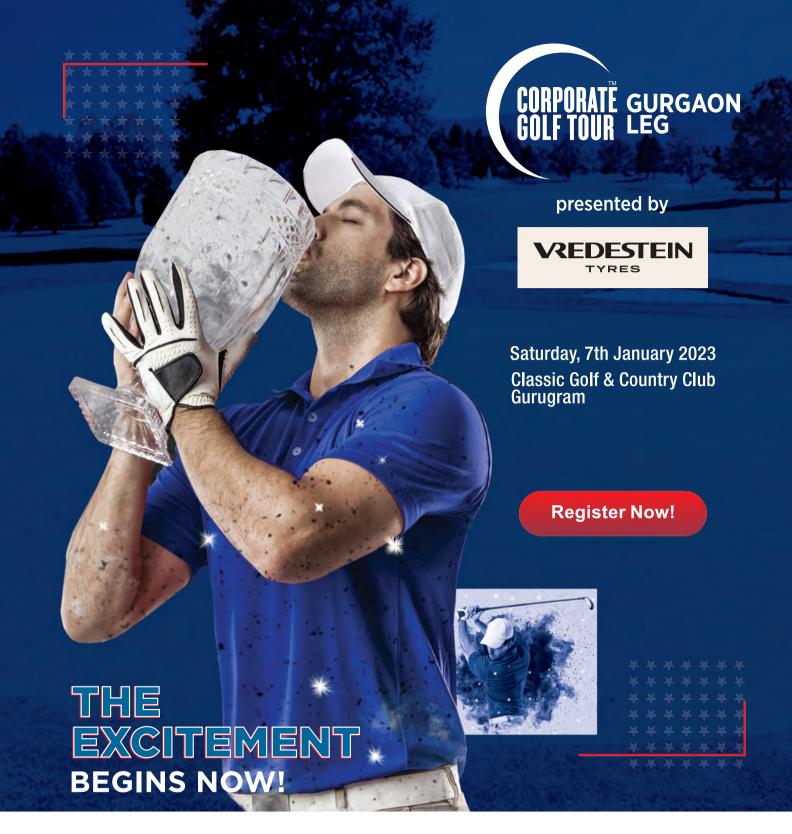
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he last couple of years have been the 'Disruptor' years with the Covid19 pandemic bringing our lives as we know it to a standstill. The years saw disaster management of epic proportions since the second world war. With survival on everyone's mind everything else took a back seat. The absence from golf was a blessing in disguise. Over the years each one of us has picked up some bad swing habits which had stuck with us. A forced sabbatical from Golf for almost a year had helped most of us in breaking the bad habits. Talking of habits, I would like all our readers to treat the new year as the 'Golf Year' and resolve to do all things new to play better golf. Follow these five pillars which will stand your game in good stead!

Regular and correct practice will enhance our enjoyment of the game. We must include in our practice regime all kinds of shots, use all kinds of clubs and practice for all kinds of situations. The practice should be as similar to the playing routine as possible.

We must set specific goals on what we would like to achieve from our practice. While it is ok to say that you will play a 'good round' it is better to work on goals like chipping better by making better contact, maintaining rhythm while hitting your driver shots, keeping your head steady while chipping and putting and so on.

We also must remember that Golf is an athletic sport and it provides a more satisfying experience to those with an athletic approach to it. Creating and following an exercise routine to enjoy golf should be the buzz word.

Follow a stoic approach to the game of golf, keep a cool head in adversity and a down to earth approach in prosperity! Remember always, that golf is a great leveller.

The final pillar would be the equipment. Everyone should try and be with the latest equipment. Discard that shoe if you are not comfortable, upgrade those irons with the latest. Let this apply to your turnout too, get those great looking accessories.

Let 2023 be the year of a perfect golfer!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the GolfPlus team.

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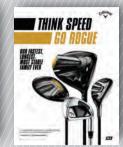
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#### **42 RIDHIMA SIZZLES TO WIN 14TH LEG OF** HERO WPGT

Ridhima Dilawari, starting the final day one behind the overnight leader Afshan Fatima, played a sizzling bogev-free six-under 66 to grab the 14th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Panchkula Golf Club. Ridhima's stunning final round of 66 with three birdies on either side of the course, took her total to 5-under 211 and she won by five shots over Afshan.

#### **Masterclass Instruction**

Over the next few pages, leading players demonstrates the techniques and strategies you'll need to sharpen up.

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You pull or push an approach and, when you get to your ball, you find that not only is there a bunker between you and the hole, the pin is cut just a few feet onto the green. The smart strategy is to chip to the widest part of the green and accept you'll probably drop a shot, but there are times when you want to take this shot on. The good news is that it's not nearly as difficult to play as it looks.

#### **PGTI**

#### **56 MANU GANDAS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS TITLE**

As a result of his fifth career win, Gurugram based Manu Gandas (63-60-65-69) earned a cheque of INR 6,00,000 and moved up one place to second position on the PGTI Order of Merit. Chandigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu (64-65-65) also moved up one spot to the top of the rankings.

#### **57 YUVRAJ SINGH SANDHU RETAINS** TITLE

Chandigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu came from behind with a sensational eightunder 64, the day's best card, to retain his title with a two-shot triumph at the Rs. 75 lakh IndianOil SERVO Masters 2022.

#### **58 MANU GANDAS SEALS THUMPING FOUR-SHOT WIN**

Manu (63-68-67-66), the overnight leader by one shot, totaled 24-under 264 for the week to register his fifth win of 2022 and thus match the PGTI record for most wins in a season, a record previously jointly held by Yuvraj Singh Sandhu (2022), Gaganjeet Bhullar (2009) and Ashok Kumar (2006-07).



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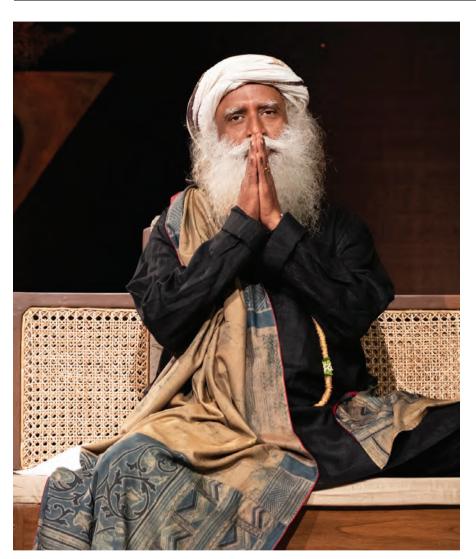
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## FOOD, MOOD AND LIFE

#### **SADHGURU ISHA FOUNDATION**



**Sadhguru**: The body is essentially an accumulation of food – breakfast, lunch and dinner. So what type of food you eat definitely has an impact on what kind of body you build. In Indian culture, there is a tremendous amount of knowledge about what you should eat based upon the type of life you choose. If you want to become a wrestler, you eat one kind of food. If you want to use your brains, there is another kind of food. If you want to evolve spiritually, you eat another kind of food. It depends on what you are making the body fit for.

Different people have different requirements of fitness. For a laborer, fitness is to be able to work twelve hours a day. If you are an athlete, you are thinking of hundred meters in eight seconds. If you are a spiritual seeker, you are looking at your body in terms of being a conducive instrument for higher possibilities. Depending upon the orientation of your life, you accordingly choose a certain kind of food. This wisdom and knowing is deeply embedded in this culture.

#### **FOOD BODY**

The way you eat not only decides your physical health, but the very way you think, feel and experience life. Trying to eat intelligently means understanding what kind of fuel this body is designed for and accordingly supplying that kind of fuel so that it functions at its best.

Let us say you bought a petrol car, but you

pumped kerosene into it and drove it around. It might still move about, but it would not function at its optimal capacity, and its lifespan could also be seriously affected. Similarly, if we do not understand what kind of fuel this body is designed for, if we just force whatever comes onto our plate into the system, it will definitely not function at its optimum level, and its lifespan can be reduced. Compatibility of the fuel and of the machine is of great importance if you are seeking a certain caliber of function.

What kind of food is the human system really designed for? One can easily experiment with this and see. Don't ask your doctor, your nutritionist, yoga teachers or anybody. When it comes to food, it is about the body. Ask the body – not your tongue – what kind of food it is most comfortable with. The kind of food your body feels most comfortable with is always the ideal food to eat.

You must learn to listen to your body, if you want to understand what is the best food to eat. As your body awareness evolves, you will know exactly what a certain food will do to you. You do not even have to put it into your mouth. One can develop this kind of sensitivity that if you just look at or touch the food, you will know.

If you eat certain foods, the body will become happy. If you eat certain other foods, the body will become dull and lethargic – these foods will increase your sleep quota. If you sleep for eight hours a day, that means if you live for a hundred years, you have slept for thirty-three of those years. You have spent one third of your life sleeping! Another thirty to forty percent goes in eating, toilet and the other ablutions. There is very little time left for life.

In terms of the quality of food that is entering you, vegetarian food is definitely far better for the system than non-vegetarian. We are not looking at it from a moral standpoint. We are just looking at what is suitable for the system – we try to eat foods which would make you comfortable in the body. If you want to do any activity properly, it is extremely important that your body is at ease. So, what you eat should be the kind of food with which your body would be most at ease and would not struggle to get nourishment out of.

Just experiment and see, when you eat vegetarian food in its live, uncooked form, what a difference it will make. The idea is to eat as much as can be consumed in its aliveness. A

live cell has everything to sustain life. If you consume a live cell, you will see the sense of health in your system will be very different from anything that you have known. Cooking the food destroys the life in it. Eating foods after this process of destruction does not give the same amount of life energy to the system. But when you eat natural food, it brings a different level of aliveness in you. If one eats lots of sprouts, fruit, and whatever vegetables that can be eaten in a live condition, if you bring in at least thirty to forty percent live food, it will sustain the life within you very well.

