and struggle of being with people will be wasted. But if you say, "Yes, this is how they are, but it is okay with me. Let me go on with these people joyfully," you consciously transcend.

When you transcend your likes and dislikes, unknowingly, you become conscious. Unknowingly, you turn spiritual, which is the best way to turn spiritual. Not by saying, "I am going to take a spiritual path" but because as a life, you became conscious enough to transcend your limitations, likes and dislikes and you turned spiritual, without attaching

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the word “spiritual” to it. The best way to become spiritual is to consciously evolve to a point where you are not compulsorily reactive anymore. Family is a good place for you to train yourself towards that. You are not trapped in this forever. Whatever kind of family you live in, it is only for a certain period of time. You must use this period of time to transcend your likes and dislikes.

If people around you do not agree with you, you are in a very good place. I always tell people in the ashram, “Choose someone that you cannot stand and learn to work with them, joyfully. It will do wonders to you.” If you choose to be with someone you like, you will become compulsive to be only with those sorts of people. Family is not the problem. Your wanting to be with what you like is the problem. Don’t choose what you like. See how to make what is there wonderful. What comes to you is not your business. What you make out of it is your business.

People say things like, “Oh, it’s a gorgeous day” or “It’s a bad day,” depending on the weather. Just because there are clouds, it is not a bad day. Leave the weather to nature. One day sun, another day clouds; one day rain, another day snow - it’s all right. If it’s sunny, you go bare-chested; if it’s raining, you go with a raincoat; if it’s snowing, you go with a snowboard. No matter what, it is up to you to make it a good day. Similarly, do not bother about who is sitting around you right now. You make this a wonderful process of sitting with this person. This does not mean you have to sit with them forever. Everyone comes and goes. Either they come and go, or you come and go. Whoever is here, whatever is here – make the best out of it for now. If you have other choices, you can change, but the important thing is that you joyfully change. It should happen out of conscious choice, not out of compulsion, that because you cannot be here, you have to jump

somewhere else. If you leave in such a state, wherever you go, you will be the same. If you do not know how to make it here, you do not know how to make it anywhere.

Measuring results

And how will you know whether this whole spiritual process is working or not? Only by results. If with the same people, you can wake up a little more joyful, you are a little more at ease, they do not irritate you anymore as they used to do – that means you are progressing. Everywhere, progress is measured by results - here too.

It happened one day - there was a queue at the gates of heaven. Saint Peter was checking everyone’s accounts before admitting them. There was an Italian taxi driver from Vegas in a shiny polka dot shirt and aviator glasses, cigarette dangling. Right behind him was a bishop. He looked at the man in distaste, “Why is he even in this line to heaven, first of all?” But you know, strange are the ways of God. When the taxi driver’s time came, he said, resigned to his fate, “Okay, wherever you send me... What’s the problem.” As a taxi driver, he is used to that -wherever the customer wants to go, he goes; he does not choose his destination. All his accounts were checked. Then Peter welcomed him with a big smile and gave him a nice silken robe. Two very pretty angels came and took him into heaven.

The bishop was looking at this in amazement. When his turn came, they looked at his books, welcomed him, gave him workman’s overalls and a mopping stick, and said, “You go and clean corridor No. 127.” The bishop was distraught, “What is this? That Italian taxi driver comes from Sin City - I don’t even want to utter the name - where he must have driven all kinds of people - and you gave him silken robes and angels, and he went to heaven. Me, I am a bishop - I’ve been in the service of God. And for me - workman’s overalls, mopping stick and corridor 127 - I know how long it is. Why?” Peter looked at him and said, “Please listen. This is not like church - this is heaven. Here, we go by results. When you gave your sermons, people generally slept. But when that guy drove his taxi, everyone said, ‘Oh my God! Oh my God! Oh my God!’”


You must also go by results. To know whether your spiritual process is working or not, just see, whatever the outside situation, are you in conflict within yourself or not? If there is conflict within you, you need to work. You have not been physically beaten up. All they do is say

things. Whatever they know best, they do. What you know best, you must do. If you know best, you will keep yourself well. If you keep yourself well, you may transform them too, but I would not go that far with you right now. It does not matter if someone is shouting at you or abusing you. If you want, you can write a new dictionary for yourself. You can translate all the abuses into nice, sweet things. In any case, you must know they are doing their best. Unfortunately, their best may be garbage - what to do. You can only have sympathy for such people.

Filth to fragrance

Right now, you have to be there. So many times, not just you - every one of us is trapped with people and situations we definitely do not want to be in. Where we are is never entirely our choice. But what we make out of it is entirely our choice. Exercise it. If you exercise it, the outside will also slowly become a choice. Over a period of time, you will see that naturally, situations will arrange around yourself in a most beautiful way.

My experience of the world is too fantastic. Wherever I go, people are in tears of love and joy. What more do I want? I know that is not the reality for the whole world, but the world arranges itself like that around me. This is because I have taken time to arrange myself in such a way that no matter where I am, I am like this only. Slowly, the world is imitating what I am. You also do this. Do not worry whether the world arranges itself in a certain way or not – it will invariably happen over a period of time. The first thing is you arrange yourself in such a way that you are a beautiful human being. How someone else sees it is their business.

Right now, they want to walk in the gutter – let them walk for some time, till they get tired of it. Live in such a way that when they look at you, even the gutter people see at some point that it is worth being the way you are. It will not elude them. They are bitter because their experience of life is bitter and unfulfilled, and this bitterness comes out in the form of conflict. Set an example for them that there is a way to live differently. In yoga, one of the most enduring symbols has always been that of a lotus flower, because a lotus flower grows best wherever the slush is thick – the filthier, the better. Such filth transforms into such ethereal beauty and fragrance. This is spiritual process. Getting allergic to slush is not spiritual process. Becoming a part of the slush is not spiritual process. Transforming the slush into fragrance is spiritual process. 

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Friday 20th September 2024

S.No.	State	Player	1	2	3	4	Total
			70	70	70	70	280
CATEGORY A Boys							
1	Delhi	Ranveer Mitroo-A	69	68	63	70	270
2	UP	Parth Raman Sood-A	66	69	66	71	272
3	Chandigarh	Krish Chawla-A	68	73	64	68	273
4	UP	Kanav Chauhan -A	72	68	66	68	274
5	Karnataka	Veer Ganapathy-A	70	68	65	71	274
6	UP	Arshvant Srivastava-A	69	70	62	73	274
7	Delhi	Udai Aditya Middha-A	73	68	67	68	276
8	Delhi	Pritish Singh Karayat-A	70	66	67	73	276
CATEGORY B Boys							
1	Haryana	Vihaan Jain-B	71	67	68	71	277
2	Chandigarh	Neil Jolly-B	73	70	69	67	279
3	Haryana	Shaurya Dagar-B	69	71	67	73	280
4	Chandigarh	Harjai Milkha Singh-B	72	70	68	71	281
5	Karnataka	Vivaan Ubhayakar-B	73	71	69	70	283
6	Delhi	Chaitanya Pandey-B	72	71	70	72	285
7	Delhi	Smyaan Gupta-B	71	75	69	72	287
8	Delhi	Anas Khan-B	73	71	68	75	287
CATEGORY A & B Boys Combined							
1	Delhi	Ranveer Mitroo-A	69	68	63	70	270
2	UP	Parth Raman Sood-A	66	69	66	71	272
3	Chandigarh	Krish Chawla-A	68	73	64	68	273
4	UP	Kanav Chauhan -A	72	68	66	68	274
5	Karnataka	Veer Ganapathy-A	70	68	65	71	274
6	UP	Arshvant Srivastava-A	69	70	62	73	274
7	Delhi	Udai Aditya Middha-A	73	68	67	68	276
8	Delhi	Pritish Singh Karayat-A	70	66	67	73	276
CATEGORY C Boys							
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2	Delhi	Vidit Aggarwal-C	70	69	74	213	
3	Haryana	Dhruv V Singh-C	71	74	69	214	
4	Uttar Pradesh	Raajveer Surri-C	73	73	69	215	
5	Punjab	Arnav-C	76	71	69	216	
6	Telangana	Saatvic Kumar Singh-C	71	76	72	219	
7	Uttar Pradesh	Kabir Goyal-C	73	73	75	221	
8	Chandigarh	Sohraab Singh Talwar-C	78	73	72	223	



Ranveer Mitroo
Winner Cat. A



Vihaan Jain
Winner Cat. B



Aditya Misra
Winner Cat. C



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Noida Golf Club

Scores After Round 3, Friday September 27 2024

S.No.	State	Player	1	2	3	Total
			72	72	72	216
Seniors A (55-59 years)						
1	Chandigarh	Sandeep Sandhu-A	77	76	76	229
2	WB	Gaurav Ghosh-A	78	78	77	233
3	Haryana	Col Hemanta Panging-A	84	75	76	235
4	WB	Jaideep Singh-A	82	77	78	237
5	UP	Manav Prakash-A	81	80	83	244
Seniors B (60 - 64 years)						
1	Rajasthan	Pushendra Rathore-B	81	78	80	239
2	Gujarat	Lokendra Malik-B	84	81	75	240
3	Delhi	Amit Luthra-B	83	77	83	243
4	Chandigarh	Jaspreet Bakshi-B	80	84	82	246
5	Chandigarh	Col K.S. Sandhu-B	87	80	80	247
Seniors (65 years and above)						
1	UP	Gangesh Khaitan-C	81	78	76	235
2	UP	Vijay Kumar Bhadana-C	82	77	85	244
3	UP	Dr. V.A. Bharadwaj-C	88	79	86	253
4	UP	Kashmir Singh-C	85	85	84	254
5	Punjab	Zafar Iqbal-C	83	85	86	254



Sandeep Sandhu from Chandigarh
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Noida Golf Club

Final Score - Friday August 30 2024

S.No.	State	Player	1	2	3	4	Total
			72	72	72	72	288
1	Haryana	Rohit	73	70	67	74	284
2	Uttar Pradesh	Vinamra Anand	72	70	72	70	284
3	Karnataka	Jaiveer	72	71	73	69	285
4	Uttar Pradesh	Sukhman Singh	75	75	72	64	286
5	Haryana	Tushar Pannu	69	73	73	71	286
6	Uttar Pradesh	Sachin Chauhan	71	70	78	70	289
7	Delhi	Shat Mishra	71	69	76	73	289
8	Telangana	Vishesh Sharma	79	71	72	68	290



Rohit - Winner



Vinamra Anand - Runner up

Jaiveer - 2nd Runner up

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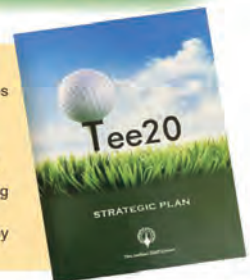
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BLS INTERNATIONAL ACQUIRES 51% STAKE IN SLW MEDIA, A PROMINENT SPORTS MANAGEMENT FIRM


➔ This acquisition will help BLS International expand its customer base and enhance its brand equity at the global level, BLS International, a trusted global tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens and a global leader in visa processing and consular services. SLW Media is a prominent sports management company with over two decades of experience in the golf industry.

The acquisition aligns perfectly with BLS International's extensive global presence, allowing for seamless integration of golf events with its visa and travel services across over 66 countries. This strategic move not only taps into the rapidly growing sports and leisure sector but also positions BLS International for significant expansion, diversification, and global reach enhancement. This synergy will also enhance the brand equity of the company at a global scale. By combining golf event management with its existing expertise in visas, travel, and hospitality, BLS International is creating a one-stop solution for luxury experiences that cater to high-net-worth individuals (HNIs), corporate clients, and government officials.

Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director of BLS International, said

“By integrating BLS International's unparalleled proficiency in managing vast customer networks with SLW Media's profound expertise in global sports events, we are driving a transformative leap in our brand equity.

This partnership acts as a powerful vehicle to elevate our global presence and position us strategically on the world stage. Our unified approach underscores our dedication to innovation and excellence, setting a new benchmark for success in international markets” Anil Dev, CEO of SLW Media said “We are excited to join forces with BLS International, our vision perfectly aligns with each other. Our deep-rooted expertise in the golf industry and sports management and BLS International's global reach will lead to the creation of a powerhouse in the sports and leisure sector. With this association, we look forward to expanding our services, reaching new markets, and offering better experiences to sports enthusiasts.”

As BLS International continues to expand its service offerings, this acquisition represents a significant step towards becoming a comprehensive, global leader in both government services and luxury experiences. 



“BY INTEGRATING BLS INTERNATIONAL'S UNPARALLELED PROFICIENCY IN MANAGING VAST CUSTOMER NETWORKS WITH SLW MEDIA'S PROFOUND EXPERTISE IN GLOBAL SPORTS EVENTS, WE ARE DRIVING A TRANSFORMATIVE LEAP IN OUR BRAND EQUITY.”

Shikhar Aggarwal, Joint Managing Director of BLS International



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The event inaugurated by Shri Anurag Thakur, Member of Parliament along with Shri Madhavendra Pratap Singh (MLA) had great significance as it heralded the entry of BLS International - a listed company into Golf. The event saw participation from more than 120 HNIs including Professionals, Self employed, Small & Medium Business owners, Corporate Heads & Senior Government officials. The event provided an excellent opportunity to optimize the network through the game of Golf as a number of sponsors had invited key clients.





The conclusion was at a Sundowner with amazing cocktails, sumptuous food, great conversation & a lot of prizes for the Winners.