#### THE IMPACT OF FOOD ON THE MIND

As I said earlier, the type of food we eat also has a huge impact on the mind. An average American is said to consume 200 pounds of meat per year. At the same time, you will see that a large number of people in the West are taking antidepressants at some point in their life. If this meat consumption is brought down, a significant percentage of people will not need antidepressants anymore. Meat is a good food to survive if you are out in the desert or the jungle. If you are lost somewhere, a piece of meat will keep you going, because it provides concentrated nourishment. But it should not be a daily food that you eat when there are other choices.

There are many ways to look at this. One thing is, animals have the intelligence to realize in their last few moments that they are going to be killed, no matter how cunningly or how scientifically you do it. Any animal that has the capacity to express some kind of emotion will always grasp when it is going to be killed.

Suppose you come to know right now that at the end of this day, you are going to get slaughtered. Imagine the struggle that you would go through, the burst of chemical reactions within you. An animal goes through at least some fraction of that. This means when you kill an animal, the negative acids and whatever other chemicals are in the meat. When you consume that meat, it creates an unnecessary level of mental fluctuation.

When we get ourselves into such a mental state and treat our bodies violently, we cannot expect the world to be peaceful. The world is quite peaceful without human beings. It is only the way we live upon this planet which creates violence. There are very violent, brutal situations on the planet, like battles and wars. They need to be handled – there's no question about that – but

the everyday violence with which we live also needs to be addressed. Every year, we are killing billions of land and marine creatures. When we cause so much violence, we being healthy and peaceful is not going to happen.

If human beings just maintain a few simple things, 90% of the ailments on this planet would just disappear. One simple aspect about health is just to use the body. If you use the body sufficiently, it has everything to create health for itself. I would say, if we physically used our bodies as much as we should, 80% of the ailments would disappear. Of the remaining 20%, another 10% is because of the type of foods people are eating. If you change that, another 10% would disappear. That means only 10% of the ailments would remain. Those have happened because of a variety of reasons. One is karmic, another could be atmospheric and there are other aspects that could have happened in the system, which can be looked at. Out of all the sick people, if 90% of them become healthy just by using the body and eating the right food, 10% could be easily handled. But now, the volume of ailment is so big because we don't eat properly or we eat very properly and we don't use the body properly.

Too many people die from chronic ailments, and more than that, even when they are alive, they cannot live well. Illness is the first level of violence. You cannot be peaceful when you are ill, because your body is in a constant battle. The fight with some virus, bacteria, or something else that comes from outside is one thing. But a chronic ailment is like a civil war. You created a battle within your own system, without an outside enemy. And unfortunately, the maximum number of chronic ailments exist in some of the most affluent countries on the planet. That means when affluence comes, we are losing all our sense. This has happened in the West in a big way, and we are seeing similar things happening in Indian cities. It is not just about the medical aspects, the number of people who die, and various other things. The biggest problem is the number of people who are alive but cannot live a full life.

#### WHAT YOU EAT AND HOW YOU EAT

The content of the food definitely has a big impact, but how you consume it is equally important. Whether you eat an animal, a vegetable, or whatever else – essentially, food is a piece of life. Something that was a life by itself becomes a part of you. One life transforms itself

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into another – that is what eating means. It is not just digestion – it is one life fusing into another. When you put another piece of life into you, how it merges with your body and what this produces depends on how you keep your chemistry while you eat. How you should be, when you should eat, in what posture you should sit, and how you should welcome the food into yourself – these things are being completely ignored today.

Traditionally, in India, we have always been taught how you should be when food enters your body, what condition you should be in, what posture you should be in, how you should approach it – these are very big things in the East. Not just the quality of the food we consume – how we consume, how wantonly or how consciously, is very important.

I have seen people who are successful professionals in many US cities, standing on the roadside, stuffing their face with whatever food they get from vendors there. This is not the way to eat. I feel really sad for such people – you do not see an element of joy on their face. They may have less than half an hour to go, eat, and come back to work and make more money. If you live like this, how can you not suffer? It is very important that you eat a meal consciously, with a certain sense of involvement with the food and the people around you.

The first thing that we were taught is if food appears in front of you, you hold your hands upon the food for a few moments to feel how the food is. If something appears on my plate and I just feel it, I know what to eat and what not to eat without having to taste it. My hands are the first level of knowing the food.

It is important to know the food that is going to become a part of you. Even if you do not physically touch it with your hands, just by being conscious, you will clearly know how the food will behave within you. The decision whether a particular food should go into you or not changes from day to day, because your body is different every day, every moment. If you feel the food, you just know whether it should go into you on this day or not. If the necessary awareness is brought in, we do not have to tell people what they should eat. Every meal, they should decide what to eat at that time.

One must remember there is nothing religious, philosophical, spiritual or moral about the food we eat. It is a question of life sense. Every individual must arrive at one's own balance of diet, not by taking vows, but by observation and awareness. Above all, every day, that which sustains your life is the food that you eat, the water that you drink and the air that you breathe. When you eat, recognize this food as yourself. It is other forms of life that we are eating – the other forms of lives are giving up their life to sustain our life. If we can eat with enormous gratitude for all the living things which give up their life to sustain our lives, then the food will behave in a very different way within you.

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427 juniors representing more than 147 schools participated in the qualifiers in Panchkula, Noida, Gurgaon, Pune and Bangalore.





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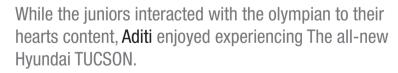














#### Final winners in each category

CATEGORY	NAME	SCORE	SCHOOL
D Girls	Aida Thimmaiah	83	I Can, The learning Curve, Mysore
D Boys	Aditya Tiwari	81	Army Public School, Pune
C Girls	Aysha Gupta	73	Modern School Vasant Vihar, New Delhi
C Boys	Julius Martinaitis	79	Stonehill International School, Bangalore
B Girls	Keerthana Rajeev	74	Legacy School, Bangalore
B Boys	Manoj. S	74	The Great Eastern International Public school, D-group
A Girls	Anvitha Narender	68	DPS, Nerul
A Boys	Aditya Tyagi	71	National Institute of Open Schooling, Bangalore

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S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL	RANK
1	GUJARAT	ISHAAN CHAWHAN	279	1
2	KARNATAKA	ARYAN ROOPA ANAND	280	2
3	PUNJAB	YUVRAJ SINGH	280	2
4	UTTAR PRADESH	RAJESH KUMAR GAUTAM	281	4
5	TELENGANA	A. MOHAN	283	5



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WIN	WINNER LADIES CATEGORY			
S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL	RANK
1	DELHI	SMRITI BHARGAV	221	1
2	RAJASTHAN	KRITI CHOWHAN	222	2
3	PUNJAB	PUNEET KAUR BAJWA	224	3
4	MAHARASHTRA	NISHNA PATEL	224	3
5	CHANDIGARH	MANNAT BRAR	226	5

WIN	WINNER CAT A GIRLS			
S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL	RANK
1	MAHARASHTRA	NISHNA PATEL	77	224
2	PUNJAB	PUNEET KAUR BAJWA	74	224
3	CHANDIGARH	MANNAT BRAR	74	226
4	KARNATAKA	VIDHATRI URS	72	227
5	KARNATAKA	ANVITHA NARENDER	81	227

WIN	WINNER CAT B GIRLS			
S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL	RANK
1	KARNATAKA	SAANVI SOMU	229	1
2	HARYANA	RIYA JADON	233	2
3	HARYANA	ANVVI DAHHIYA	235	3
4	WEST BENGAL	ANAAHAT BINDRA	237	4
5	KARNATAKA	KEERTHANA RAJEEV NAIR	238	5

WIN	WINNER CAT C GIRLS			
S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL	RANK
1	CHANDIGARH	GUNTAS KAUR SANDHU-C	226	1
2	UTTAR PRADESH	SHAMBHAVI CHATURVEDI-C	233	2
3	GOA	RASHI MISHRA-C	233	2
4	DELHI	AYESHA GUPTA-C	234	4
5	DELHI	AAHANA KASHYAP-C	237	5

#### **IGU MAHARASHTRA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**

Venue: Poona Club Golf Course, Pune

Date: 15-18 November 2022

S.NO.	VENUE	NAME	TOTAL
1	UTTAR PRADESH	HARIMOHAN SINGH	279
2	UTTAR PRADESH	AARAV D SHAH	281
3	TELANGANA	MILIND SONI	284
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Collaboration, partnerships and interdependence are keys to progress at every level. Our vision of "Grow, Sustain and Excel" will help realise our objectives of creating world class facility and to explore new possibilities for promoting the game in India. Our Past initiatives and development programmes have been very well received and has produced players and officials who have performed exceedingly well at both national and international levels.

Furthermore, our New initiatives are aimed at transforming the game of golf in our country. We will work closely with Golf Clubs Golf across the country to ensure that India becomes a leading golf nation in the world by providing all the information, infrastructure and technology support for betterment of golf.

The IGU is globally affiliated to the R&A and recognizes it as the Governing Body for Golf and is also a member of the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC).

#### Inspiring Track Record

The IGU is the owner of the Indian Open, since 1964 (now sanctioned by the European Tour) along with Indian Classic and Indian Masters. Peter Thomson and Jyoti Randhwa are each 3 time winners of the Honda Indian Open. Anirban Lahiri, an IGU protegee was winner of the Indian Open in 2015 Two IGU products S. Chikkarangappa and Shiv Kapur are performing creditably in the domestic and international tours.







#### PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CONTINUOUS PROGRESS



We conduct The Faldo Series ( 2017-18) and have Initiated the program National Initiative for Golf in Schools (NIGS) and the program is currently conducted across the country.

The Junior Golf programme is organised with support to Clubs in the for of Coaches and equipment.



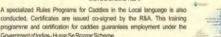
The Level 1 and Level 2 Rules School in collaboration with the R&A has been an ongoing



activity for the past 7 years. Tournament Directors and Rules Instructors are trained and certified accordingly.

There are over 250 Golf Rules Official in the Country certified by the IGU and the R&A.





Government of Indias - Hunar Se Rozgar Scheme. We have produced a Technical Handbook - "All you wanted to know about

setting up a Golf Course and running a tournament but were afraid to ask" - Now a Reference Guide in 40 countries of the APGC



Along with the USGA, IGU conducts the Course Rating Program periodically. There are over 50 Course Raters in India who Course and Slope rate all our Clubs.

IGU provides the National handicapping Service with the USGA's GHIN, an essential tool going forward









We select teams to represent India at all International events. We maintain a Merit list of the top performers (your Clubs top amateurs could be one of them). We organize such players into National Squads (by ed Policy) and have special training camps for them.



#### WHAT CAN THE IGU DO FOR YOU?

#### Helps improve your golf





Through the National Golf Academy of India (NGAI) we train and certify Golf Coaches. We make available more than 450 trained coaches and counting!

Enables and connects you to a Nation wide Network of Golfers and Golf Courses

We give you access to over 230 Golf clubs in the Country who are affiliated to the IGU and connect you with over 12500 Life members of the IGU



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#### Gets you golf equipment at concessional rates







We import Golf balls, Range balls Golf clubs and green keeping equipment at concessional rates.

#### Benefit from contributing to development of Golf in India



Your contributions towards development of golf infrastructure gets you benefits unde CSR and exemptions under the ITAct.



#### FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

It is important to acknowledge that Clubs and golfers are at the heart of all of these initiatives at every level. We also appreciate that these initiatives require a collaborative network of people and support, to maximise their success.

#### Initiatives that are to be focused are on:

Schools and Community, Clubs, Government support for land, Golf Partnerships, Coaching and Developing Talent.

Ultimately, mobilizing the golf community and supporting activities that are focused on achieving our key outcomes will result in more people playing more often (in better quality environments) and realising their potential.

IGU is chanelising all its resources and has authored a Vision Document "TEE 20" to ensure that India becomes a leading golf nation in the world by providing more opportunities for participants to start, stay and succeed in the game.





#### THITIKUL BECOMES WORLD NUMBER ONE

n 24 February, 2018 a 15-year-old Atthaya Thitikul became the first Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific (WAAP) champion and now just four years later, on the eve of this year's championship, the Thai star has become world number one.

The championship was developed by The R&A and the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) to give the leading women's amateurs in the region the chance to shine on a world class stage but no-one expected that within just 56 months a player from that inaugural championship would reach number one in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings. As WAAP is about to get underway at Siam Country Club in Pattaya, Thailand this week, the 19-year-old Thitikul has done just that, reaching the summit of the women's ranking for the first time this week. Thitikul's assent is a huge inspiration to her fellow Thai players and the entire field of 86 top players from 21 countries.



#### THE 14TH ASIA-PACIFIC AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (AAC)

The Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC), the Masters Tournament and The R&A today announced that the 14th Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC) will be contested at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, 26-29 October, 2023. The AAC will return to Royal Melbourne nine years after the Championship was hosted at the venue in 2014.

Created in 2009, the AAC was established to further develop amateur golf in the Asia-Pacific region. The champion will receive an invitation to compete in the 2024 Masters Tournament and The 152nd Open, while the runner(s)-up will gain a place in Final Qualifying for The Open.

"We are proud to announce the return of the AAC to Royal Melbourne in 2023," said Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A.

"We are committed to elevating amateur golf across the Asia-Pacific and taking this championship back to one of the world's best courses."

Notable past competitors include 2021 Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama, a two-time winner of the AAC, and the current Open champion Cameron Smith. Collectively, AAC alumni have gone on to win 23 tournaments on the PGA Tour to date and more than 100 across the PGA Tour, DP World Tour, Asian Tour and Japan Golf Tour. "We are looking forward to the top talent from across the region competing at our world-class venue for the 2023 Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship," said Captain Tony Rule of



Royal Melbourne.

"Royal Melbourne has a long history of providing a true test of golf to the top players in the world and we look forward to continuing that tradition with the return of the AAC."

Founded in 1891, Royal Melbourne Golf Club is one of Australia's oldest golf Clubs. The Championship will be played over the Composite course which comprises twelve holes from the West and six holes from the East course. The West Course was designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie, the same architect

who shaped Augusta National Golf Club. Royal Melbourne has previously held 16 Men's Australian Opens, two Women's Australian Opens, three Presidents Cups and the AAC in 2014, when Adelaide's Antonio Murdaca became the first Australian to capture an AAC title.

"After hosting the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship in 2014, we are pleased to welcome back this prestigious championship to Australia and Royal Melbourne," said Chief Executive James Sutherland of Golf Australia.



## HOME WIN FOR ARGENTINA AS VALENTINA ROSSI WINS THE WOMEN'S AMATEUR LATIN AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP

alentina Rossi of Argentina delighted the home fans at Pilar Golf after overcoming a four shot deficit to win the Women's Amateur Latin America championship presented by The R&A and ANNIKA Foundation.

The 21-year-old carded a three-under-par 69 over the Blue and White course to win by a single stroke on a nine-under-par total of 279 to become the first winner from Argentina.

Unfortunately, it was a case of lightening striking twice for María José Martin as the Colombian surrendered a significant lead for the second year running to fall back into the runner-up spot on eight under-par after a disappointing two-over-par 74 today.

"Winning this championship is incredible, I am really happy," said Rossi. "I felt like I was going to win it when I got to the 15th hole. I had a two-stroke lead at that moment and felt that the opportunity was there to win it. "It's extra special to have won the championship in Argentina. All my family is here to celebrate and being with them is really, really nice."

Rossi will now play in three major championships after earning exemptions into the AIG Women's Open, the Amundi Evian Championship and The Chevron Championship in 2023. She will also compete in the 119th Women's Amateur Championship at Prince's and the Hilton Grand Vacations ANNIKA Invitational presented by Rolex.

"I want to play those three major championships now!", exclaimed a jubilant Rossi. "I'm so happy to have these opportunities and I am going



to work really hard so I can give them my best."

The two players went toe-to-toe in a dramatic final round. Rossi made three birdies in a row as she approached the turn, picking up shots on the 7th, 8th and 9th holes to reduce the deficit to one stroke with Marin playing steady golf to go out in level par.

#### CHANGE IN SENIOR LEADERSHIP FOR GOVERNANCE OF GOLF

The R&A has confirmed that Grant Moir is to become its Executive Director – Governance, effective from 1 January 2023.

He will lead the organisation's governance responsibilities, including the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status and handicapping, succeeding David Rickman, who has held the role since 1996. He will also liaise closely with The R&A's equipment standards team, led by Professor Steve Otto.

Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R&A, said, "Grant is a strong addition to our executive leadership team having developed a deep understanding and specialist knowledge of our governance responsibilities, especially the Rules of Golf, as well as acquiring extensive experience within the sport since joining The R&A.

"I would also like to recognise David's enormous contribution to leading our governance responsibilities for many years, in which time the various Rules of the sport have been successfully modernised and he established a global reputation as an expert in his field. Our major championships will continue to benefit from his skills and expertise as Chief Referee, while he will also join the



board of R&A Rules Ltd which oversees our governance activity. The development of our new staff building is a significant undertaking and will be in very good hands under David's leadership."

Grant Moir, said, "I am proud to be taking on this role at The R&A and look forward to



continuing the organisation's vital work across all of our governance responsibilities as we seek to ensure that the sport prospers for the enjoyment of golfers at every level of the game both now and well into the future. I have enjoyed working with David over many years and am grateful for his support and guidance."

#### DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND EMIRATES EXTEND PARTNERSHIP

The DP World Tour Championship, Dubai and Emirates have agreed a fiveyear extension which will see the airline continue as a premium partner of the DP World Tour's season-ending event until at least 2027.

Emirates, an Official Partner and Airline of the DP World Tour, has been a partner of the prestigious season-ending Rolex Series tournament, at Jumeirah Golf Estates in Dubai since the inaugural edition in 2009.

Speaking about the new agreement Guy Kinnings, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Commercial Officer of the European Tour group, said: "Emirates are one of our longest serving partners and I'm delighted that they have decided to extend our partnership at the DP World Tour Championship, Dubai until the end of the 2027 season.

"It was fantastic to mark the start of this year's tournament with a fly past by an Emirates A380 and seven RAF Red Arrows on Thursday, minutes before World Number One and 2022 DP World Tour Rankings in partnership with Rolex winner Rory McIlroy teed off at Jumeirah Golf Estates."

Boutros Boutros, Divisional Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications, Marketing



and Brand at Emirates Group, added: "We're delighted to extend our partnership with the DP World Tour Championship, Dubai. We've been together since the first tournament was staged back in 2009 and the event continues to provide a great platform for us to engage with golf fans in the UAE and around the world, as well as helping us connect with our clients in a

wonderful environment as we continue to scale up our brand presence on a global scale."