The popularity of the event can be gauged from the fact that it was a full house with a number of keen participants on the waitlist. **GP**

RESULTS

Winner Gross	» Sharad Batra
Runner Up Gross	» Arush Bakshi
Winner Up Nett	» GS Sandhu
Runner Up Nett	» Hardik Mehendiraita
Winner Ladies	» Ravinder Kaur
Runner Up Ladies	» Hyojung Kim
Winner (60 years & above)	» JC Pegu & RS Rawal
Runner Up (60 years & above)	» Kaushik Dutta
Straightest Drive	» Arush Bakshi
Longest Drive	» Udaytaj Singh
Closest to the pin	» P. S. Atree



TODD ANDERSON INSTRUCTIONAL PICKING THE RIGHT PUTTER



Former ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP winner, Hideki Matsuyama, has been known for changing putters even during tournament rounds. He may change from one putter to another, but most his putters kind of have the same look. He uses a plumber's neck putter, where some might have the line on top of the putter, some might have a dot, or maybe a sight line in the back cavity of the putter. All these help

with alignment. So the first thing you have to do to be a great putter line the putter face up correctly to your intended start line.

The second thing you want to look for is to find a putter that fits your putting stroke. If you're very straight back, straight through on the target line type putter, you will want to pick a putter that's more face balanced. A mallet-type putter tends to be more face

balanced where the putter face 'looks towards' the sky. It's designed to not have much toe/face rotation, and tends to go straight back, and straight through during the putting stroke.

On the other side of the spectrum, if you're someone who likes to have more arc to your stroke and likes to have more toe/face rotation, then you probably need a putter with more toe hang, similar to a cavity back



Hideki Matsuyama uses a cavity back putter

And finally, you want to have the right feel so listen to how it sounds when you hit the putt. The louder the sound, the more clicky it sounds, the harder it's going to feel.



Pick a putter that helps with aligning the golf ball



Todd Anderson and his quarter toe-hang putter

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blade-type putter which promotes more arc to the stroke and toe release. My putter is somewhere in between, it's called a quarter-toe hang where it's not all the way face balanced or not all the way toe down. That kind of fits my putting stroke.

And finally, you want to have the right feel so listen to how it sounds when you hit the putt. The louder the sound, the more clicky it sounds, the harder it's going to feel. The more dull or soft it sounds, the more soft it's going to feel. Some players like to have that clicky

sound to get the feel that they like, other may prefer a softer sound.

Hence, find a putter that you like the look of and one that will help you line up properly, find one that matches the mechanics of your stroke, whether you have a arc/toe release or more of straight back through stroke/with less toe release and then identify the one that sounds the way you want it to feel to help with your distance control.

Finally, a great example of someone who uses a mallet putter is Scottie Scheffler, who obviously has found a lot of success by winning seven times including the FedExCup this season, whereas some like Steve Stricker is more of a blade putter. Tiger Woods and Hideki are kind of halfway in between with is kind of a quarter toe-hang, like the putter that I use.

There's nothing wrong with changing putters and many PGA TOUR players change putters often and it's a matter of finding one that you like and hopefully help you make more putts. 

Todd Anderson is the Director of Instruction at the PGA TOUR Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship. The 2010 National PGA Teacher of the Year has seen his students amass more than 50 victories across the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour, including two FedExCup titles. He is currently rated by Golf Digest as one of the top 20 golf instructors in the United States. In this tutorial, Anderson breaks down Australian Jason Day's remodelled golf swing which helped him win the 2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson which Day will defend his title this month.



Todd Anderson



SCHAUFFELE

SHINES BRIGHTLY WITH MAJOR MOMENTS

American World No. 2 heads to ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP this October as one of the favourites to join an illustrious club of champions in Japan's lone PGA TOUR tournament.

By Jim McCabe

For all the victories and all the scoring prowess and all the achievements compiled by Scottie Scheffler in 2024, here is perhaps his most magical act: He made Xander Schauffele disappear.

We are kidding, of course, but the sentiment is serious. Scheffler was so utterly dominating in 2024 - presuming, of course, you agree that seven wins, one of them being the Masters and another being THE PLAYERS Championship, plus a FedExCup trophy and an Olympic gold medal can be defined as dominating - that it is easy to overlook what a brilliant season Schauffele had.

For some, it might be a case of Que, Sera Sera - whatever will be, will be - and there likely will continue to be more gushing about Scheffler and how he earned US\$29.2 million in official money and hauled in \$62.6m when you factor in the bonus money he bagged as well. There will be talk of it being one of the greatest seasons in PGA TOUR history, with good reason, most certainly, and it is fully expected that the good-natured and hugely popular Texan will earn his third consecutive



Xander Schauffele at the PGA Championship



Xander Schauffele with the Claret Jug

PGA TOUR Player of the Year honour.

So salute and applaud as you see fit. But at some point, hopefully the celebration will fade enough so that proper respect will be paid to Schauffele. And the 30-year-old truly deserves it.

We could suggest that it is an unprecedented era we are in right now, what with Scheffler being the dominant No. 1 player in the world and Schauffele being a pretty unflappable No. 2. The former you know about; the guess is, you might not be as in tune with the latter, so here's spinning the spotlight toward Schauffele.

While he was widely trumped in the win column - only two to Scheffler's seven - you can't say Schauffele didn't save his best for the biggest events. Just two months after winning his first major, the PGA Championship in May, Schauffele put an impressive performance at Royal Troon to win the Open Championship.

Now two major championships in the same season is pretty stout stuff. It's just the 14th time in the last 45 years that it has happened (four being authored by Tiger Woods) and if you need proof that we're in a special era,



Xander Schauffele with Scottie Scheffler

consider that only once since 1980 has a player won two majors in a year and not been named Player of the Year. That would be Nick Faldo in 1990 and the reason was simple - he wasn't a PGA TOUR member.

Thus, presuming Schauffele loses out to

Scheffler for Player of the Year honours, it will be a dubious distinction for sure. Still, his season had so many highlights that you need to keep reminding yourself that he doesn't deserve to be a footnote.

In 15 of his 21 starts, Schauffele finished top 10, twice being second, once landing in third.

The biggest issue was, he was unable to muster much magic in the "Signature Events" as he finished T25 in the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, T18 at the RBC Heritage, T8 at the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday and T13 at the Travelers

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Xander Schauffele



Xander Schauffele

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IT NEEDS TO BE UNDERSCORED TOO, THAT IN HIS EIGHTH U.S. OPEN STARTS, SCHAUFFELE HAS FINISHED TOP 10 SEVEN TIMES AND HE'S BATTING.

Championship, each of them a Scheffler win.

It left a sour taste in Schauffele's mouth and even a superior performance in the majors couldn't allow him to fend off the Scheffler juggernaut. Still, it is fair to admire what Schauffele did in the majors - eighth at Augusta, first at the PGA, T7 in the U.S. Open, and victorious at the Open. For his 16 rounds in the majors, Schauffele was a robust 32-under par, with Scheffler just 17-under.

It needs to be underscored too, that in his eighth U.S. Open starts, Schauffele has finished top 10 seven times and he's batting .500 lifetime (15-for-30) with top-10 spots in the majors.

Want further proof that Schauffele's brilliance is being overshadowed by a competitor who

is doing historic stuff, there's this as well: Currently second in the Official World Golf Ranking, Schauffele's point total of 11.4671 (as of Sept. 1) would be enough to earn him No. 1 at a similar point in three of the last five years.

Read that again, savour it, and hopefully it provides a truer sense of this remarkable consistent talent.

Ask the 30-year-old Schauffele about the 28-year-old Scheffler and you get nothing but respect. "I think by the definition of dominance, I think that's literally where he's sitting," said Schauffele after finishing T4 at the TOUR Championship where a season-ending win clinched the PGA TOUR's ultimate prize, the FedExCup, for Scheffler.

"Scottie has just been at the tip-top of the mountain for two full years now," added Schauffele, who will headline October's ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP in Japan alongside defending champion Collin Morikawa.

True enough. Only here is something that is also true - Schauffele has been only a notch below. A firm notch, yes, but still he has not been that far off. Scheffler closed out his 2024 season having run his consecutive cuts-made streak to 55. The last time he was out of the money was in the summer of 2022. Over his last 65 PGA Tour tournaments, Schauffele has five wins and 33 top-10s.

A Californian by birth, Schauffele is a cultural

wonderment. His father, Stefan, is German; his mother, Chen Ping-Yi, was born in Chinese Taipei but raised in Japan. Winning the Olympic gold medal in Tokyo in 2021 was special to him and there is a lingering feeling that if Schauffele had held on and successfully defended the gold medal in Paris in August (instead of closing with 73 to finish T-9 and see Scheffler win gold) that the season could have ended more positively. Perhaps a win in front of his family at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP would be the sweetener to end his 2024.

But there is no playing the could've or would've scenarios for Schauffele. There is only total acceptance of the reality, which is this: As great a year a year as Schauffele had, it still stands second to Scheffler's.

Small consolation, perhaps, but here is a very warm thought that Schauffele could take into the post-season: Imagine, if you will, that at next spring's Masters, Schauffele after four previous top 10s finally breaks through and wins at Augusta National.

Praise would ring out and it would be written how Schauffele had now won three of the last four major titles and was three-quarters of the way to the career grand slam. By tradition, Scheffler, as defending champion, would help Schauffele into the Green Jacket and maybe, just maybe the point would be made that this is a quite a one-two punch the game has. **GP**



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U.S. TEAM SECURES 10TH STRAIGHT WIN OVER INTERNATIONAL TEAM IN PRESIDENTS CUP

The U.S. Team won the Presidents Cup for a 10th consecutive time on Sunday after dominating the Singles session for an 18.5 - 11.5 triumph over the International Team at Royal Montreal Golf Club.

The powerful Americans, led by captain Jim Furyk, won 7.5 points from out of 12 to maintain their stranglehold in the biennial team competition. Xander Schauffele, Russell Henley, Patrick Cantlay, Collin Morikawa, Max Homa and Keegan Bradley won their matches, with Bradley, in only his second appearance in the Presidents Cup, delivering the point for the assailable lead following a 1-up victory over Si Woo Kim.

“Geez. Wow, that was incredible,” said an emotional Bradley. “I was saying all week I didn’t know if I’d ever get to do this again. To just play in this tournament and then to win the point, my goodness ... If this is my last round as a player, maybe it is, I’m happy with that.”

The International Team entered the final day trailing by four points and fought gallantly for much of the session. Xander Schauffele, winner of two majors this season, put the first point on the board for the U.S. with a convincing 4 & 3 win over Jason Day before the International Team fought back momentarily with Korean star Tom Kim overcoming a 2-down deficit to tie his match with Sam Burns.

Japan’s Hideki Matsuyama then stunned World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler with a 1-up victory in the third match but there was to be no denying the Americans as Russell Henley posted a 3 & 2 win over Sungjae Im and Patrick Cantlay trounced Taylor Pendrith 3 & 1 to set Bradley up for the winning point which was secured after Si Woo Kim missed an eight-foot birdie attempt on the 18th green to force a tie.

“It was an honour (to play the first match),” said Schauffele, who won four points this week alongside Morikawa and Cantlay. “Cap (Furyk) came up to me and asked if I’d be cool going



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out first. You look down this row of guys, and it could be any one of us that’s going to lead the charge. I took it as a special opportunity to do something great. I wanted to get some red up on the board early for the boys to look at.”

Furyk was jubilant his 12 men were able to maintain a firm domination in the Presidents Cup. “I don’t know if I could put my finger on it. I go back to just this week, Thursday, that 5-0 (where U.S. won the Four-ball session), that was five tight matches. Friday was not that same tale of the tape (International Team won the Foursomes 5-0). But really the matches come down to just some special moments. For one reason or another, these guys usually play loose in the Presidents Cup, and we’ve been able to win some crucial points, make some crucial putts.”

One of the few bright sparks for the International Team was Matsuyama’s win over Scheffler, where the 10-time PGA TOUR winner produced some key moments to scalp the most dominant player of 2024. The Japanese star seized a 1-up lead with a stunning approach to five feet on the par-3 17th hole and then hung on for the win with

a three-foot par putt at the last hole.

“The last putt right there, I was super nervous. My hands were shaking a lot. I’m really happy I was able to win this match,” said Matsuyama, who contributed 2 points for the International Team this week. “This win means a lot. Really happy with the result. I had a few mistakes on the course, but really happy with how I played.”

Korea’s Tom Kim, with 1.5 points all week, stood out once more with some wonderful golf and his fiery spirit. The 22-year-old believes it will be a matter of time before the International Team gets the better of the U.S. Team, which has only lost once in 1998.

“I just think we’re hungry. I’m sure the American team feels the same way. But when you lose so many times, I feel like there’s always a story where people come back. Winning doesn’t last forever. There’s going to be times where lip-outs are going to go our way. A few breaks, a few bounces are going to go our way, and that’s going to make a difference. We play great and we keep falling short sometimes, but I’m not losing hope,” said Kim.



Hideki Matsuyama celebrates a putt against Scottie Scheffler



Tom Kim and Sam Burns

2024 Presidents Cup: Round Five Results and Notes

Sunday, September 29, 2024
The Royal Montreal Golf Club (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

Overall Score:	United States 18 ½, International 11 ½
R1 (Four-ball):	United States 5, International 0
R2 (Foursomes):	International 5, United States 0
R3 (Four-ball):	United States 3, International 1
R4 (Foursomes):	United States 3, International 1
R5 (Singles):	United States 7 ½, 4 ½

RICKIE FOWLER UNVEILS SEVERAL GEAR CHANGES IN RETURN TO COMPETITION



Fowler Black cobra Iron



Fowler mini Driver

The last time we saw Rickie Fowler tee it up in PGA TOUR competition was in Scotland in July at the 2024 Genesis Scottish Open (missed cut) and The Open Championship 2024 (71st). Fowler seeks to shake some rust off this week at the Sanderson Farms Championship, the second event of the FedExCup Fall, and looks to position himself in the Aon Next 10 and the first two Signature Events of the 2025 FedExCup season.