Since becoming a premium partner of the DP World Tour Championship in 2009, the airline has transported in excess of 600 players to Dubai to compete in the season finale, as well as bringing together over 200,000 fans to witness the action unfold over the Earth Course.

#### HAT-TRICK HEAVEN FOR RAHM

Venue: Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, UAE Prize Fund: \$10,000,000

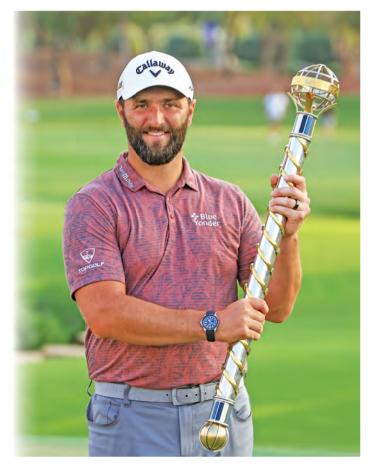
Jon Rahm and Rory McIlroy shared the spoils in Dubai as the Spaniard won the DP World Tour Championship, Dubai, and the World Number One ended the season at the top of the DP World Tour Rankings in Partnership with Rolex for a fourth time.

Rahm carded a five under par round of 67 to finish two strokes clear of a world-class field at the 2022 DP World Tour season-ending event, winning the DP World Tour Championship for a third time and securing a record fifth Rolex Series title.

The Spaniard was pushed to the wire by Ryder Cup teammates Tyrrell Hatton and Alex Noren who set the clubhouse target of 18 under, but Rahm would go one better than his previous winning totals from 2017 and 2019 as he finished on 20 under par.

McIlroy went into the week at Jumeriah Golf Estates with one hand on the Harry Vardon Trophy but faced stiff competition from three-time DP World Tour winner Ryan Fox and U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick who were bidding to become European Number One for the first time.

A four under par final round saw McIlroy finish in fourth place on 16 under par, etching his name on the Harry Vardon Trophy once again and joining England's Peter Oosterhuis as a four-time winner of the prestigious title, finishing 580.5 points ahead of New Zealand's Ryan Fox who finishes the season in second place.



#### LIA LANDS MAIDEN G4D TOUR TITLE AT DUBAI SEASON FINALE

Rasmus Lia claimed his maiden G4D Tour title as he cruised to a four-shot win at the G4D Tour Finale @ DP World Tour Championship.

The Swede held a one-stroke lead over American Chris Biggins and Spaniard Juan Postigo Arce after day one at Jumeirah Golf Estates and fought off his nearest rivals with an assured level-par 72 at the Earth Course.

Lia, who turns 22 in January, becomes the fourth different champion of the inaugural G4D Tour season, joining four-time winner Kipp Popert, Mike Browne and Tommaso Perrino.

He carded four birdies on a three under par back nine to clinch victory with a three over par total, with Biggins and Canadian Kurtis Barkley in a share of second place at seven over."It was very exciting, special today," said Lia, who was the only player to shoot level par or better across the two days of competition. "It feels unreal to be here right now."

Lia began his final round with a birdie on the first for the second day running, but two bogeys and then a double bogey at the ninth saw him turn in 39 with a one-shot advantage over World Number One Popert, Biggins and Brendan Lawlor.



But with players on his tail on the back nine, Lia found his mojo to record three consecutive birdies from the 13th, before he cancelled out a bogey at the par-three 17th with a closing birdie to seal a deserved triumph. "I definitely felt the pressure," he said. "I didn't look that much at the leaderboard but I had a feeling that it was going to be close. I made a few nice birdies on the back nine and managed to finish strong."

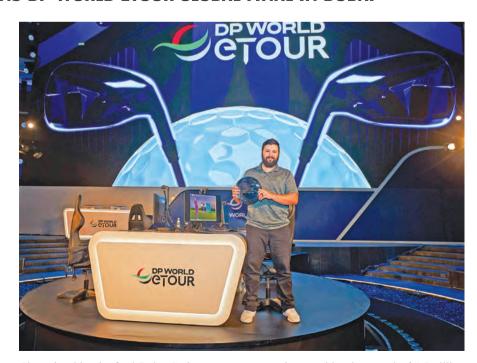
#### AMERICAN JSMITHERS WINS DP WORLD ETOUR GLOBAL FINAL IN DUBAI

The winner of the DP World eTour Global Finals was crowned last night, in a live finale at the DP World FLOW Pavilion at Expo City in Dubai.

Four finalists, all from the USA, battled it out on the stunning Wolf Creek Golf Course in Nevada, with gamer Joshua Smithers, screen name Jsmithers, winning all three of his matches and beating Young46 in the final to take home the title. He was presented with his trophy and prize money of \$15,000 from DP World Tour star and current US Open Champion Matt Fitzpatrick.

Smith, a father of five and train driver from Illinois, has now won three eTour tournaments in his career and commenting on his victory said: "It's been awesome. Coming to Dubai, hanging out with the guys in person for the first time has been an unbelievable experience. There were some great shots there on the back nine with Jason (Young46), but I am delighted to get over the line."

The eTour Global Final was held in advance of this week's DP World Tour



Championship, the final Rolex Series event of the DP World Tour season. The eTour saw 110,000 entries from gamers in 215 different

countries, resulting in a total of 1.2million rounds started, 6.4million holes played, and 31.2million balls hit.

#### FLEETWOOD GOES BACK-TO-BACK IN SUN CITY

Venue: Gary Player Country Club, Sun City, South Africa

Prize Fund: US\$6,000,000

Tommy Fleetwood held on to his crown at the Nedbank Golf Challenge after winning a thrilling battle with Ryan Fox down the stretch at the Gary Player Country Club.

The Englishman sealed his sixth DP World Tour victory three years after he last lifted the trophy in Sun City – with the event returning for the first time since 2019 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fleetwood shot a five-under-par 67 to finish on 11 under, one ahead of New Zealand's Fox, who would have leapfrogged Rory Mcllroy at the top of the DP World Tour Rankings in Partnership with Rolex with a victory.

Fleetwood and Fox went into the final round three shots behind Rasmus Højgaard and Thomas Detry and the overnight leaders had only managed five holes when play was suspended due to lightning in the area.

Shortly after the restart, Højgaard went bogey-bogey-double bogey from the seventh, and Fleetwood and India's Shubhankar Sharma took advantage, moving to ten under with birdies at the par-five ninth. Sharma posted another at the tenth while Fleetwood could only par as Fox joined the party.

Sharma's challenge ended with bogeys at 16



and 17 and when Fleetwood tapped in for par at the last, after almost sinking a huge birdie attempt, Fox paid for a poor tee shot and posted his only bogey of the day at the worst possible moment. Sharma finished in solo third at nine under par, with Scotland's Richie Ramsay a shot further back. Christiaan Bezuidenhout was the highest placed home favourite at seven under par alongside Sweden's Sebastian Soderberg.

#### SMITH CLAIMS THIRD FORTINET AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

**Venue:** Royal Queensland GC, Brisbane, Australia

Prize Fund: AU\$2,000,000

Cameron Smith won the Fortinet Australian PGA Championship for a third time with a three-shot victory after a weather-affected final round at Royal Queensland Golf Club.

The 150th Open Champion, who won this event back-to-back in 2017 and 2018, held an overnight three-shot lead but was caught early on the back nine, shortly after the second of two separate suspensions due to thunderstorms, which resulted in more than two hours of play lost.

Three birdies in a five-hole stretch from the 12th saw the 29-year-old reassert his command as a closing three-under-par 68 saw him claim victory in the season-opening tournament, which is co-sanctioned with the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia.

Australian Jason Scrivener and Japan's Ryo Hisatsune finished in a share of second at 11 under after posting rounds of 67 and 65, respectively.

Home favourite Min Woo Lee was two shots further back in fourth alongside England's Challenge Tour Graduate John Parry, who along with Hisatsune made a closing 65 to match the best score of the week.

Cameron Smith: "I really didn't think I had it in me at the start of the week. I was a bit scratchy and the game has got better and better as the week went on, other than the front nine today."

"I think when we went in for that second time, I think I was just really tired. I came in, had a coffee, tried to get some energy back in me and went



out there and played really solid the last seven or eight holes. It was kind of nice to know that I can do that with not much in the tank."



## TOM KIM'S RISE

## MAY SPARK ASIAN WAVE AS SE-RI PAK ONCE DID FOR WOMEN GOLF

by Chuah Choo Chiang



comment by Jordan Spieth, arguably one of the most articulate and thoughtful athletes on the PGA Tour, was probably lost amidst the noise that has been surrounding the professional game in recent months. It was prophetic and if proven true, may well be a game-changer for Asian golf.

During the CJ Cup in South Carolina recently,

the three-time major champion was asked about Korean phenom Tom Kim, who has achieved instant stardom by sandwiching a stunning pair of PGA Tour victories with a standout Presidents Cup debut at Quail Hollow that International Team captain Trevor Immelman hailed Kim as "a tremendous gift to our sport."

Spieth somewhat likened the rapid rise of the 20-year-old to the Korean wave of success on

the LPGA Tour, which began over two decades ago, and was coincidentally sparked by another 20-year-old then. Se-ri Pak, a World Golf Hall of Famer, has for long been credited for changing the face of women's golf with her brilliance, charm and spectacular emergence during the late 1990s which drove Korean women to dominate on the LPGA Tour.

"Got an unbelievably bright future as a lot of

these young Koreans," Spieth said of Tom Kim during The CJ Cup, which was launched as Korea's lone PGA TOUR event in 2017 but has since been staged in the U.S. due to the challenges of Covid-19.