“Time off allows for some testing or potential change,” Fowler said in a press conference

on Tuesday. “In a season, you might have a week or maybe a two-week break, and it’s sometimes tough to make changes in there, or I’m also not someone ... I don’t like to make a whole lot of changes unless I have

the time to put reps in and have a bit more of an idea how things are going to work.”

Either way, Fowler is back on the PGA TOUR, and he’ll look to improve on his current FedExCup Fall Ranking of 110. **GP**

Fowler is set to make three different equipment changes this week:

1. He’s adding a 13.5-degree TaylorMade BRNR Mini Driver Copper
2. He’s switching into Cobra King Tour black irons
3. He’s swapping his Odyssey Jailbird putter into an L.A.B. Golf DF3 mallet putter

‘IT’S DEVASTATING’: JOHN DALY LOSES HOME IN HURRICANE HELENE

Thousands of homes have been destroyed due to the impacts of Hurricane Helene. John Daly’s house was one of them.

Daly confirmed Wednesday that his home in Clearwater, Florida, was lost due to the Category 4 hurricane that swept through the region late last week. Daly said the hurricane was “devastating, the worst I’ve ever seen.”

“I’m just glad everyone is healthy, that’s the main thing,” Daly told PGATOUR.COM. “You live in Florida, you have to understand that’s going to happen, but not like this. I didn’t think it would be this bad.”

Daly visited the home sparingly, spending most of his time in Dardanelle, Arkansas, near where he grew up. Daly said three of four homes belonging to close family and friends in the area were also lost.

“I more think it’s the memories that Mom, Chrissy and Matty over the years have in that house. The memories is what you miss when you lose something like that.”

Hurricane Helene made landfall last Thursday in Florida’s Big Bend region as a Category 4 hurricane. NBC News reported that approximately 4 million people were without



power because of the storm, with fears that outages could last weeks. The region is still in the early stages of response and recovery. **GP**

OSHRINE SECURES MAIDEN CHALLENGE TOUR TITLE IN PORTUGAL



Matt Oshrine joined the Challenge Tour winner's circle with a one-stroke victory in the Open de Portugal at Royal Óbidos.

The American held his nerve to post a two under par final round of 69 to reach 11 under par for the week, one shot ahead of Italian Stefano Mazzoli in second place at Royal Óbidos Spa & Golf Resort. Oshrine began the final round one-shot behind Mazzoli, but carded three birdies alongside two bogeys on the front nine to draw level at the turn. He responded to a dropped shot at the tenth with two more gains at the 11th and 13th before carding five consecutive pars coming in to triumph by a single stroke.

The 29-year-old was delighted to seal his first victory on the Challenge Tour just a day after his birthday.

"I'm thrilled to get it done," he said. "Winning is hard out here. This is week nine in a row for me and I feel like I've been playing some good golf, I've just

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been waiting on the result a bit. It was a battle today. You have to hit some really quality golf shots on this course, especially down the stretch. I wasn't sure walking down 18 what I needed

at first. I wasn't sure walking down 18 what I needed at first, but I knew regardless that birdie would be enough to win. I hit a great second shot, great chip, and two solid putts, and thankfully five was enough." **GP**

RASMUS HØJGAARD CLAIMS GLORY WITH SUPERB LATE CHARGE



Rasmus Højgaard holed out twice as he pipped local favourite Rory McIlroy to win the Amgen Irish Open at Royal County Down.

McIlroy looked on course to claim his first professional win on home soil when he led by two shots with four holes to play at a venue just an hour from where he grew up.

However Højgaard had other ideas, as he completed a superb closing 65 with four birdies in the last five holes to claim his fifth DP World Tour title, move to second in the Race to Dubai Rankings in Partnership with Rolex and to the top of the European Ryder Cup standings.

With playing partner Matteo Manassero then dropping shots on the third and fourth, McIlroy briefly enjoyed a four-shot lead before making a bogey on the seventh after failing to get up and down from left of the green.

He then missed from inside ten feet for birdie on both the eighth and the ninth as Højgaard kickstarted his challenge with an outrageous chip-in for birdie on the tenth.

A birdie on the 11th edged McIlroy two in front again, but that advantage was wiped out as Højgaard birdied the 16th and McIlroy



bogeyed the 15th. Højgaard then dramatically holed out from a greenside bunker on the 17th and, although McIlroy drew level with a birdie on the 16th, the four-time Major winner charged his birdie putt on the 17th past the hole and missed the return.

Højgaard's third birdie in a row on the 18th

meant McIlroy needed to make an eagle on the same hole to force a play-off and a towering approach from 191 yards gave him a chance from 15 feet, only for the eagle putt to slide just wide.

Højgaard becomes the fourth Danish winner of the Amgen Irish Open. **GP**

HIDALGO WINS MADRID PLAY-OFF FOR MAIDEN TITLE



Angel Hidalgo held off three-time champion Jon Rahm in a play-off to win the 2024 acciona Open de España presented by Madrid.

The pair had gone head-to-head in an all-Spanish final group with David Puig, with Rahm's birdie-birdie finish leaving them tied at 14 under par. Both players birdied the first extra hole but after Rahm's chip slipped past the second time, Hidalgo holed a two-foot putt for victory to claim his maiden DP World Tour title.

It was the first all-Spanish final group at the national open since 2019, when Rahm won comfortably ahead of Rafa Cabrera Bello and Samuel Del Val.

It was closer this time, right from the off as Hidalgo's two-shot overnight advantage was wiped out at the first hole - he missed a three-foot putt and made bogey while Rahm, also champion in 2018 and 2022, started with a birdie, as did Puig to lie one shot behind.

As the lead changed hands between the trio throughout the round, it was Rahm's 19-foot putt for birdie at the 17th which cut Hidalgo's lead to one and Rahm's birdie the last, as



Hidalgo's putt stayed right of the hole to set up a play-off. Puig finished in a large group at 10 under with Swede Jens Fahrbring,

English pair Tommy Fleetwood and Joe Dean, Scotland's Grant Forrest - who shot - and American Sean Crocker. **GP**

WALKER SECURES SWISS CHALLENGE TITLE



Euan Walker produced a sensational final round to win the Swiss Challenge after the tournament was reduced to 36 holes at Golf Saint Apollinaire.

Following a three-hour weather delay on Day 1 and the entirety of play being washed out on Saturday due to a flooded course, Walker returned to the tee on Sunday to fire a bogey-free six under par final round and secure a dominant three stroke win in Folgensbourg.

The Scotsman, with rounds of 69-66, reached nine under par for the week, two clear of Norwegian Kristoffer Reitan and Englishman Bradley Bawden who shared second place on six under par.

Walker climbs to 21st on the Road to Mallorca Rankings to move into promotion contention with four events remaining of the season and was delighted to secure a second Challenge Tour title after a testing 24 hours.

"It feels amazing," he said. "Honestly, even though it's a 36-hole event, it feels important. You get those feelings, pre-tournament, about whether you can compete with everyone else, so to have a stop-start week like this just amplifies those feelings. I've tried my best



to keep refocussing and telling myself I can still do it, and I'm pleased that it's worked. It feels like this week I'm back on track and playing close to my best. I really played beautifully. That's one of the best rounds I've played all year."

Walker began his second round from the tenth hole on Friday, and resumed on Sunday on the

13th hole, three shots off the lead.

The 29-year-old cut that to one after making birdies at the 15th and 17th, before he added a third gain of the day at the first - his tenth - to join the leaders. He continued that streak by making three more birdies in a four-hole stretch from the fourth to surge into the outright lead for the first time. **GP**

SIR NICK FALDO AND DANNY WILLETT FIND OUT WHAT IT IS LIKE TO PLAY GOLF WITH A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



In collaboration with England & Wales Blind Golf, the DP World Tour arranged for three players to display their talent in front of the two Major champions in advance of the Betfred British Masters hosted by Sir Nick Faldo at The Belfry.

After introductions, the three participants - each representing a different category of visual impairment - hit tee shots at the par-three 14th on the Brabazon course.

The visual impairment categories were:

B1

- This category encompasses no light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognise shapes at any distance or in any direction.

B2 & B3

- Both categories involve a low level of usable partial vision, those in the B3 category will be able to see more than those graded as B2. B3 is the highest category used for international & Paralympic sport.

The three participants were:

- Steve Cunningham (no sight in either eye)
- Danny Daniels (sight in one eye)
- Mike Tomlinson (less than 10% of sight)

With all three players, they highlighted the role of their guides, without whom they would be unable to truly take pleasure in playing the sport.

All three struck impressive tee shots, before Masters winners Faldo and Willett used simulation glasses - which replicate the different visual impairments - to get a true idea of the challenges faced by players in blind golf.

While Faldo found the green with his tee shot, Willett shanked his effort, later saying the experience was "humbling". **GP**



Nick Faldo



Danny Willett

ROBERT MACINTYRE READY TO MAKE MORE MEMORIES WITH DAD DOUGIE



Robert MacIntyre and dad Dougie will write another chapter in their remarkable father-son golfing story when they tee it up as a team at this week's Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. The man known to all as Bob credits his father as the person who "really taught me how to play the game golf" and at this event 11 years ago, Dougie caddied for his then amateur 17-year-old son as he finished fifth in the team event alongside Eduardo de la Riva.

"He's the reason I play the way I play," he said. "If you watch the two of us swing, obviously I've made some changes to my golf swing but it's very, very similar and he's the guy that's really taught me how to play the game golf and it's just going to be

special."

Dougie, who is course manager at Glencruitten Golf Club near Oban, plays off "five or six" according to Robert and while MacIntyre Jr expects some first-tee nerves from his dad, he wants him to enjoy his experience.

"We played ten holes on the Old Course and he was absolutely brilliant," he said. "First tee he was still a little bit nervy but after that he was back to himself.

"I think he's going to enjoy it more inside the ropes than outside the ropes watching to be honest with you. He's got something to take his mind off watching me hit some stupid shots. No, he's nervous when he gets on the first tee, but I still feel that. Hopefully he feels that and then just kicks on." **GP**



HATAJI EMERGES VICTORIOUS AGAIN AT VANTELIN TOKAI CLASSIC

7 Takahiro Hataji secured his second JGTO win in four months by pipping Takumi Kanaya by one shot to win the Vantelin Tokai Classic on Sunday.

Kanaya, a six-time JGTO winner, matched Hataji's final round effort of six-under-par 65, but his four-day total of 16-under-par 268 was just one shot shy of claiming the title at the Myoshi Country Club.

Yusuke Sakamoto (67) and Yusaku Hosono (68) signed off with matching 269 total to share third place while overnight leader Aguri Iwasaki posted a 69 to end the week in a share of fifth place with Kensei Hirata, Shugo Imahira and Takashi Ogiso.

Hataji, who relinquished his lead after the first round, got back to the top of the leaderboard on the day which matters most by trading seven birdies against one bogey for a 267 winning total.

He issued his strong statement of intent with three birdies in his first five holes. After dropping his only shot of the day on the par-four nine, he charged back with four birdies to fend off the Kanaya's challenge and snatch the title.

"The weather was hot and humid today, which was surprising because I had expected it to be cooler. I was paired with Takumi Kanaya, and I knew the showdown will be unpredictable given how competitive he is. I went into the round with the mentality that I wouldn't win. I told myself to just focus on playing my own game, and it helped me stay calm on the front nine," said Hataji.

When asked what are his next goals after achieving his second JGTO win, Hataji said: "I'm aiming for a major win, especially at the Japan Open. Last year, I played in the final group with Ryo Ishikawa, and it



left a huge impression on me. I want to experience that again, but this time, I want to win."

Kanaya also started strongly with a hat-trick of birdies from his opening hole to quickly erase his two-shot deficit, which he had trailed Iwasaki overnight. After seven straight pars, he made three more birdies in his next four holes.

With Hataji on a birdie blitz on his own too, Kanaya knew he had to make at least another birdie to send the contest into extra-time. But it proved elusive, and with four pars from the 15th, the 26-year-old had to eventually settle for a runner-up finish. **GP**

KANAYA OUTPLAYS VETERAN RYU IN PLAYOFF

7 Takumi Kanaya staged a sensational comeback by firing a final round eight-under-par 63 to force a playoff with South Korea's Ryu Hyun-woo before taking down the South Korean veteran to win the ACN Championship Golf Tournament with a birdie in the first playoff hole on Sunday.

The 26-year-old started the day five shots off the lead but hauled his way back into contention by firing eight birdies in a blemish-free card to deny Ryu of his third JGTO win at the Miki Country Club.

"I thought that if I didn't make a lot of birdies, I wouldn't be able to catch up with the leader. However, I believed that if I could play my own game, I could put myself into contention again. I managed to do that and win the playoff, which was great!" said Kanaya.

With the 2024 JGTO season approaching its climax with five events left to play, Kanaya hopes to remain focused and end his season with a flourish.

"I think all players are aiming to become the money leader. Even though last year was difficult, I've realised that continuing to play my game is the most important thing.