"Seems like right now, you have this progression that you've seen on the LPGA Tour over the last 10 years is starting to happen on the PGA TOUR, with young and talented Korean players that are coming out and not afraid to win at an early age. Si Woo (Kim) might be one of the most talented individuals in the game of golf and it's always been fun to watch him play. So I think the future's really bright."

As of November 1, three Koreans – Tom Kim (15th), Sungjae Im (20th) and K.H. Lee (35th) – are ranked inside the world's top-50. Si Woo Kim, a three-time TOUR winner including becoming the youngest PLAYERS Championship winner in 2017, is ranked 73rd. Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama, who has long been Asia's top-ranked golfer, sits in 19th position and appeared in the Presidents Cup alongside the Korean quartet.

Whether Tom Kim's meteoric ascend will create a new momentum for the men's game in Korea and across Asia, as Se-ri Pak once did for women's golf, is yet to be seen but there are parallels and early indication to suggest another boom may well occur in the Far East.

The first two LPGA tournaments which Pak won in 1998 were amazingly major championships and of historic proportions. When she claimed the LPGA Championship, she was only 20 and six weeks later, she became the youngest U.S. Women's Open champion. In contrast, Kim's two titles on the PGA TOUR may not be major wins but he earned his place in the history books by becoming the second youngest golfer ever to win twice on the PGA Tour before turning 21, and was even younger than a certain Tiger Woods in doing so.

"It's crazy," said Kim of his life-changing wins. "Beating Tiger is, I mean, it's amazing for me. I've just got to keep playing well and hopefully

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I'll have a lot more in the bag. I mean, I'm playing on the PGA Tour as a 20-year-old. I'm a five-year-old at Disneyland for sure."

Rory McIlroy, the 2022 FedExCup champion, is amongst the many who have joined the Tom Kim Fan Club and is confident the youngster will enjoy an illustrious career in the U.S. The Northern Irishman, however, warned of early comparisons to Woods, who has been the needle for professional golf for the past 25 years. "Yeah, look, over the last 50 years there's only been one other player to come out and win twice before his 21st birthday, so he's (Kim) made a really good start. But, you know, we don't need to make comparisons quite yet, just let him turn into the person he's going to be and I think that will be good enough to have a hell of a career."

Kim's exploits have seen TV ratings in Korea enjoying spikes. When he won the Shriners Children's Open in October, ratings were up in comparison to other Korean male winners and the TOUR's media partner, JTBC Digital's viewership registered record figures, while the re-airing of the final round action posted the highest viewership ever among all other reairs from the past two seasons. In short, Tom Kim was moving the needle in Korea, and

broadcasters believe the popularity gap between the men and women's golf was narrowing.

More importantly, Kim is also moving his peers with his infectious personality and charisma, aside from a terrific knack for winning. "Tom's like the Energizer bunny, just keeps going. Although he's a star already, I think he's going to be a superstar soon," said countryman K.H. Lee, who partnered Kim to a Foursomes win over Scottie Scheffler-Sam Burns at the Presidents Cup. "He's got great energy. Although he's young, he brings a lot of positive vibe and he's got leadership."

Aside from the Korean quartet who featured in the International Team, Byeong Hun An, once a top-50 player in the world, and rookie S.H. Kim have also forced their way onto the PGA TOUR from the Korn Ferry Tour. Through the Past Champions category, Sung Kang, Seung-yul Noh and Sangmoon Bae, all in their 30s, will also fly the Korean flag, making it the nation with the highest number of members from an Asian country.

The positive tide is spurring other Asian aspirants to shoot for the stars too, as the likes of Chinese Taipei's Kevin Yu, and China's Carl Yuan and Marty Zecheng Dou feel they too can



create their own moments on the PGA Tour. Dou, who was 21 when he made his Tour debut in 2018, said: "Tom is only 20 years old and what he has achieved is something I cannot even imagine when I was 20. He is a good example for junior golfers. His wins and confidence make him so competitive. For me, it means there is pressure as there are many great young players out on Tour now."

Patrick Cantlay congratulating Tom Kin after his Shriners Children's Open win

Trevor Immelman thoroughly enjoyed being in a front-row seat watching Kim strut his magic at Quail Hollow as the young Korean emerged as the International Team's unlikely talisman with his bravado, fearless attitude and wild celebrations. One particular moment, that will forever be replayed at every Presidents Cup, stood out when Kim set up the winning birdie in a memorable Fourball triumph with Si Woo Kim over Patrick Cantlay-Xander Schauffele on Saturday afternoon.

"He has an ability to be a global superstar, this kid. We've seen he has the game. But what I've learned about his personality and his heart and what he stands, man, I am a huge fan," said the South African. "I thought something that was so cool on the final hole ... he's about 240 yards out. He's probably 60 yards behind his opponents. He's over the ball. I look back, I see the who's who of American golf in golf carts behind him. I see Thomas, I see Spieth, I see Finau, I see Homa, I see Morikawa, all of them sitting on carts 15 yards from him. And this kid pures a 2-iron to 10 feet and makes the putt. To me, that's impressive stuff."

No one, though, will take away the impact that K.J. Choi had created in 2000 when he became the first Korean golfer to earn a PGA Tour card and subsequently won an astounding eight times to jointly hold the record for most victories by an Asian golfer. As the lone Korean on the PGA TOUR then, Choi faced numerous challenges including the language barrier, loneliness and even food options. Now into his 50s and competing on PGA TOUR Champions, he stands proud seeing a new generation of young stars plying their trade with success on the world's pre-eminent golf circuit.

"25 years ago, many Korean people go there, to

America, and they can't beat anybody. English is so bad, and hitting ball is not too good, and a little different," Choi said in his self-taught English. "Now it's the mindset, okay K.J., he did it. We can go. It's possible. Now they're practicing. I'm very proud of my younger players."

Y.E. Yang will forever hold his distinguished place in history as Asia's first male major champion following a memorable PGA Championship triumph over Woods in 2009, which Hideki Matsuyama has since emulated the major feat with his own Masters success in 2021 that sparked Matsuyama-mania in Japan. Now, the race is on as to whom will become the first Asian to win the prestigious season-long prize, the FedExCup, and also become Asia's first World No. 1.

Kim has hinted those would be his goals in the coming years.

"I mean, I haven't achieved the goals that I've wanted yet. The two wins and playing on the PGA Tour is just one of those steps. There's always alternate goals that you want to achieve and I'm just working towards that and these are just steppingstones. I'm grateful for what I have now, but I still have a lot what I want to do and I want to accomplish.

Chuah Choo Chiang is senior Director, marketing and communications, APAC for the PGA TOUR and is based in Kuala Lumpur.



## ELDER STATESMAN RORY MCILROY, 32, LEADS PACK OF BUDDING STARS INCLUDING WILL ZALATORIS, TOM KIM By Jim McCabe

f it is the desired recipe of a sports executive to serve up something new and exhilarating along helpings of popular crowd favorites, then consider the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season to have been a rousing testament to a parade of talent that tees it up week in and week out.

Were you, at the start of the season, to have put a circle around established stars, surely you would have included the names Rory McIlroy, Hideki Matsuyama, Jordan Spieth, Xander Schauffele, Patrick Cantlay and Jon Rahm.

And if asked to highlight some young lads whose talent intrigued you and whose promise

certainly tickled your fancy, the ink would have been brushed over names such as Scottie Scheffler and Sam Burns, Sungjae Im and Will Zalatoris.

As for those names you thought were good, but seemed to be searching for a breakout, it's likely Max Homa, Billy Horschel and Matt

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There is always room for a stunning dessert that you don't think you deserve, but one that pulls down the curtain to a delightful evening. In the case of the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season, that dessert was called the "Tom Kim."

Digest all of these factors and it is understandable why PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan late in the season talked about an indelible strength to this game. "We regenerate and create more talent through the competitive framework," said Monahan.

"That is going to continue to happen."

It's a delightful proposition, especially if one considers how 2021-22 unfolded with bursts of winning play that mixed the young stars with the public favorites.

There was the fall of '21 when on consecutive

weeks Burns won the first of his three tournaments on the season and was followed into the winner's circle by Im (at the Shriners) and McIlroy (CJ CUP) in back-to-back Las Vegas events, then by Matsuyama's compelling "hometown" win in the ZOZO Championship in Japan.

Everything about that four-week stretch screamed to a PGA TOUR strength – that is, its substantial array of international names (America, South Korea, Northern Ireland, Japan) with youthful talent and appeal. McIlroy at 32 was the "oldest" of these winners, the others were in their 20s.

But if that were special—and it was—look at this parade of winners in a nine-week stretch: Burns, Scheffler at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play and Masters, Spieth, the Schauffele-Cantlay duo at a team event, Rahm and Homa.

Think that was great? It surely was. Only when Thomas won the PGA Championship in Southern Hills, besting Zalatoris in a playoff, it touched off another incredible sequence of winners – Burns edging his good friend Scheffler in extra holes at Colonial, Horschel winning in front of tournament iconic host Jack Nicklaus at The Memorial, McIlroy adding another national championship (RBC Canadian Open) to his resume, Fitzpatrick standing tall at the U.S. Open, and Schauffele going from Connecticut to Scotland to raise championship trophies.

Remember those lists you may have envisioned before the season? They were all jumping to life. Young players you wanted to see break through were doing just that. Veteran stars you wanted to shine were glimmering. Established names needing to step it up took emphatic steps forward.

"There's been a lot of talk about where golf is right now," said Schauffele, whose win at the Zurich Classic (with Cantlay) then at the Travelers Championship and Genesis Scottish Open were his first PGA TOUR triumphs since January of 2019. "The future's bright."