"Especially towards the end of the season, I think there will be a lot of pressure from other



players, but I want to focus on playing my game well," said Kanaya.

Ryu, 43, also had a round to remember as he stormed to the clubhouse with seven birdies in a stunning back-nine charge.

Heading into the playoff with a 100% win record, Ryu would, however, lose that proud record as he could only par the 18th playoff

hole to settle for a runner-up finish.

"I won both my previous playoff so, I thought I might have a chance to do so again today. But Kanaya's a really good player and hats off to him. I'm not young anymore, but I think I'm still doing well at my age. If I have another chance to be in contention again, I would like to win again," said Ryu. **GP**

IWASAKI TAKES OFF WITH ANA OPEN TROPHY

7 Aguri Iwasaki returned to the winner's circle again after 11 months when he signed off with a six-under-par 66 to win the ANA Open Golf Tournament.

The 26-year-old had to overcome a shaky start when he double bogeyed his second hole but fought back bravely with five birdies and an eagle to pip Kota Kaneko and Ryutaro Nagano - who were both chasing their maiden JGTO wins - to the title by two shots.

Iwasaki's last win on the JGTO came at the Japan Open last October. In his last 13 starts on the JGTO before the ANA Open this week, he made the cut six times and only had one top 10 finish.

It was indeed a welcome relief for Iwasaki, who stood victorious at the Sapporo Golf Club Wattsu Course in Hokkaido, after admitting he had struggled with his form since his breakthrough.

"After winning the Japan Open last year, my form went downhill. I was not sure if I could win again, but I'm glad I did today," said Iwasaki.

"In the front nine, since my score wasn't great,

I didn't pay much attention to the leaderboard and just concentrated on what was in front of me. But after improving my score with my birdie on 11 and eagle on 12, I checked the leaderboard and realised I had a chance.

When asked about his next goal after his grandstand finish this week, Iwasaki said: "I'm not in a position to compete for the money list yet. So, I want to win more tournaments and get myself every chance to be in contention now."

Starting the day, three shots off the lead, Kaneko knew he had to get off to a fast start to reduce the deficit. After making four straight pars, the 22-year-old found renewed hope with a pair of birdies on five and six. He birdied 12 and 15 and had reduced the Iwasaki's advantage to just one shot with three holes to play.

A birdie on 17 gave Kaneko a lifeline, but with Iwasaki also birdieing the same hole, he knew he could not afford to drop a shot on the closing 18 if he wanted to stand at least a chance of forcing the tournament into extra time.

But a bogey on the last put paid to all hope.

"That last bogey was frustrating. I was



Japan's Aguri Iwasaki

trying to make a birdie, but instead, it ended up as a bogey. I was aiming for the pin, but my body lifted, and the shot went right. It's disappointing. I had no choice but to try to sink the approach. It was my first time being in contention for the win until the very end, which was a good experience, but it's still frustrating," said Kaneko. **GP**

UNSTOPPABLE HIRATA WINS PANASONIC OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

7 Kensei Hirata proved unstoppable on the JGTO this season as he captured his fourth title this season with a three-shot victory at the Panasonic Open Golf Championship.

The 23-year-old shrugged off an overnight two-shot deficit to pip Taisei Shimizu to the title with a flawless seven-under-par 65, sealing his sixth JGTO victory with his winning total of 25-under-par 263.

With his latest victory, Hirata became the third youngest player at the age of 23 years and 301 days to win four times in a season after Ryo Ishikawa (18 years and 17 days) in 2009 and Hideki Matsuyama (21 years and 279 days) in 2013.

Hirata also became the first JGTO player in 23 years since Toshimitsu Izawa in 2001 to win three tournaments in a month following his wins at the Fujisankei Classic and Shinhan Donghae Open in September.

"I'm honoured to be mentioned alongside such legendary players and leave my name in the history books. But it also makes me more determined and motivated to keep pushing myself and achieve more success," said Hirata.

Stepping up to the tee with the heavy rains pelting down at the Arima Royal Golf Club and trailing Shimizu by two, Hirata's only focus was to start strongly. And he did so with a birdie on



Japan's Kensei Hirata

the first hole. But it was not until the ninth hole that he picked up another shot.

"Starting the round two shots behind, especially with the rain and wind in the morning, I thought it might be tough to catch up. My main goal was to avoid falling three strokes behind. I was chasing the lead and told myself to just wait for the opportunities to make birdies," said Hirata.

With the rain easing on his back-nine, Hirata then mounted his fightback as he charged ahead with five birdies in his next six holes before

cruising home with three straight pars, starting from the 16th hole.

"After my birdie on the ninth hole, I was just more focused on keeping the momentum going. From the 14th hole, I knew I had to press on. My putting has been solid the last four days and I was also able to keep my tee shots on the fairway. I have always wanted to win in my home region and I'm happy I managed to get that done today," said Hirata, who only dropped one shot in his first round all week. **GP**

UNSHAKEABLE SUTEEPAT SECURES START-TO-FINISH VICTORY

Suteepat Prateepienchai put the finishing touches to a classy wire-to-wire win at the Yeangder TPC in Chinese-Taipei today after signing off with a three-under-par 69 for a two-shot victory.

After a brilliant week of front running the 31-year-old Thai finished the US\$1million event on 21-under, holding off Asian Tour number one John Catlin, who claimed second place after a typically strong closing 65. The American had an explosive start, making birdie on his first five holes.

“I love Taiwan!” said Suteepat, whose other win on the Asian Tour also came in Chinese-Taipei, at last year’s Taiwan Glass Taifong Open – where he won by four.

He had a two-shot cushion at the start of the day and despite Catlin’s brilliant start he was in complete control until a wobble towards the end when he bogeyed 15 and 16.

With Catlin, playing two groups ahead, making a birdie on the par-five 18th, it meant Suteepat arrived at the last with a one-shot lead. However, any thoughts of the event going into extra holes where quickly dispelled when he found the front of the green in two and nearly holed his chip for an eagle before tapping in for a birdie.

The victory comfortably surpassed Suteepat’s best performance this year which was joint



sixth in the Mandiri Indonesia Open in August, and he moves from 47th on the Asian Tour Order of Merit to eighth.

Catlin, also winner of the International Series Macau presented by Wynn this year and leader of The International Series Rankings, put the pressure on further by making birdie on the

seventh and went out in six-under-par 30.

It’s no wonder Suteepat took notice, especially when Catlin made birdie on 10, but fortunately for the Thai leader the birdies dried up for the in-form American, who dropped his only shot of the day on 16 before one last throw of the dice with a birdie on the last. **GP**

JUSTIN ROSE AND TOM KIM TO STAR IN LINK HONG KONG OPEN

Golf legend Justin Rose, who won here in 2015, and rising South Korean talent Tom Kim are the latest stars to join the 2024 LINK Hong Kong Open parade as The Hong Kong Golf Club prepares to welcome the historic tournament back for its 63rd edition from 21-24 November.

When Rose lifted the trophy at Fanling in 2015, he was in the middle of a 12-month hot streak that began with a T2 at the US Masters and ended in 2016 when he captured gold for Great Britain at the Rio Olympics.

This year, the 44-year-old returns to the US\$2 million LINK Hong Kong Open having tied for second at The Open Championship in July. Rose is thrilled to have the opportunity to return to a course – and a city – that holds many dear memories.

“Hong Kong holds a special place in my heart, as does the Hong Kong Open, as when I won at Fanling I was playing some of the best golf of my life,” said Rose, the 2013 US Open winner.

The 22-year-old, Seoul-born Kim has already won two Asian Tour events – to go with the



Justin Rose



Tom Kim

three he has won on the PGA Tour and a T2 at The Open Championship last year. He’s looking forward to returning to Fanling for the first time since 2020, when he finished T18 at the tender age of 17.

“I know some of the greats of the game have won the Hong Kong Open down through the years and I’d love to see my name on the trophy alongside them,” said Kim, the Asian

Tour’s 2020-21-22 Order of Merit winner. “I have great memories of playing the composite course at Hong Kong Golf Club back in 2020, and I look forward to taking it on again this year.”

Last year the Hong Kong Open was named The International Series Tournament of the Year and a Players’ Choice winner for Course of the Year. **GP**



MIKE LORENZO-VERA

‘Better body positions have made me longer and straighter’

I started working with my coach Justin Parsons in August 2017 and we've done a lot of work. I'm really happy with the changes we've made and how it's been going. I'm much more consistent now and I have much fewer big misses. My results have improved and I'm going up in the world rankings. For me, watching videos of my swing is one of the most important things I do now. I need to know that the changes are sticking – I'm loading well and my clubface is steadier through impact – so I just have a little check almost every day.





1

Better posture helps me use my legs

The first thing we had to do is re-balance my posture because my legs were too straight and I was leaning forwards too much with my upper body. There's now more flex in my knees and I'm standing a little taller with more balance into my heels. This new and improved posture enabled me to use the legs more in my swing, so I'm creating more speed.



2

Loaded right leg and shallower plane

We've worked a lot on loading the legs better in the backswing, which shallows the club more than I was doing before. Getting into this position at the top of the backswing with my right leg loaded much better enables me to have a shallower swing plane on the way down, which keeps the clubface squarer for longer. This has helped me hit the ball a lot straighter.



3

Fire the muscles in the correct sequence

I've really improved my sequencing in the downswing thanks to a drill that Alex Noren showed me last year. I put a stick vertically into the ground about 50cm ahead of the ball and hit half wedges and try to stop the club against the stick. It helps you to fire the muscles correctly, so it feels like you're really loading and using the big muscles in your legs and core.



4

Clubface squarer for longer through impact

We're still working on keeping better body angles through impact and having a steadier clubface through the impact zone instead of flicking a lot, so I needed good timing to hit good shots. I'm really starting to feel the face staying squarer for longer through impact as a result of all the other improvements rather than a conscious thought to keep it square. GP



PETER HANSON ‘Always keep your head steady when pitching’

I've been struggling a bit with my pitching, which comes from my back issues. When the body doesn't want to stay leaning

forwards, you can raise up during the swing and your head will move. As soon as you change height, you change where the

bottom of the swing arc is, so you'll hit it fat or thin. This nearly always comes from injuries in pros, but it's quite common for

amateurs. Tiger Woods, Lee Westwood, Martin Kaymer and myself have all had similar issues because of injuries. **GP**



Shaft against your head

I get my caddie to hold a shaft right next to my head when I address the ball. I know if I come out of my posture and move my head during the swing because it hits the end of the shaft. You can have the shaft in front of your head or above your head depending on what your tendency is.

Consistent contact

The key to hitting consistent and predictable pitch shots is delivering the clubhead in the same way every time – attack angle, loft and the speed you're expecting. You can't do this if you're hitting the ball at a different point in your swing arc every time because you're not maintaining your body angles.



MIKE LORENZO-VERA

'Be aggressive when the risks of a bad shot are lower'

You have a decision to make when there are hazards that cut across the fairway. It's important not to be too negative but you have to be honest and realistic about your own ability and chances of success when taking on risky shots like this. You also have to think about the next shot. Amateurs usually play aggressively off the tee to set up an easier second shot, but it can often be better to play safer off the tee and settle for a tougher approach because the risk of dropping multiple shots is higher from a tee shot than a second shot.

Make sure you get it in play off the tee

For a mid or high-handicapper, I would recommend that you take a safer and shorter club off the tee and be more aggressive with your second shot. You're more likely to get yourself in big trouble and potentially drop two shots with a bad tee shot, but there's not normally as much trouble for your second shot so you could still save par or only drop one shot if you hit a bad second shot. The most important thing is to get the ball in play off the tee even if it leaves quite a long second shot.

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Be less aggressive to flags near hazards

Be wary of any pin positions that are tucked close to the bunkers. The last thing you want to do is leave yourself short-sided in the sand so aim closer to the middle of the green. If the flag is in the middle or front left you can be more aggressive. The shape of the hole and the hazards around the green suits a fade. Most amateurs have that so use it to your advantage rather than trying to hit it straight.

Leave an easy third if you choose to lay up

If you can't get to the green in two, you need to think about laying it up in the place that will make your next shot as easy as possible. That's short and left here because you'll be in the fairway, you won't have to pitch over a bunker and you'll give yourself the maximum amount of green to work with for most pin positions. Also, try and leave yourself a yardage that you're confident with.

Carry the bunkers if you realistically can

If you're a good player, I would try and carry the bunkers if you think you have a better than 80% chance of pulling it off and they aren't really deep. You don't want to be too negative and leave a really long second shot by going short of all the bunkers, as long as you have the distance and ability to go over them and keep it inside the trees. But you have to be honest about your chances of doing that. **GP**

Get golf fit

PUTTING STABILITY

When we talk about physical conditioning, we tend to think about the driver and the full swing. However, even on an activity as short and apparently effortless as putting, it can have an effect. Here, we look at how a physical limitation can lead to an issue with swaying on putts – a problem that causes an erratic delivery of the blade and inconsistency on the greens. You'll also learn two drills to help you stay more stable throughout the stroke. Work on them and line and length will both benefit.

HOLDING SWAY: SEPARATION

The basic putting action is essentially a tiny golf swing; you rotate back, you rotate through. Even with such a short action as this we need some separation of the upper and lower body to allow the shoulders and chest to rotate while the legs and pelvis remain stable.

LOCKED IN

The ability to move your shoulders independently of your hips and pelvis is known as "dissociation". We are all different in how much we are able to achieve this, but putting only demands a small amount of it. Almost every golfer has enough mobility to retain a locked lower half while gently rocking the shoulders; but in many cases that ability needs to be woken up.