Not that Schauffele is blinded by the light, because he can clearly focus on where he's at it

"I'm 28 years old and I feel like I'm one of the 'old' guys out here on TOUR," said the kid from San Diego. "Unfortunately, I've got all these young guys winning around me that it just motivates me to push harder and be better. So, thanks to them."

He wasn't pointing specifically to Zalatoris, of course, but likely Schauffele was including the Dallas native in his thoughts. All Zalatoris had done in his first 53 PGA TOUR starts was finish second at the Masters, lose in playoffs at the Farmers Insurance Open and PGA Championship, then be runner-up in the U.S. Open, while recording 12 other top 10s. Finally, in his 54th start, Zalatoris broke through for a PGA TOUR victory. Not only was it well deserved, but it came in extra holes—"I think the way I did it was very indicating, for sure," he said—and in the first of three FedExCup playoff tournaments.

At 26, Zalatoris would rate as a youngster - anywhere but within the confines of the PGA TOUR world, that is. There, he's a veritable cagey veteran, if he's in just his second year, and so the young man laughed about leading the FedExCup and spoke great perspective.

"Of course, I would love to hold my position (atop the FEC standings), but we've got the best players in the world here. Just because I



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TOM KIM

won last week doesn't make this any easier." Crazy, how in this PGA TOUR with so much balanced things can change haphazardly, because Zalatoris never got a chance to "hold his position." He got hurt midway through the second playoff tournament—the BMW

Championship—and went to the sidelines to rest what was determined to be two herniated discs.

No BMW Championship. No TOUR Championship. No chance to win the FedExCup. It even extended into the Presidents Cup, into which he likely would have earned a captain's pick, but Zalatoris easily ignored the heartache and focused on doctor's orders.

"Trust me, I'm going to make sure I listen (to the doctors), because I don't want to do this again."

Smart young man, because all he has seen from the sidelines is one reason after another to want to get back out there. Cantlay's emphatic win at the BMW Championship and McIlroy's stirring comeback to win the TOUR Championship and edge out Scheffler for his third FedExCup Championship concluded the season in a manner that was consistent with all of 2021-22.

Big names and emerging young stars dominated the storyline.

And if you were thinking that might change in 2022-23, well, you might want a mulligan there. That's because the rage of these late

summer and early fall days has been Tom Kim - Joo-hyung Kim to the folks back in South Korea.

Ranked 131st in the world at the beginning of 2022, Kim was still well beneath the radar when he posted a stunning win in the Wyndham Championship, then continued that roll in heartwarming style. He went from finishing 35th in the FedExCup standings, to a pair of wins in the Presidents Cup where he was a breath of fresh air, to the start of 2022-23 season and a thrilling victory over Cantlay in the Shriners Children's Open in Las Vegas.

Take us through the wild ride of success, would you please, Tom Kim?

"I mean, I'm playing on the PGA TOUR as a 20-year-old," said Kim. "It's hard to get tired from this. I'm a 5-year-old as Disneyland, for sure."

Pretty funny, that Tom Kim.

Then again, he's pretty spot on, so much so that you might be hearing his walk-up song.

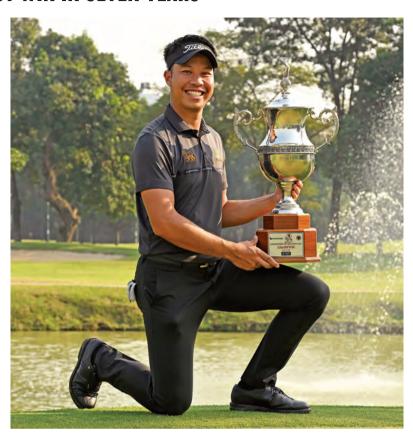
"Zip-a-dee-doo-dah. Zip-a-dee-ay. My oh, my, what a wonderful day."

Just make it a wonderful year, for it was.

#### **RELIEVED DANTHAI CLAIMS FIRST WIN IN SEVEN YEARS**

Thailand's Danthai Boonma won the US\$400,000 Bangabandhu Cup Golf Bangladesh Open after an enthralling two-horse race with close friend and compatriot Kosuke Hamamoto.Danthai fired a closing three-under-par 68 at Kurmitola Golf Club, in Dhaka, for a four-round aggregate of 13-under-par 271 and a oneshot victory over Hamamoto, who carded a 70.Rattanon Wannasrichan made it a one, two, three finish for Thailand after returning a 67 to finish three behind the champion. Bangladesh's golfing idol Siddikur Rahman, despite being roared on by strong local support, closed with a 70 to finish in a group of four players tied for fourth, six back from top spot. Danthai started the day one behind playing partner Hamamoto but a brilliant front nine of three under, which included birdies on seven, eight and nine saw him make the turn one ahead. It was a lead he did not relinquish, with both players coming home in even par, and allowed him to add the National Open of Bangladesh to The World Classic Championship he claimed at Laguna National in Singapore in 2015.

"I'm so excited about my second win on the Asian Tour," said Danthai, who dined out with Hamamoto for much of the week. "Yeah, nothing to say but I can't believe it, because it's been tough in the past two years, I didn't really play very good you know. I mean, I struggled with my mind and my short game, so I tried to figure out about those things. And yeah, I can't believe it about this week."



#### MATTHEW PICANSO WINS HISTORIC FIRST ASIAN TOUR EVENT IN US



American Matthew Picanso broughtto-an-end a ground-breaking week for the Asian Tour in the United States by winning the first of five qualifying events for the 2023 Qualifying School.

At what was the first Asian Tour tournament

ever to be held on American soil, Picanso triumphed thanks to a final round three-under-par 68 to finish with a four-round aggregate of 21 under par at Oakcreek Country Club (pictured), in Arizona.

He won by two shots from countryman Anthony Paolucci, who returned a 65.

Picanso, a former baseball player who took up golf late on and is a prolific winner on mini-Tours in America including the Golden State Tour, impressively led from start to finish, shooting rounds of 65, 66, 64, and 68. A total of 13 players from a starting field of 67 qualified for the Qualifying School Final Stage, which will take place at Lakeview Resort & Golf Club in Hua Hin, Thailand, from January 18-22, 2023, and will see the top-35 finishers earn coveted Tour cards for next season – which promises to be the biggest and best year in the history of the Asian Tour.

The other qualifiers were (US unless stated): James Nicholas, Brandon Kida, Brent Ito, Chandler Eaton, Jamie Lovemark, Joshua Goldenberg, Andy Zhang (China), Matt Sharpstene, Junho Won (KOR), Kelby Scharmann, and Patrick Sullivan.

#### **END-OF-SEASON BONANZA AT TAIFONG OPEN**

Making a welcome return to the schedule after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Taifong Open will act as the decisive, final event on the 2022 ADT.

With the leading 10 players, not otherwise exempted, on the final 2022 ADT Order of Merit following the conclusion of the Taifong Open earning their Asian Tour cards for the 2023 season, it promises to be a memorable week in Chinese Taipei.

Further good news for participants at the Taifong Golf Club from December 22-25 is that the prize fund is being increased by 25 per cent to US\$200,000, becoming the joint richest event on the ADT.

When the tournament was last staged on the ADT at the end of 2019, the purse was US\$160,000.

Cho Minn Thant, Commissioner and CEO, Asian Tour, said: "Given that the Taifong Open will once more bring down the curtain on the ADT season, it's a fabulous development that we'll have a significant rise in prize money. "With Asian Tour cards on the line and so much at stake, it's fitting that the

Taifong Open will offer the equal highest purse on the Tour, reflecting the importance of the week."

When the Taifong Open was last held on the Asian Development Tour in the final week of 2019 it was Thai Donlaphatchai Niyomchon who emerged triumphant.

It was the sixth year in succession that the Taifong Open had been part of the ADT.



Previous winners of the Taifong Open were Chinese Taipei's Chan Shih-chang.

#### ANDY OGLETREE CONFIDENTLY CRUISES TO FIRST PROFESSIONAL VICTORY



Andy Ogletree oozed class on his way to securing his maiden title in the professional game today after winning the US\$1.5 million International Series Egypt at Madinaty Golf Club in Cairo.

The former amateur star found his feet in the play for pay game after firing a final round eight-under-par 62 to finish with a tournament total of 23 under and win by four shots from Austria's Bernd Wiesberger, who returned a 63.

Korean Jeunghun Wang (64) and Sihwan Kim (65) from the United States tied for third, seven behind the winner. The result saw Sihwan Kim return to the top of the Asian Tour Order of Merit list.

Ogletree started the day with a three-shot advantage from Wiesberger and took a firm grip of the tournament by touring the front nine in four-under-par 32 with birdies on one, three, five, seven and nine with a dropped shot on eight doing little damage to his lead.

He was four ahead of Wiesberger at the turn. The Austrian pushed hard to mount a challenge and eagled the par-four 10th after holing his second but Ogletree responded with a birdie on that hole to sit comfortably three in front.

Weisberger closed to within two after a birdie on 13 but the 16th proved to be pivotal as the American made a birdie while Weisberger dropped a shot to put the gap back to four.

Wiesberger made birdie on 17 but it still left Ogletree with the comfort of a three-shot lead going down the last, which he fittingly birdied to put the icing on the cake.

"This is amazing, just incredible," said the rising star from Little Rock, Mississippi, who earned a cheque for US\$270,000.

"I have always been a huge fan of Matchplay and that is kind of what it came to in the end, it was basically a two-man race. I just tried to keep matching what he was doing, I kept making a lot of putts. Fortunately, I was able to play better than Bernd, he's a great player and it was really awesome to come out on top."