ON THE MOVE

If you are not rotating your upper body independently of the lower body, you will feel your hips and knees turn with the shoulders. That costs your action balance and stability, making it much harder for you to find your chosen path, face and attack angle at impact.



CHALLENGE STABILITY TO IMPROVE IT

To improve your ability to maintain a solid base while you putt, we need to make it harder for your lower body to hold its position as you rotate back and through. Here are two easy ways to do just that.

DRILL 1: ONE-LEG TORSO TURNS

Take your putter and place its shaft across your chest, criss-crossing your arms to hold it in place. Stand generally upright, but balance on your lead leg, your trail leg behind your lead calf. Now make your upper body backstroke rotation. You can only stay balanced if your lower body holds its position.



ROCK SOLID


Now repeat the same trick on the follow-through. Turn your chest through to the finish of the "stroke". Again, this challenges your lower half to retain its position while you turn. Rotate back and forth like this five times, before switching to the other leg and repeating the drill.

DRILL 2: NOODLE DRILL

For this drill you'll ideally use a foam swimming noodle – a useful prop for many drills. But if you don't have one you can roll up your bag towel. Whatever you use, it should be high enough that you can't quite set both toes and heels on the ground when you stand on it. Place the noodle/towel under the middle of your feet. Start by letting your weight fall on to your heels. Hit 10 putts from here.



POISE PRIMED

Now flip forward till your weight is on your toes. Again, hit 10 putts. Keep your focus on your balance; from these awkward stances, your lower body has to work harder to maintain it. After hitting putts like this, go back to your regular stance; you will feel how the muscles of your lower half, now primed to hold you in position, are able to retain position and stability as you move the putter back and through. 

Play smart

TOUGH PAR-3 TEE SHOT

This is the superb par-3 3rd hole at Trump Aberdeen. Wind-affected, measuring up to 205 yards off the very back tees and with a perched green it is, by anyone's standards, a handful. Short holes as tough as this call for something of a rethink on the tee. While we are all conditioned to

1. SEVERE PENALTY

The front of this elevated green is protected by a ridge, which means that to find it you will almost certainly have to hit a full-blooded shot that carries on to the putting surface. With thick dune grass right and a severe, penal drop-off down towards the North Sea left, smacking a hybrid or long iron up into the wind becomes a truly risky option for all but the elite player. Anything other than a pure strike could mean a reload.

2. RISK v REWARD

Taking on the carry to the green makes even less sense when you look at the green complex itself. That drop-off to the left begins pretty much at the front of the green, meaning anything powerful and hooking will fall off the edge. Huge and rolling, the green itself ensures that getting a long approach putt close is no given. Taking on the green also brings that deep greenside bunker on the right into play, and it's no easy up-and-down from there.



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try to hit the green, two-putt and make a par, this does not necessarily make for the best strategy. When you accept there is more than one way to make your par, you open up other approaches to playing the hole that might perhaps be less risky. Let's look at how that might work.


3. OPEN SPACE

Like any well-designed long par 3, the 3rd hole here offers you an alternative to the green shot. In front is a wide open, level and relatively friendly zone that makes for a much less risky target. Knock your tee shot down into this area and you leave yourself a straightforward chip up the putting surface, with plenty of green to work with. It might go against the grain to 'lay up' at a par 3, but sometimes, it's the smart play.

4. STICK TO YOUR ROUTINE

A lay-up might seem a safer and easier shot, but that doesn't mean you can't give it the same attention you would for any shot. This means careful reading of the conditions, considered club selection and thoughtful use of the tee's width to give you your best playing angle. Above all go through your hopefully usual process of visualising the shot, both in execution and flight, before stepping in to hit the ball.

5. PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

Giving yourself permission to play away from the green on par 3s can be tough; but it becomes much easier when you are confident you can get up and down. Spend time tuning up your chipping game – as well as your ability to hole out from 8ft and under – and those bail-out areas begin to look a lot more attractive. A sharper short game lowers the tariff on the shots you feel you need to hit... and that takes pressure off your long game. 



Fault Fixer

SQUARE YOUR BLADE UP

Some 85% of your ball's starting line is down to the face aim at impact. A square blade at address means no need for mid-stroke compensation that can hinder consistency. To help you check your aim and put it right, use your smartphone.

CHECK THE AIM

The phone is long enough to give you a solid indication of where the putter's face was pointing – in this case, just a little outside the right edge. This doesn't just give you great feedback; it reveals your blade aim tendency.

REVERSE THE PROCESS

Adjust the phone's position until it points at the hole. Place the blade against it to align the putter, and adopt your stance. Accept that square will look odd to you – the putter will feel either closed or open depending on what you originally saw as square. Also accept a short period of adjustment, as you work out the compensation your old aim was forcing you to make.



STEP 1: AIM THE BLADE

Start by finding a flat 6ft putt. Leaving your phone ready by the ball, set up with what you believe to be a square blade.



STEP 2: POSITION THE PHONE

Taking great care to leave the putter in its address position, squat down to place the phone in front of the blade. Use the short side, so the phone's length points down the hole line. **GP**





HITAASHEE STAYS ON TOP, AS VIDHATRI BECOMES 3-TIME WINNER ON HERO WPGT IN 2024

7 Hitaashee Bakshi held onto her lead on the Hero Order of Merit after 11 Legs of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, but the star has been Vidhatri Urs, who with three wins in the last three legs has become the most successful this season.

Vidhatri, who has played only five of the 11 legs is lying seventh, as Hitaashee Bakshi who has played 10 off the 11 legs is on top.

The top three Hitaashee (Rs. 11,99,500), Sneha Singh (two wins and Rs. 10,41,500) and Amandeep Drall (1 win and Rs. 10,08,640) have crossed the Rs. 10 lakh-mark in terms of prize money.

The players, who have been benefitting from the Tour, were pleasantly surprised by the presence of Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman Hero MotoCorp, a keen golfer and one of the biggest supporters of the game.

Seven players, including one amateur, Nishna Patel have won the 11 Legs so far with Vidhatri having done so three times in five starts, while Hitaashee and Sneha have won twice. Anvitha Narender, Amandeep Drall and Gaurika Bishnoi



The Hero WPG Tour players with Dr Pawan Munjal at the Delhi Golf Club

have won once each and amateur Nishna Patel won once.

The Tour, which began about 15 years ago with four players, now regularly features 45-50 players, including amateurs, many of whom plan to turn professional in the next few months.

After Hitaashee, Sneha and Amandeep on the Order of Merit, the next three are Khushi Khanijau, Jasmine Shekar and Gaurika Bishnoi. Vidhatri Urs is seventh and Seher Atwal eighth with Shweta Mansingh and Rhea Jha rounding off the Top-10. **GP**

UNITED STATES WINS 2024 SOLHEIM CUP

7 The United States won the Solheim Cup for the first time in seven years after a closely fought final day singles contest at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia.

The matches remained on a knife edge until Lilia Vu made a brilliant birdie on the 18th to earn the half point needed to reach 14 ½ points and win the Solheim Cup for the United States.

The final score was 15 ½ – 12 ½ in America's favour as they clinched the cup for the first time since 2017.

At the start of the day, the home side had a four-point lead with 10-6 advantage over Europe, but it was the holders who won the singles session. Europe won 6 ½ points on the final day, even though the U.S. Team only won 5 ½ points from their 12 singles matches it was enough to secure them the victory.

The last four Solheim Cups have been decided by scores of 14.5 to 13.5 (for Europe in 2019), 15-13 (for Europe in 2021), 14-14 in 2023 and 15.5 to 12.5 for the U.S. Team this year. That means that the last four Solheim Cups have been decided by a total of 6 points.

Winning captain Stacy Lewis said: "I mean, this is so cool. So stressful to watch. It's awful watching. But just so proud of the players. It's amazing how these things come down to half a



U.S. Team Pic Credit - Mark Runnacles/LET

point here and there. Fortunately, this time we were on the right side of it. It really could have gone either way. It's crazy there at the end kind of how it all unfolded. I was just hoping and praying it went our way. Just proud of the team, and Lilia's finish there was unbelievable. That's what you expect from one of the best players in the world."

European captain Suzann Pettersen commented: "I mean, we gave them a run for

their money. I don't think anyone expected us to be here at 2:30 and to still have a chance. It's kind of hard to believe that we actually had a chance with kind of that poor of a start, giving them such a head start. But I had fun today. There were possibilities out there, and several times we thought we could get it done. It came down to a couple of matches. Happy for Stacy, obviously, on home turf, but we'll come back very hungry." **GP**



BENNETT SECURES FIRST LETAS WIN WITH PLAYOFF VICTORY IN FRANCE

7 Australia's Kelsey Bennett secured her first tour win at the Hauts de France Pas de Calais Golf Open after winning a one-hole play-off.

The 24-year-old sunk a 35 foot birdie to take victory over Switzerland's Anais Maggetti and England's Billie-Jo Smith.

"This win means a lot; I missed the cut at the Rose Ladies Open last week and I was wanting the week off but I spoke to my team and they pushed me to come and play this week because a win can give you so many points on the leaderboard. So now I've done it, it feels really good."

Bennett is accompanied by friend and LET player Michele Thomson this week and the duo are making a good team.

Yet Thomson is in hot demand, with the player set to caddy Gemma Clews next week at La Sella where Bennett is also teeing it up.

Spain's Elena Hualde and Iceland's Gudrun Bjorgvinsdottir finished tied fourth on three-under-par after strong second rounds. **GP**



Kelsey Bennett
Pic Credit - Alps Tour Golf/ Federico Capretti

JING XUEN WINS, EMERGES AS U16 CHAMPION

7 Malaysia's Ng Jing Xuen clinched top honours in the second leg of the EFG-CLPGA Q series when she posted a two-under-par 70 to end the two-day event at the Laguna National Golf Resort Club atop the leaderboard on Tuesday.

Singapore's Aloysa Atienza finished in outright second place, four shots behind Jing Xuen after signing for a 72 and two-over-par 218 total while 13-year-old Sydnie Ng – playing in the final group with Jing Xuen, Atienza and Thailand's Shi Benxing – closed with a 73 to take fourth place in the open division but emerged as the U16 champion.

"I'm pleased with how I have played the last two days here in Singapore. I didn't hit some shots very well but I feel like my mental state has been good over the last two days. "This win has given me the benchmark on where I stand and also the knowledge that I have the game. But having said that, I still need to improve as I keep an eye on turning professional," said Jing Xuen.

Participants in the 54-hole tournament play 36 holes on the first day, with only the top 50 players and ties advancing to the third and final round on the second day.

The EFG-CLPGAQ series offers S\$10,000 prize money to the top 10 players and ties, including amateurs and provides valuable



Malaysia's Ng Jing Xuen with Albert Chiu, Executive Chairman of EFG Bank Asia Pacific (L) and Lyn Yeo (R), Founder of LLD Sports
Pic Credit - LLD Sports

World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) points.

For ladies, it is also a qualifying pathway to

the flagship CLPGA Tour where former world No.1 and major winner Yin Ruoning, won her first three tournaments as a professional. **GP**



HWIO TO TEE OFF WITH TOP INDIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS



File pic -India's Diksha Dagar during HWIO23



File pic-England's Amy Taylor, winner of Ladies Italian Open 2024 during HWIO23

7 India's premier women's golf tournament, the Hero Women's Indian Open, is gearing up for its 16th edition. Taking place from October 24 to 27, 2024 at the DLF Golf and Country Club, this year's tournament will showcase a star-studded lineup, including seven winners from the current Ladies European Tour (LET) season, alongside other top international players.

With a prize pool of US\$ 400,000, the tournament, founded in 2007, will also see a strong challenge from Indian players aiming to build on their impressive performance in the 2023 edition, where three Indian golfers finished in the top 10.

As entries continue to come in, notable players who have already confirmed include three former champions: Christine Wolf (2019), Camille Chevalier (2017), and Caroline Hedwall (2011). Additionally, winners from the 2023 and 2024 seasons are expected to join, alongside India's top players.

Sanjay Bhan, Executive Vice President of Hero MotoCorp, said, "The Hero Women's Indian Open is not only India's flagship event but a key part of the Ladies European Tour (LET) calendar. We are proud to witness the tournament's global reputation grow with

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each edition. At Hero, we remain committed to fostering sports, empowering athletes, and driving excellence. We applaud the Women's Golf Association of India (WGAI) for their exceptional work in promoting women's golf in India and are thrilled to continue our long-standing partnership with LET. We eagerly anticipate another thrilling edition and wish all the players the very best."

Mrs. Kavita Singh, President, Women's Golf Association of India, said, "Each successive year just gets better! While our girls continue to shine overseas, several of them featuring in the Top 10 and even recording podium finishes, the news back home is equally encouraging. The domestic Tour continues to grow and flourish, with many more girls now attracted

to the Sport. The new crop of girls is extremely talented and hungry for success. We would also like to thank the Ladies European Tour for working with us to strengthen this partnership."

Other prominent names competing in the Hero Women's Indian Open 2024 include a talented trio from England: Annabel Dimmock (KPMG Women's Irish Open champion), Alice Hewson (VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open winner), and Amy Taylor (Ladies Italian Open victor). Also joining the field are Perrine Delacour from France (Dormy Open Helsingborg), Belgium's Manon De Roey (Investec SA Women's Open champion), Swiss player Chiara Tamburlini (Joburg Ladies Open winner), and Shannon Tan from Singapore (Magical Kenya Ladies Open champion). **GP**



JASMINE ENDS LONG WAIT FOR TITLE

7 Jasmine Shekar from Bengaluru faced some nervous moments at the end of the third and final round, but finally crossed the line to win her maiden pro title in the 13th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Golden Greens Golf Club. The 19-year-old who has had many runner-up finishes, including being solo runner-up twice, was four shots clear with two holes to go.