The 24 year old, who played on the golf team at the prestigious Georgia Tech University, won the US Amateur in 2019 and was part of the victorious American team at the Walker Cup the same year. He turned professional the following year and is a rookie on the Asian Tour this season.



### DOMINANT KIM STORMS TO VICTORY

Despite making only a handful of appearances on JGTO this year, it did not stop reigning money list winner Chan Kim from challenging himself to win at least a title.

It was a mission accomplished for the 32-year-old as he secured his eighth JGTO title with a wire-to-wire win at the Casio World Open.

Kim did it in an emphatic fashion, firing a 10-under-par 62 en route to compiling a jaw-dropping total score of 32-under-par 256 - the lowest-ever 72-hole score in the JGTO history. Kim's splendid effort also saw him effortlessly smash the previous tournament record of 24-under by eight strokes and finish six shots

ahead of second-placed Aguri Iwasaki.

"For the final round, I wanted to play well and was hoping to get to 30-under. I knew if I could do that, I would win," said Kim, who smashed the previous best 72-hole score of 28-under set by South Korea's In-hoi Hur at the Toshin Golf Tournament. "I'm so happy it went so well and I managed to break the JGTO scoring record for the 72-hole. I hope it will remain for a very long time," said a delighted Kim.

Starting the final round with just a one-shot lead over Iwasaki, Kim turned it into a romp with four birdies on the front nine. After the turn, he continued his red-hot form by firing six more birdies including a hat-trick gain in the closing three holes to make it his most memorable victory yet.

Iwasaki carded 67 to take the runner-up spot on 26-under 262, two better than 2016 winner Yuta Ikeda, who returned a 66 at the Kochi Kuroshio Country Club.

#### HIGA OUTCLASSES ELITE FIELD TO WIN



Kazuki Higa continued his red-hot form when he captured his fourth JGTO title this year with a three-shot victory at the Dunlop Phoenix Tournament on Sunday- one that has edged him closer than ever to JGTO Money Rankings honour of the 2022 season.

Facing a power-packed leaderboard featuring two charging PGA Tour stars Mito Pereira of Chile and Tom Kim of South Korea on the final day. Higa kept his nerves in check to fire a glorious seven-under-par 64 at Phoenix Country Club to clinch the sixth JGTO win of his career.

Starting the day with a two-shot cushion over Pereira and Tomoharu Otsuki, Higa's position at the top was never in doubt as he sparkled with a bogey-free round containing an eagle and five birdies to finish 21-under for the tournament.

World number 46 Pereira mixed seven birdies with a bogey en route to a closing 65, but still finished three shots shy of Higa.

Otsuki, chasing his second win of the season, came in lone third on 17-under following a 66, one ahead of a group of players in tied fourth comprising Kim and Satoshi Kodaira, who closed with matching 64s and Taihei Shimizu (65).

Zimbabwe's Scott Vincent was again consistent as he always did with a superb final round 65 landing him in seventh place on 14-under. It was his fourth top-10 finish in

seven appearances this season, but he did win the Mizuno Open to become the only non-Japanese winner this year.

Higa was over the moon after picking up a \(\frac{4}{4}\)0,000,000 cheque to bring his season earnings to ¥179,141,233, stretching the lead over secondplaced Rikuya Hoshino (¥104,890,457) with just two tournaments left in the schedule.

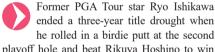
"I was aiming for 20-under or lower this week, I'm so glad that I did just that and was rewarded with a victory," said Higa.



"My ball-striking and putting were both excellent this week, I would say they're my best this year.

"Winning the money rankings has been a dream of mine since I was young. With today's win, I'll get there very soon. Achieving this feat is a big thing for me."

#### BASHFUL PRINCE ISHIKAWA RECAPTURES HIS POWER



ended a three-year title drought when he rolled in a birdie putt at the second playoff hole and beat Rikuya Hoshino to win the Mitsui Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters for the third time.

Ishikawa carded a closing one-under-par 69 at the Taiheiyo Club's Gotemba's Course for a four-day total of eight-under 272, which was matched by Hoshino after he also returned an identical 69.

Starting the day three shots off the pace, Ishikawa overcame the deficit by carding five birdies against two bogeys and a double bogey while Hoshino had three birdies to offset two bogeys.

The latest win marked Ishikawa's 18th victory on JGTO, nearly three years since he last captured Golf Nippon Series JT Cup in 2019.

The victory also made him the only third golfer to have won three times at the Taiheiyo Masters after England's Lee Westwood (1996-1998), Masashi Ozaki (1973, 1992 and 1994) and Tsuneyuki Nakajima (1985, 2002 and 2006).

"Honestly, I can't believe it," said Ishikawa, who's fondly known by his fans as Hanikami



Oji, literally 'Bashful Prince', due to his rockstar look.

"I have been working really hard to return to winning ways. I'm glad that I did it again after

close to three years.

"But I still don't feel like I won. I won't rest on my laurels just yet. I will continue to aim higher without being content with my current self."

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## THE SHORT GAME CHIP IT CLOSE FROM ANY LIE

Scramble pars like a Tour pro with England Golf coach Chris Jenkins' eight-page guide to saving your score around the greens.

Forget hitting the ball miles down the middle of the fairway. There's nothing more satisfying in golf than pulling off an amazing recovery shot from around the green.

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As any Tour pro will tell you, the quickest way to lower your scores week in, week out is to develop a razor sharp short game. Missing greens is an inevitable part of golf - even for the world's best

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If you can introduce the techniques demonstrated

into your game over the next few months and dedicate some time for regular practice, you're going to notice a huge improvement in your scrambling and a marked difference in your scoring this summer.





Like any part of the game, improving your chipping, pitching and bunker play requires more than just an upgrade in technique. You'll need to develop solid basics, club selection, good strategy and decision-making skills, and practice habits.

#### MASTER THE BASICS FIRST

Having an arsenal of fancy recovery shots is all well and good, but you need a stock shot to rely on. A simple chip-and-run will get you out of trouble far more often than a risky flop over a bunker, so master the simple option before working on the adventurous shots.

#### PLAY THE PERCENTAGES

Just as the best strikers in football never take on the complicated finish when an easy one will do, the same rule applies to the short game. The more difficult the shot, the higher propensity for disaster! As a rule, this means playing the ball along the ground where possible.

#### DON'T NEGLECT YOUR PUTTING

Realistically, you won't hit every chip stone dead. More often than not, you're going to have to rely on your short-range putting to finish the job. In addition to improving your short game, focus on improving holing out inside six feet. Make more than you miss from this range, and you'll see your scores tumble.

#### COMMIT TO REGULAR PRACTICE

Ask any Tour pro how they structure their practice and they'll likely tell you that they spend at least twice as much time working on their chipping and putting as they do their long game. The reason for this is simple - a sharp short game will compensate for bad shots and approach shots keep your scorecard tidy.

#### UNDERSTAND YOUR WEDGES

Equipment is important for every shot, but for the short game you need to know how the ball will react using different clubs in your bag. For example, if you don't know how far you can carry the ball and how far it will run out with each iron using different length swings, you'll never get the ball close. You'll also need wedges that suit your swing characteristics.



## THE BASIC CHIP SHOT Perfect your set-up to hit pure chips

Setting your hands way ahead of the ball and playing it way back in your stance may feel like it's going to create that slightly steep attack we've always been told is desirable for chipping, but it actually causes more problems than it cures. To play chip shots well, you want to use the true loft on the club at impact. You also want to use your spine angle to pre-set that downward attack, not the ball position and shaft lean.



#### SET-UP SHOULDER TILT MATCHES SHAFT ANGLE

With the ball in the middle of your stance, feel like your left shoulder tilts slightly downwards to match the very slight forward lean of the shaft.



#### **BACKSWING**

#### CONTROL THE SHOT WITH YOUR SHOULDERS

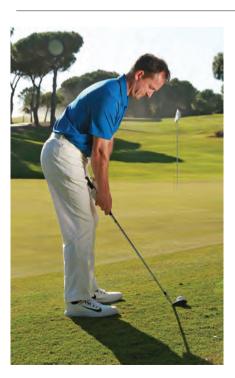
Control the shot as you would a long-range putt, allowing your shoulders and arms to move the club back and through.



#### **IMPACT**

#### KEEP YOUR HANDS QUIET ALL THE WAY THROUGH

Maintaining your spine tilt, focus on keeping your shirt buttons left of the ball to create a downward strike and use the full loft of the club.





#### HOW TO FIX THE TWO BIGGEST CHIPPING FAULTS

Many chipping faults can be traced back to address – in particular, standing too far from the ball with your hands set too low. Another factor is playing the ball too far back in your stance with the shaft leaning towards the target.

Since chipping requires a fairly slow swing, gravity can cause the shaft to drop to a more vertical position. This means the clubhead is lower at impact than at address. The solution is to set up with the shaft at a steeper angle. It also helps to set the grip more in your palm. While the heel of the club will be slightly off ground, it means the clubhead cannot

the ground, it means the clubhead cannot get any lower throughout the shot, thereby guaranteeing a good strike.



# **CLUB SELECTION**

# Think 'minimum effort, maximum roll'

Many players opt to chip with just a few lofted wedges, but that's usually not the smartest play. As with any other shot, good chipping is all about reducing your margin for error and giving yourself the best chance of executing the shot well. In most instances, from just off the green, chipping with one of your straighter-faced clubs like a 6-iron or 7-iron is a higher percentage play than, say, a 54-degree wedge. You can keep your backswing shorter and therefore more controlled, as well as get the ball rolling forwards rather than upwards.