She bogeyed the Par-4 17th and the par-5 18th, but with none of her close rivals including Hitaashee Bakshi and Ridhima Dilawari coming up with anything better than pars on the last three holes, Jasmine won by two shots.

It was a big relief for the young golfer, who turned pro last year and was sixth on the Hero Order of Merit last year.

Apart from two solo seconds, one of which was last year, Jasmine had also tied for second twice last season. This would do her confidence a lot of good ahead of the Hero Women's Indian Open next month on the Ladies European Tour.

Hitaashee, who is leading the Order of Merit, finished second and extended her lead at the top with Sneha Singh second. Amandeep Drall and Khushi Khanijau are third and fourth and Jasmine moved up one place to fifth.

Jasmine, who shared the 36-hole lead with Ridhima, began well with birdies on the third and the sixth hole. At that stage Hitaashee had two birdies and two bogeys, while Ridhima faltered with two birdies and four bogeys in the first six holes.

As the front nine ended, Jasmine had extended her lead, despite a double bogey on



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the Par-4 seventh, and birdied the ninth to play the front half in 1-under. On the back nine Jasmine birdied the 11th to forge further

ahead and then after five pars, she bogeyed the 17th and the 18th.

Hitaashee after an even par 36 on front nine had one birdie and one bogey on the back nine for a card of 72 and was two adrift of the winner. Hitaashee, who has won two times, finished runner-up for the fourth time this season.

Ridhima had five bogeys against two birdies for a card of 75 and ended third at 1-over 217 and three behind Jasmine.

Gaurika Bishnoi (73) was tied for fourth with Sneha Singh (75), and Amandeep Drall (76) slipped to Tied-sixth alongside Snigdha Goswami, who had the day's best card of 69.

Amateur Anvvi Dahhiya (76) was eighth and Gauri Karhade (73) was ninth. Vidhatri Urs (75) and Kriti Chowhan (75), who had an eagle, were tied for 10th. **GP**

MINJEE LEE AND PATCHARAJUTAR FINISH T3 AS MA STORMS TO AMAZING NINE-SHOT VICTORY

7 Major winner Minjee Lee of Australia and Thailand's Patcharajutar Kongkrapan, a former LPGA regular, ended their week in tied third place, 10 shots behind Ma Dasom, who stunned the chasing pack with her final round 11-under-par 61 to win the Hana Financial Group Championship on Sunday.

Ma clinched her second KLPGA title with a commanding nine-shot victory over compatriot Yoon Ina with her winning total of 19-under-par 269 at the Bear's Best Golf Club located in Cheongna.

With Ma's win, the championship continued to be kept on hole soil as no international players have yet to win the Hana Financial Group Championship since it was inaugurated on the KLPGA in 2019.

"I didn't think I had a chance to win today until the back nine. When I birdied four holes in a row on the back nine, I stayed focused till the end and it paid off. My next goal is to finish inside the top 10 at the KLPGA Majors," said Ma.

Olympic gold medallist and LPGA Hall of

Famer, Lydia Ko finished in outright 10th place after carding her week's best score of 67.

After closing with a 66 at the Hana Financial Group Championship, Patcharajutar believes she still has the game to compete at the highest level.

The 32-year-old Khon Kaen native played on the LPGA for seven seasons from 2009 to 2017. But with limited status on the LPGA today, she turned her attention to Asia where she has been competing on the domestic tour in China, Chinese Taipei and Thailand. **GP**

THE HEALTH, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS OF GOLF



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Golf has become an increasingly popular precision sport worldwide, with a total of 392 million USD having been distributed to both amateur and professional golf players across 50 golf tournaments in 2021.

It is played by individuals of all ages and socioeconomic statuses, and of all skill and fitness levels. It is also inclusive of those with disabilities such as the visually impaired. A 2020 study found that golf is one of the top three most popular sports for Australian adults, second only to swimming. Not only this, a 2023 study of older Scottish adults found similar trends, with golf being one of the top 3 most popular sports played by adults over the age of 65, third only to aerobics and swimming.

However, there has been limited research on golf's impacts on various aspects of physical health. Golf (as well as other precision sports) requires not only precise motor control, but also high levels of focus, emotional regulation and mental dexterity. With this, it is perhaps unsurprising that research has suggested that golfing may be an effective strategy to improve musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and metabolic health as well as body composition. For instance, a 2023 study found that Australian golfers both with and without osteoarthritis experienced a reduction in psychological



distress and increased generalized health in comparison to the general population. Not only this, in 2017 a study found that playing golf is associated with improved physical health and mental wellbeing, as well as possibly contributing to increased life expectancy. Further, a 2021 study found that engaging in leisure-time physical activities (LTPA) like golf was associated with increased health-related quality of life among 316 lung cancer survivors who reported engaging in LTPA. Such benefits are found to not even be limited to the players themselves. A 2022 systematic review found that caddying may improve

musculoskeletal health, while a 2020 study found that golf spectatorship can facilitate a healthy lifestyle. In addition, a recent 2024 study found that older adults who engage in group sports such as golf achieve greater health benefits than those who exercise alone.

The benefits of playing golf are not limited only to physical health - psychological and cognitive benefits have also been documented. As with any group activity, playing golf provides regular opportunities for socialization with others with similar interests. Due to this, although there are conflicting findings among studies, golf has been associated with positive impacts on mental wellbeing and improving symptoms of mental illness, as well as social benefits. Further, being played outdoors, a 2019 study found that playing golf is likely to enhance perceived quality of life, stress management, and health perception. Not only this, a 2022 cross-sectional study found that access to outdoor sports facilities such as golf courses is strongly associated with increased life satisfaction in a sample of 15 German-speaking golfers. [G1](#)

Source : This article is based on a comprehensive review of literature from articles available in the National Medical Library, USA.

ASSOCHAM BUSINESS INDIA GOLF CUP 2024

Golf and business has been linked for as long as the game has been around. In this rapidly changing, globalized world, being well connected is everything. The ASSOCHAM Business India Golf Cup provides a unique experience for the business golfers to connect with the fellow

industry colleagues, government, diplomats. ASSOCHAM believes that Golf is instrumental in providing a sustained learning experience. It makes the players respect other players views and ideas in a holistic manner, re-think, re-invigorate, re-strategize and execute. The 7th ASSOCHAM Business India Golf Cup was held on 21 September 2024 at

Qutab Golf Course, New Delhi. The event saw more than 110 participants which included corporate houses, Members of ASSOCHAM, Senior Government Officials & Diplomats. The winners took home Boston Bag, Golf Bag, Umbrella, Lacoste Tshirt, Nissan Gift Hamper, Golfer's Shot Gift Hamper, ITC Vouchers and many more. **GP**



RESULTS

Longest Drive	Akul Khanna
Closest to the pin	Kundan kumar
Straightest Drive	Anuj Kapur
Winner Ladies	Gunjan Bijlani
Winner Diplomatic Corp	Col Dr. Nizlam Mohd
Winner Corporate	Anuj Kapoor
Winner Govt	Dr Pudi Hariprasad
Nett Runner Up	Aditya Raj Purohit
Nett Winner	Sanjeev Ranjan
Gross Runner Up	Anshu Manish Khalkho
Winner Gross	Ahmed Johanif Mohd Ali

DRIVE TO SAVE LIVES 2.0: CHARITY GOLF EVENT IN CHENNAI



Golf team winners



Golf Players



Felicitation of tournament director Mr K Sundar

On September 13, 2024, the Cosmo TNGF Golf Course in Chennai buzzed with energy as golf enthusiasts gathered for a noble cause. The charity tournament, organized by MOHAN Foundation (a non-profit promoting organ donation awareness) and the Rotary Club of Madras Next Gen, aimed to support both organ donation and the education of underprivileged children. As legendary golfer Arnold Palmer once said, “The most important shot in golf is the next one,” and this event was all about making a positive impact for the future. MOHAN Foundation has been pioneering the cause of organ donation since 1997. In its journey of over 25 years, it has received accolades as the best NGO from both the National and State Governments. Currently, India’s estimated donation rate is 0.80 per million population, but we need to reach a donation rate of at least 3-4 per million to meet the urgent organ needs in our country. As golf great Jack Nicklaus put it, “Success depends on the second shot,” and MOHAN Foundation is committed to improving outcomes through education and awareness.

Taking a 360-degree approach, the Foundation has been tirelessly working to create awareness about organ donation among the public and healthcare workers, training medical professionals, and collaborating with hospitals and governments to establish a robust ecosystem for organ donation.

Similarly, the Rotary Club of Madras Next Gen has been enhancing the learning experience for students in Chennai schools, renovating facilities and providing opportunities for art, music, and language education. “Golf is a game of confidence,” said Ben Hogan, and their efforts instil confidence in the future of these children.

The tournament drew an enthusiastic crowd of over 100 players, including six from out of town. Special invitees included two inspiring organ recipients: Mr. Amit Prasada, a liver transplant recipient, and Mr. Karhun Nanda, a heart transplant recipient. Their presence was a powerful reminder of how organ transplantation can save and transform lives—truly echoing the sentiment that “Every shot counts.”

Mr. Sundar K. was the Tournament Director and used a 4-ball better-ball format against Stableford, ensuring a fun and enjoyable experience for all. The tournament Tee-off commenced at 12:45 PM, with players returning by 5:30 PM for the results, announced by Mr. K. Sundar. Members of Rotary Club, Mr. Alok Bhargava, Mr. Akhil Murthi and Mr. Aditya Bhargava and senior members of TNGF Mr. S. Kumar and Mr. Ravi Lakshman assisted in the compilation of results and in conducting the prize distribution ceremony. The event could not have been run smoothly without their helpful inputs.

In the tournament, Dr. S. Venkatesh and Mr. S. Stalin Joseph emerged victorious in the Four-Ball Better-Ball format. Individual honours went to Mr. Aniruda Srikanth for the best gross score and Mr. Sriram Ananth for the best net score. The 1st runners-up were Mr. Suman Ranjeet and Mr. Murgiesan V, while Mr. Pattabi G and Mr. Padmanabhan S took the 2nd runners-up spot.

Additional accolades included Mr. A. Ramakrishnan for Closest to the Pin on the 4th hole, Mr. Ashwin Thomas for Longest Drive at the 18th hole, and Mr. D. Venkatachalam for Straight Drive on the 14th hole.

As golfer Phil Mickelson once said, “The best way to put your troubles behind you is to play a round of golf,” and this event offered a welcome escape while supporting a meaningful cause.

Participants also enjoyed a fun lucky dip featuring prizes like tap nozzles, shoe kits, and Bridlen shoes. Two remarkable organ donation ambassadors, schoolgirls Ms. Krisha Toshniwal and Ms. Sanika Bihani, were honored for their tireless efforts in spreading awareness about organ donation.

The tournament was supported by Apollo Hospitals, Chola MS, Globe Links, TANKER Foundation, Taj Sky View Hotel and Residences, Lanson Toyota, Doodle Blue, Prosperity Wealth Management, and Satya Jyoti Films, among other esteemed organizations.

The evening ceremony featured welcome speech from Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee of MOHAN Foundation, and Mr. Yash Palsani, President of Rotary Club of Madras Next Gen, who commended participants and supporters for their contributions to this life-saving cause.

Mr Swastik Bihani, ambassador of MOHAN Foundation announced Drive to Save Lives Golf Event to be held at Hyderabad after 18th Jan 2025.

As we reflect on the day, remember that in the game of golf, just like in life, it’s not just about how you play the game, but how you make a difference. **GP**



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THE INAUGURAL KHYBER CUP AT SRINAGAR

The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg brought together over 100 players who competed for the inaugural Khyber Cup at the breathtaking Royal Springs Golf Course in Srinagar, providing an exhilarating experience for golf enthusiasts and participants alike. Gulmarg has created a yearly Golf Tournament to encourage Golf Tourism in J&K. Besides Kashmir is blessed with a natural landscape ideal for golf courses which makes it a great destination to combine one's passion with a vacation.

As hosts of the tournament The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg -India's only luxury ski resort - offering world-class amenities and services, is committed to promoting sports and wellness in the region. It is proud to support The Khyber Cup, bringing together the finest in golf with the unparalleled beauty of Kashmir. "Our vision is to make this a yearly Golf Tournament that is aspirational and meets the International standards of Golf Events," says Khalil Trambo, Director, Pinnacle Resorts, promoters of The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa, Gulmarg.

In addition to playing in an exciting tournament, golfers participating got to experience a relaxing stay at the stunning and iconic The Khyber Himalayan Resort and Spa in Gulmarg. The Gala Dinner with live musical performances was followed by the award ceremony at the resort and marked the closing of this first successful Khyber Cup golf tournament. 

"OUR VISION IS TO MAKE THIS A YEARLY GOLF TOURNAMENT THAT IS ASPIRATIONAL AND MEETS THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF GOLF EVENTS."



A happy participant at The Khyber Cup

RESULTS

VISITORS CATEGORY: (ALL SCORES ARE ON NETT FORMAT)

Winners Div A	: Vijay Kumar Jha – Score 145
Runner up Div A	: Amit Khansaheb – Score 146
Winner Div B	: Anil Arora – score 150 (won on tie-break)
Runner up Div B	: Vineet Rastogi – 150

RSGC MEMBERS' CATEGORY

Winners Div A	: Shabbir Bhat - Score 143 (won on tie-break)
Runner up Div A	: Ghalib Shah - Score 143
Winner Div B	: Zaman Sheikh– score 144 (won on tie-break)
Runner up Div B	: Ishfaq Hussaini– 144

LADIES WINNER

Chandana Raju	: 151
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SPECIAL CONTEST WINNERS

Closest to Pin	: Bharat Sharma – 6 inches
Longest Drive	: Ahmed Mir – 315 yards
Straightest Drive	: DP Singh
Ladies Straightest Drive	: Haya Trumbo

ZARA ANAND WINS TAMIL NADU JUNIOR GIRLS

Zara Anand won the IGU Tamil Nadu Ladies & Junior Girls Championship, carding consistent rounds of 70-70-70 for a 6-under total of 210. Zara was the only player to post under-par scores in all three rounds. Sri Lanka's Kaya Daluwatte (76-76-72) and Bangalore's Saanvi Somu (72-77-75) shared the runner-up position with matching totals of 8-over 224.

In the Ladies category, Eti Chaudhary clinched victory with rounds of 79-73-83, finishing three strokes ahead at 19-over par.

The tournament saw 47 top-ranked players competing across four categories in Indian junior and ladies golf. 



TWO NEW TEAMS JOIN THE FRAY AT LLOYD DELHI GOLF CLUB LEAGUE POWERED BY RADICO



The Press Conference Head-Table: Seated from (L-R): Mr. Digraj Singh (CEO - Digraj Golf), Mr. Sudhir Upadhyay (Executive Vice President - Radico Khaitan Ltd.), Mr. Raj Khanna (Captain - DGC), Mr. K K Bajoria (President - DGC), Col. Mohit Nasa (Retd.), (Chairman Tournament Committee), Ms. Shiraz Singh (Co-Chair Tournament Committee), Ms. Mehar Atwal and Mr. Chiragh Kumar (both professional golfers)

The sport of golf received a new lease of life in the National Capital Region, when the ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’, first teed off at the historic Delhi Golf Club course in October 2021. Today, that very League enjoys a permanent position on the golfing calendar and is looked forward to by every member of what is one of the oldest golf clubs in this part of the world.

Nothing reiterates the popularity of the ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’ more than the fact that what started off as an 18-team affair, is today a 24-team strong League, comprising 19 players in each team, adding up to 456 golfers in all.

The 2024 season will witness teams ‘Victorious Choice’ and ‘Sudhir Power’ join the bandwagon to complete 24 teams in the League. The other teams in the fray include The A-Team, Sterling Swingers, Baale Golf, Eagles & Birdies, Christie’s Golf, SwingKKings, Shiva, Bajaj Foundation, Tee Birds, The Pioneers, MMG Coca-Cola, Twenty Fore Lions, TEEem EDC, Royal Ranthambore Athletic Drive, Deutsche Motoren, Birdie Machine, Ardee Masters, Bliss

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Mr Alok Tickoo
Executive Vice President, Lloyd

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Incidentally, the number of teams contesting in the ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’ has steadily increased each year, from 18 in 2021, to 20 in 2022, 22 in 2023 and 24 in the upcoming edition. The last edition of the League (2023) was won by Christie’s Golf while ‘The A-Team’ (2022) and ‘Deutsche Motoren’ (2021) were the winners in the previous two editions.

The ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’, which tees off on 3rd October, 2024 and concludes in a Grand Finale on 26th October, 2024, will witness golfers from all age groups and categories competing on an even playing field. The field is inclusive with each team comprising of juniors, ladies, seniors

and the regular players. The recently modified handicap system will ensure that all teams have an equal chance to win.

The League will be played on a four-ball better



Eminent Journalist Rakesh Rao receives the winner’s prize of the ‘Media Putting Competition’ - an Oakley Prizm sunglass - from Chairman Tournament Committee - Col. Mohit Nasa (Retd.) and leading Professional Amandeep Johl who conducted the ‘Media Putting Clinic’ prior to the contest



Team 'Sterling Swingers' had one and all enthralled with a 'Lungi Dance' performance at the 'Launch Evening'



Bikram Singh Captain of Defending Champions - 'Christie's Golf' handing the coveted 'LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO' trophy back to Chairman Tournament Committee - Col. Mohit Nasa (Retd.)

ball Matchplay Format and over two stages – a Round Robin stage followed by a Knock-out stage. During each playoff match between two teams in the Round Robin stage, each team will field 6 pairs (12 players). One pair from each team will play against a pair from the other team in the above mentioned format, with all the players playing off 90% of their original handicaps. The teams will get points for their wins. The 24 teams have been divided into 4 groups. After the Round Robin stage, during which the teams from one group will compete against each other. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Knock-out stage starting with the Quarter-finals. In the Knock-out Stage the matches between two teams will be contested by seven pairs (14 players). The Finals, as mentioned earlier, will be played on 26th October, 2024.

The list of Central Sponsors for the event include Lloyd who are the Title Sponsors. Radico wear the hat of 'Powered By' sponsors. The other supporting sponsors are: Official Car - Lexus, Scoring Partners - Grant Thornton, Official Apparel - Athletic Drive, Official Skin Care Partners - COAL, and the Official Golf Magazine - Golf Plus.

The 'Associate Partners' sponsors include Power Gilt, The Suryaa and Three Sixty.

The ball was set rolling by a 'Draw Evening' on 19th August 2024 at the Delhi Golf Club, where all the teams focused on procuring the right combination for their title quest.

The 'Launch Party' on 14th September, staged on the lawns of the Delhi Golf Club, witnessed every team attempt to outdo the other in



Varun Khanna of team Digraj Golf finalising a selection with one of the participants at the 'Draw Evening', Shiraz Singh as Digraj Singh (far left) looks on

“The popularity of the ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’ is clear from the fact that there are two new teams that have joined the bandwagon every year.”

creatively introducing their members. To site an example, team Sterling Swingers' staged a 'Lungi Dance' performance that had everybody in splits.

A Press Conference was held on 25th September to Launch the League, where Mr Alok Tickoo, Executive Vice President, Lloyd said “At Lloyd, we are proud to support initiatives that foster talent, teamwork, and excellence, such as the Delhi Golf Club League. This platform perfectly aligns with our commitment to driving growth and innovation, not only in the consumer durables sector but also in the communities we serve. Through our association with this prestigious event, we aim to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship and contribute to the development of golf as a sport in India.”

“The popularity of the ‘LLOYD Delhi Golf Club League powered by RADICO’ is clear from the fact that there are two new teams that have joined the bandwagon every year. The count which started at 18 teams is now an impressive 24”, said Col Mohit Nasa (Retd) - Chairman Tournament Committee of the League. “The League is also very inclusive with senior members playing alongside juniors, ladies and regular golfers. As a result the golfing ecosystem within the club is getting enriched” he signed off.

“We are delighted to enter our second year as the ‘Powered By’ sponsors of The Lloyd Delhi Golf Club League. This partnership continues to provide us with a valuable opportunity to highlight Radico’s premium offerings while actively supporting the Delhi Golf Club’s admirable initiatives to promote the sport of golf said Mr.

Amar Sinha, Chief Operating Officer, Radico Khaitan Ltd. “I have personally experienced the joy and solidarity that this beautiful game fosters. Each round on the course reminds me of the importance of sportsmanship and the connections we build through our shared passion. Together, we aim to elevate the golfing experience, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and nurturing a vibrant community within the sport” he added.

The Press Conference was followed by a 'Media Putting Clinic', where the Print, Electronic and Web media alike, set out to showcase their skills on the greens. It was the eminent journalist Rakesh Rao who triumphed after sinking a long undulating 15-footer. He was rewarded with a pair of Oakley Sunglasses for his effort.

Some of the biggest names in the golfing world who have honed their skills at the Delhi Golf Club, are involved with the League at different levels, including former National Champions and Arjuna Awardees Nonita Lal Qureshi and Amit Luthra. Additionally, stalwarts such as Vikramjit Singh and Ashok Malik - both five times National Champions each, Gaurav Ghei - the first ever Indian golfer to qualify for the Open Championship '97; Vivek Bhandari - winner of the Honda-Siel PGA Championship '97; top Coaches Amandeep Johl, Chiragh Kumar, Jasjit Singh, Vikram Sethi, Ajai Gupta, Amit Dube, Rahul Bajaj and several more such stalwarts are involved with the League.

Highly qualified referees, Swadhin Patel and Nalini Singh are the Chief Referees for the League and they will be assisted by a panel of 10 additional referees.

Vishal Gold and Digraj Golf Inc will continue to Market and Manage the League in partnership with Delhi Golf Club. **GP**

INAUGURAL SENIOR TOUR EVENT

The Senior Amateur Golf Tour held its first event at Godrej Golf Links, Greater Noida which was a great start with more than 20 players playing our first event.

This event was an 18 hole event with different 4 age divisions Ladies, 50-59 Male, 60-69 Male and 70+ Male.

The prize winners in the different age divisions were: **GP**



RESULTS

Ladies 50+ years

1- Purnima Vir 2- Ravinder Kaur

Male 70+ years

1- Yash Vir 2- Pradeep K. Verma

Male 60-69 years

1- Dr. Alkesh Choudhary 2- Deepak Kodwani 3- Sandeep Khanna

Male 50-59 years

1- Anil Raao 2- S.K. Mishra 3- B.S. Negi

Closest to Pin Winners

Ravinder Kaur Ashis Mohanty



THIRD TIME LUCKY

The Tour Links Championship by Young Master Golf Tour was held at Traudhan Valley Golf Resort from 13-15 September. Arvind Shaw triumphed on his home course after two near misses previously. The last 3 holes of this 54 hole tournament were the turning point in favor of arvind. Prince Bainsla was leading till the 15th hole, but faltered in the last 3 holes to give Arvind a 1 shot victory. **GP**

The top 5 scores of the tournament

Arvind Shaw	70-71-66
Prince Bainsla	66-71-71
Pramvir Kaushik	72-72-69
Ishita Gupta	71-75-70
Jia Kochhar	77-71-72



TGTM 2024

The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) today officially opened the Thailand Golf Travel Mart (TGTM) 2024, an annual business-to-business (B2B) marketplace to promote the kingdom as a world-class golf destination.



The dynamic programme is scheduled at various venues in Bangkok and its vicinity from 17-19 September.

Mr. Nithee Seeprae, TAT Deputy Governor for Marketing Communications, said, "TGTM is an excellent opportunity to showcase Thailand as a top sports destination and a prime choice for golfers globally. Tourism plays a crucial role as one of the key engines driving Thailand's economy, and golf is a significant part of that. Our world-class courses host major tournaments and offer year-round play, complemented by our renowned hospitality and a wide range of after-game activities, from tasting local dishes to exploring local experiences and indulging in wellness treatments."

This year's TGTM welcomed 63 golf holiday specialists to meet and discuss business with 59 Thai exhibitors, including golf courses, country clubs, hotels, and other related businesses, as well as participating in networking golf tournaments. Also attending included 31 foreign media to explore some of Thailand's finest golf courses and exceptional tourism experiences.

The TGTM 2024 began on the first day with a Networking Golf Inspection and Tournament at Siam Country Club Bangkok, followed



by a Welcome Dinner at Topgolf Megacity. On the second day, delegates gathered at the Hyatt Regency Bangkok Sukhumvit Hotel for the opening ceremony, Thailand golf briefing, B2B sessions, and networking functions. A Networking Golf Tournament at Riverdale Golf Club is scheduled to conclude the event on the last day.

Tournaments across the country. Moreover, there are professional staff members who are hospitality workers, which makes every round memorable," Mr. Siripakorn said.

Thailand boasts over 250 golf courses, which can accommodate golfers of all levels and preferences. While many world-class courses are in major destinations, golf courses in the hidden-gems cities provide a memorable golfing experience. These include Gassan Legacy Golf Club in Lamphun, Santiburi Country Club in Chiang Rai, Chatrium Golf Resort Soi Dao in Chanthaburi, and Royal Creek Golf Club and Resort in Udon Thani.

Over the years, Thailand has hosted many international golf events and tournaments, including the Honda LPGA Thailand, which celebrated its 17th edition this year and solidified Thailand's reputation as a world-class golf destination.

To encourage Thais and expats to play golf, TAT has launched the "Amazing Golf in Southern Thailand" promotion in partnership with Thailand's leading golf booking platform, GolfDigg, and golf courses in Phuket, Krabi, Phang-Nga and Ko Samui. The project offers special deals at local restaurants, five-star hotels, spas, and community-based tourism activities between August and September 2024.

Thailand's well-established image as a world-class golf destination is backed by numerous prestigious awards. The most recent



recognitions include the IAGTO Awards for Bangkok as the "Golf Destination of the Year 2024 (Southeast Asia)" and Nikanti Golf Club in Nakhon Pathom as the "Golf Course of the Year (Thailand)" and the World Golf Awards for Pineapple Valley Golf Club Hua Hin as "Thailand's Best Golf Hotel 2023" and Siam Country Club Pattaya-Old Course as "Thailand's Best Golf Course 2023". **GP**

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2024 has been a milestone year for Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort.

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September marked another highlight with the hosting of the Italian Challenge Open, a professional golf tournament featuring 156 players from all over the world. This event was the perfect prelude to Argentario's exciting future as it gears up to host the Italian Open on the DP World Tour in 2025.

These achievements showcase the Resort's

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The five-star Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, located in the Maremma region of Tuscany, is an ideal destination for those looking for a relaxing holiday that combines golf, wellness and gastronomy.

Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the Monte Argentario promontory, the resort is home to an eco-friendly golf course that meanders through cork-oak woods and olive groves. In 2019, it was awarded the status of PGA National Italy by The PGA, the only course in Italy to achieve the accolade.

The five-star hotel is a triumph of design and comfort throughout; a majestic entrance, a dramatic central stairway and huge windows are in stunning contrast to the intense blue Tuscan sky and Mediterranean landscapes,





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whilst the 73 rooms and suites offer sleek, modern interiors that are beautifully appointed, all with private decked terraces.

The resort also offers a comprehensive spa and wellness centre and a range of sporting activities. At the same time, the Dama Dama Restaurant and Club House Restaurant serve delicious, healthy local cuisine prepared from locally sourced produce.

Nearby, the Argentario Golf Villas, which are exclusive bespoke luxury villas, boast

ground-breaking designs and views of the lagoon, sea, and golf course that blend seamlessly into the landscape. Owners benefit from various amenities and services offered by Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, including 24-hour security, property management and a rental programme.

Situated near Porto Ercole, the Resort is just 90 minutes from Rome International Airport and is easily accessible by car, train and even helicopter.



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IGPL PRESENTS TELANGANA GOLCONDA MASTERS POWERED BY DSR BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS RETURNS FOR 10TH EDITION



Leading Indian professional and TATA Steel PGTI Ranking leader Veer Ahlawat (4th from left) and professional Stepan Danek (5th from left) of Czech Republic pose with the trophy at the Press Conference. The other dignitaries seen in the picture are (L to R) Mr. T Ajay Kumar Reddy, Captain, HGA, Mr. Vikas Singh, Director, Marketing & Tour Development, PGTI, Smt. Ila Tripathi, IAS, Director, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Telangana, Mr. Manav Jaini, Director, Bharath Golf Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. C V Ramana Reddy, Honorary Secretary, HGA.

The Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA) and the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official sanctioning body of professional golf in India, announced the IGPL presents Telangana Golconda Masters 2024 powered by DSR Builders & Developers which was held at the Hyderabad Golf Club (HGC) from September 26 – 29, 2024. The prize purse for the event was INR 1 crore.

The tournament was supported by Presenting Partner **IGPL (Indian Golf Premier League)**, Associate Partner **Telangana Tourism**, Powered By Partner **DSR Builders & Developers** and Host Venue **Hyderabad Golf Association**. The Government of Telangana has supported the event from its inception in 2015.

The top Indian professionals in the fray included TATA Steel PGTI Ranking leader Veer Ahlawat, Manu Gandas, Udayan Mane, Shaurya Binu and Karan Pratap Singh, to name a few.

Shri Jupally Krishna Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition & Excise; Tourism & Culture and Archaeology, Government of Telangana, said, "We are delighted to be associated with the

Telangana Golconda Masters which provides us a great platform to promote Golf Tourism in Telangana. The tournament goes a long way in promoting the magnificent HGA golf course as a world-class golfing destination in a week coinciding with World Tourism Day. We wish the players and the organisers all the best."

Mr. Manav Jaini, Director, Bharath Golf Pvt. Ltd., said, "The IGPL is proud to be the Presenting Partner for the Telangana Golconda Masters, one of PGTI's marquee events in southern India over the past decade. This association provides us a great opportunity to showcase our commitment to growing the game in every sphere. We are a league which will strive towards setting new benchmarks in competitive golf by bringing together the leading professional and amateur golfers of the country."

Mr. D Abhishek, Managing Partner, DSR Builders & Developers, said, "In a move that highlights our commitment to craftsmanship and innovation, DSR Builders & Developers is pleased to be part of this prestigious golf event, where precision and excellence take centre stage. This event mirrors our dedication to quality, much like golf demands meticulous skill and a pursuit of perfection. At DSR Builders &

Developers, we are passionate about creating homes that reflect these values. We don't just build structures; we craft lifestyles that inspire and elevate. We wish the players all the best."

Mr. B V K Raju, President, Hyderabad Golf Association, said, "The Hyderabad Golf Association is happy to host the 10th edition of Telangana Golconda Masters Golf tournament. Initiated in 2015, the prestigious tournament has grown to be an important part of the PGTI circuit, attracting top professional golfers from India and neighbouring countries. With the historic setting and excellent course conditions, we are sure to see a very exciting competition. We wish all the players the very best."

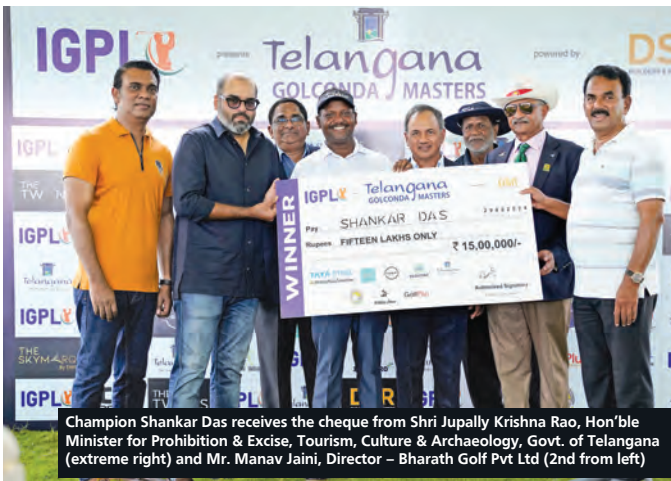
Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI, said, "The Telangana Golconda Masters, now in its 10th edition, is today one of the most important stops on the PGTI in southern India. We thank IGPL, Telangana Tourism, DSR Builders & Developers and Hyderabad Golf Association for supporting the event. The HGA has regularly produced thrilling finishes and with the strong field and brilliant course conditions this year, we can expect another pulsating contest. The tournament serves as an ideal platform to showcase the potential of Golf Tourism in Telangana."

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SHANKAR DAS 'PULLS A RABBIT OUT OF THE HAT' WITH A FIERY FINAL ROUND OF 64, ENDS SEVEN-YEAR VICTORY DROUGHT AT IGPL PRESENTS TELANGANA GOLCONDA MASTERS POWERED BY DSR BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS



Champion Shankar Das receives the cheque from Shri Jupally Krishna Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition & Excise, Tourism, Culture & Archaeology, Govt. of Telangana (extreme right) and Mr. Manav Jaini, Director – Bharath Golf Pvt Ltd (2nd from left)



Shri Jupally Krishna Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition & Excise, Tourism, Culture & Archaeology, Govt. of Telangana, seen trying his hand at putting on the final day

Kolkata-based professional Shankar Das' astounding birdie-spree on the front-nine turned the tournament on its head in the final round earning Shankar a spectacular three-shot win at the INR 1 crore IGPL presents Telangana Golconda Masters powered by DSR Builders & Developers played at the Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA).

Das, lying overnight tied third and two off the lead, pulled a rabbit out of the hat with a fiery last round of 64 that helped him outplay the rest of the field and bag his eighth professional title thus ending a seven-year-long victory drought.

Shankar (70-64-64-64), the 2014 PGTI Order of Merit champion, who went 53 holes without a bogey during the week, totaled 18-under 262 for the tournament. He bagged a prize money cheque worth INR 15 lakhs to rise from 42nd place to 14th position in the 2024 TATA Steel PGTI Ranking.

Chandigarh's Angad Cheema (68-63-65-69), the overnight joint leader by two shots, claimed the runner-up spot at 15-under 265 following his fourth round of 69. It was Angad's sixth top-10 and second runner-up finish of the season and as a result he consolidated himself in fourth place on the

TATA Steel PGTI Ranking.

Shankar Das registered one of the most memorable come-from-behind victories of his career as he was a lowly tied 67th after his opening round of 70. Das then made major strides in each round as he delivered three successive scores of 64.

Shankar had a phenomenal start in the last round when he reeled off seven birdies on the front-nine thanks to two tap-ins and two 20-foot conversions. All aspects of his game came together on the front-nine especially his wedge-play.

Shankar said, "It was an incredible day for

me and I knew that such a round was just around the corner as I had been practicing very hard off late and all parts of my game were trending well.

"I have been playing with a free mind this season because I have fully recovered from my back injury that hampered my game for the last few years. My wife also had some health issues in the past. But now she has recovered too. So, I was finally playing without the burden of having to worry about all these things. That really helped my game. I would like to thank my new caddie Debashish who has been a great support to me," added Shankar. [GP](#)



Shankar Das - Winner



Angad Cheema - Runner-up





FOREIGN ROOKIES MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT IN PGTI EMERGING PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE



Michele Ortolani



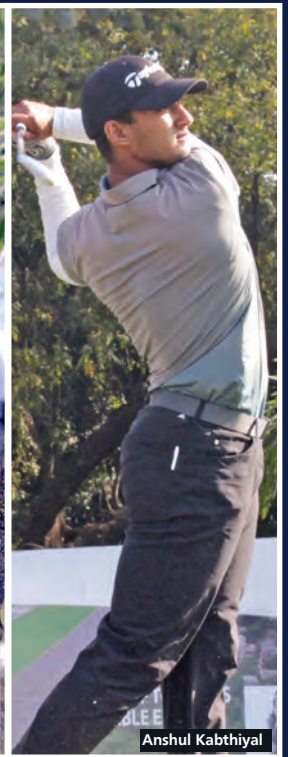
Stepan Danek



Shaurya Bhattacharya



Matias Dominguez



Anshul Kabthiyal

The 2024 PGTI Emerging Player of the Year race has entered an exciting phase with just three months to go in the culmination of the season. Interestingly, rookies from overseas have made their presence felt in the race that will determine the rookie with the highest earnings this season.

A quick glance at the list reveals the fact that three out of the top 5 names are from foreign countries. This also goes to show that PGTI has attracted some quality international talent this year.

The Emerging Player race is currently led by Italy's Michele Ortolani who has earnings of INR 17,96,267 so far thanks to his four top-10s in the season. His best result was tied third at the Glade One presents Gujarat Open 2024. Michele also happens to be placed an

impressive 17th on the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking.

Stepan Danek of Czech Republic is placed second in the Emerging Player list. Stepan has posted one top-10 so far in the season.

While Shaurya Bhattacharya in third place is the highest-ranked Indian rookie, Matias

Dominguez of Chile is the third foreign player in the top 5 as he is placed fourth in the Emerging Player list. Indian teenager Anshul Kabthiyal is placed fifth in the rookie list.

The Emerging Player race has all the makings of a fascinating contest as we head into the business end of the season. **GP**

PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA Emerging Player of the Year 2024			
SR NO	NAME	COUNTRY	TOTAL
1	Michele Ortolani	Italy	1796267.00
2	Stepan Danek	Czech Republic	1040767.00
3	Shaurya Bhattacharya	India	730517.00
4	Matias Dominguez	Chile	718450.00
5	Anshul Kabthiyal	India	529750.00



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TATA STEEL PGTI RANKINGS

Here's a look at the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking at the end of the third quarter of the 2024 season

POS	GOLFER	HOME TOWN	PLAYED	WINS	CUTS	TOP-10s	TOTAL PRIZE
1	VEER AHLAWAT	GURUGRAM	7	1	6	5	₹ 9520474
2	MANU GANDAS	GURUGRAM	13	1	11	5	₹ 6527605
3	RAHIL GANGJEE	BENGALURU	9	0	7	5	₹ 4744357
4	ANGAD CHEEMA	MOHALI	12	0	10	6	₹ 4639900
5	SHAURYA BINU	BENGALURU	13	2	5	4	₹ 3412932
6	AKSHAY SHARMA	CHANDIGARH	10	0	10	3	₹ 2951973
7	YASHAS CHANDRA M S	MYSORE	12	0	8	4	₹ 2918118
8	ABHINAV LOHAN	FARIDABAD	13	1	8	5	₹ 2887457
9	SACHIN BAISOYA	DELHI	13	0	11	6	₹ 2624269
10	AMAN RAJ	PATNA	10	0	9	2	₹ 2487867
11	KARAN PRATAP SINGH	FARIDABAD	13	0	8	4	₹ 2385947
12	M DHARMA	BENGALURU	12	1	8	1	₹ 2313535
13	DHRUV SHEORAN	DELHI	12	1	9	3	₹ 2225267
14	SHANKAR DAS	KOLKATA	12	1	8	1	₹ 2223118
15	SAPTAK TALWAR	DELHI	9	0	8	3	₹ 2176980
16	MANI RAM	MADHUBAN	10	0	8	2	₹ 1853350
17	MICHELE ORTOLANI	MILAN	8	0	7	4	₹ 1796267
18	UDAYAN MANE	PUNE	13	0	11	4	₹ 1765610
19	GAGANJEET BHULLAR	KAPURTHALA	3	1	2	1	₹ 1732400
20	SAARTHAK CHHIBBER	DELHI	12	0	9	3	₹ 1705132
21	JAIRAJ SINGH SANDHU	CHANDIGARH	13	0	10	1	₹ 1579324
22	KARANDEEP KOCHHAR	CHANDIGARH	5	0	3	1	₹ 1535034
23	AMARDEEP MALIK	GREATER NOIDA	12	0	9	4	₹ 1509617
24	KHALIN H JOSHI	BENGALURU	10	0	5	3	₹ 1442584
25	ARJUN PRASAD	DELHI	11	0	8	2	₹ 1359175





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