# THE FLOP SHOT

# Widen everything to add maximum loft

You pull or push an approach and, when you get to your ball, you find that not only is there a bunker between you and the hole, the pin is cut just a few feet onto the green. The smart strategy is to chip to the widest part of the green and accept you'll probably drop a shot, but there are times when you want to take this shot on. The good news is that it's not nearly as difficult to play as it looks.

## GET WIDE AND LOW AT ADDRESS

One of the secrets to adding loft at impact is to get the club approaching the ball at a shallow angle. Widening your stance and standing a little further away from the ball than you normally would will help you lower your body and your hands at address. These adjustments will give you more confidence to open the face of your sand wedge or gap wedge.

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## SET CLUBSHAFT IN A VERTICAL POSITION

Think about the relationship between the clubshaft and the clubface. If the shaft leans towards the target, the clubface loses loft. To maximise the loft on your wedge, set up with your hands directly above the ball. You can even play this shot with the shaft leaning slightly away from the target, but that requires a little extra practice to master.

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# FLARE YOUR LEAD TOE TOWARDS THE TARGET

Rotating your lead toe helps with two things. First, it presets a little extra hip clearance. This will enable you to turn your body through to the target with more freedom. Second, it helps anchor a little bit of extra weight on to your front foot. This will discourage you from allowing your weight to fall onto your back foot and trying to 'scoop' the ball into the air – which is absolutely the last thing you want to do when playing this shot.

## CHOKE DOWN A LITTLE ON THE GRIP

This shot is all about keeping loft on the clubface at impact and being able to swing with speed without worrying that the ball will fly too far. Once you've widened your stance as I suggested in the first step, you'll most likely find it more comfortable to move down an inch or so on your grip. This small adjustment will improve your control and add a little extra wrist action to the shot – not to mention some additional height.



# THE FLOP SHOT TECHNIQUE

## Eliminate the wrists and focus on rotation

The longer the swing and the more wrist action you use, the more difficult it becomes to control your impact point and the exact loft on the clubface. Keep your hands passive and directly over the ball at impact. Too far ahead will de-loft the clubface and take height off the shot. The best way to maintain the full loft and, at the same time, create the speed you need to get the ball in the air and carry it to the green is by rotating your upper body to deliver the club to the ball, keeping your hands out of the release.



## STILL NOT CONFIDENT? TRY A SIMPLER METHOD

The shot I've just demonstrated is easier to play than the long, lazy lob, but it requires a few adjustments to play it well. Here's a simpler version. It won't fly as high and the ball will run more on landing, but if you just want to clear a hazard and get back in play, this is a good option.



# SHOULDER ANGLE MATCHES SPINE ANGLE

It's not true you need to have the ball back and weight forward. With the ball in the middle, tilt your left shoulder down to match the shaft's slight forward lean.

# CONTROL THE SHOT WITH YOUR SHOULDERS

Control the shot with your arms and shoulders – as you would with a long putt. Resist the temptation to break your wrists to add more height to the shot.

# ROTATE YOUR BODY THROUGH THE BALL

Maintaining your spine tilt, keep your shirt buttons left of the ball to create a downward strike and use the full loft. Keep your chest rotating through to the target.

# WEIGHT FINISHES ON YOUR FRONT FOOT

The finish is simply a slightly curtailed version of the flop shot opposite – again a sign I have delivered the club with my upper body and not my hands.

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# AMATEUR AVANI WINS 15TH LEG OF HERO WPG TOUR BY A MASSIVE 13-SHOT MARGIN

Amateur Avani Prashanth underlined her superiority with a third straight under par score at 2-under 70 and completed a huge 13-shot win over the field in the 15th and final leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Chandigarh Golf Club.

Avani, who has not played very much on the Hero WPG Tour this season as she was busy playing around the world, shot 68-66-70 for a total of 12-under 204. So dominant was Avani that she had three of the five under par scores registered this week – the others came from the second placed Gaurika Bishnoi, who shot 70 on the second day and Seher Atwal had the best round of the final day with a 69, while finishing in a tie for fifth.

Avani had a sedate front nine after opening with a bogey. She then had nine pars in a row with many of the putts not dropping in. She finally found the birdies with back-to-back efforts on Par-3 11th and Par-4 12th. A bogey on Par-5 13th was a disappointment, but she quickly made up with birdies on the 15th and the 17th for 70.

India's highest ranked amateur Avani's win at Chandigarh follows her twin success on the Hero WPG Tour in 2021 when she won the third and 11th legs of the Hero WPGT.

While the week's spotlight was Avani, she was followed by Gaurika, the top professional with a final round of 73. Gaurika had four birdies against three bogeys and a double bogey. She finished with a total of 1-over 217.

Sneha Singh (77-72-75) totalled 224, which was 20 shots behind the winner. Sneha tied with Lakhmehar Pardesi (73-75-76).

Khushi Khanijau, who had a hole-in-one on the Par-3 eighth, carded 1-over 73 and was tied fifth with Seher Atwal (69) at 225, while Hitaashee Bakshi (74-76-77) was seventh at 227.

Four players, Saaniya Sharma (77-78-74), Rhea Jha (77-78-74), Afshan Fatima (79-75-75) and amateur Jia Kataria (73-79-77) were tied for tenth place.

Meanwhile, Pranavi Urs, who is playing at the LPGA Qualifying School this week in the United States, topped the Hero Order of Merit.



Seher Atwal, who was third at the start of the week, finished in a tie for fifth this week and overtook Hitaashee Bakshi to finish second. Hitaashee was pushed to third on the Hero Order of Merit. Gaurika Bishnoi and Ridhima Dilawari were fourth and fifth.

# BERNARDUS, NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCED AS PARTNER & HOST OF THE 2026 SOLHEIM CUP

Bernardus, located in Cromvoirt close to Eindhoven and 's-Hertogenbosch in Southern Netherlands, was revealed today as partner and host venue for the 2026 Solheim Cup.

Bernardus opened in 2018 and the already acclaimed Championship course, designed by renowned American golf course architect Kyle Phillips, has hosted the Dutch Open on the DP World Tour on two occasions (2021, 2022) and will host it again in 2023.

Built as a heathland golf course with tricky water hazards and a compact layout with an architecturally stunning clubhouse and world-class practice facilities, Bernardus is open to everyone, with a focus on experience and enjoyment. The only rule is 'there are no rules' it's a place to relax, play a world class golf course and enjoy the off-course just as much as the oncourse experiences, including a Michelin-star restaurant, spa and lodge accommodation.

The Bernardus Solheim Cup bid is supported by the forward-thinking Royal Dutch Golf Federation (NGF) and together with the LET and IMG, the ambition is to deliver a world-class Solheim Cup and create a benchmark in women's sports events and leave a long term positive legacy for Bernardus, Dutch golf, the Netherlands and local community.

Robert van der Wallen, the owner of Bernardus and a shareholder and investor in more than thirty companies as well as the Chairman of PSV Eindhoven, commented: "We are very excited to be hosting the Solheim Cup in 2026 and to partner with the Royal Dutch Golf Federation, IMG, the LET and LPGA. The opportunity to host such a globally significant sports event is a huge honour for our whole team. Experience is what we are all about at Bernardus and our preparations are already underway to ensure we play our part in providing the stage to host a best-in-class Solheim Cup experience in September 2026."

With more than 420,000 golfers, golf is the fourth most popular sport in the Netherlands and this number is still growing. Caroline Huyskes, president of the NGF and president-elect of the EGA, commented: "I am proud that the Solheim Cup is coming to the Netherlands. This event contributes to the NGF strategy aimed at attracting women and rejuvenating the sport in our country. The fact that we have been able to bring one of the largest women's sports tournaments in the world to the Netherlands is a re—flection of our ambition and drive."

This will be the first edition run in partnership with IMG who were appointed by the LET as the delivery partner of the European Solheim Cup for an initial commitment from 2026 through to the end of 2038.

Alexandra Armas, Chief Executive of the Ladies European Tour, representing the LET JV, commented, "Working with IMG, we believe that in Bernardus and the NGF, we have identified the ideal partner for the 2026 Solheim Cup in what





will be the 20th edition of the match. Their vision and commitment align perfectly with ours and the course and facilities, as well as the NGF's inclusive ambitions for the nation, will deliver a fantastic experience for players, community and fans alike."

The 2023 Solheim Cup will take place in Finca Cortesin, in Spain on Sept. 22-24, and the 2024 Solheim Cup, Sept. 10 - 15, at the Robert Trent Jones course in Virginia, US. The 2026 Solheim Cup dates are still to be confirmed.

# CHIARA NOJA AND TEAM GARCIA TRIUMPH IN PLAYOFFS AT ARAMCO TEAM SERIES - JEDDAH



The Aramco Team Series – Jeddah finished in dramatic fashion with both competitions ending in a playoff as Team Garcia and Chiara Noja claimed victory at Royal Greens Golf & Country Club.

In the Individual, it was Germany's Noja who triumphed after a sensational final round of 65 (-7) to finish level with leader at the start of the day Charley Hull.

The teenager then made a birdie on the first playoff hole putting pressure on English star Hull, but she duly rolled in her birdie putt.

And the duo headed back down to 18 for the second time but this time it was 16-year-old Noja who rolled in her birdie putt to clinch her maiden LET title.

"I don't think it's sunk in quite yet! I think the stress and happiness will come later this

"It is hard work over a lot of years, and a lot of commitment and just trying not to back out of shots and commit to everything that I do and not be afraid to fail."

evening," said the teenager, who finished second on the LET Access Series Order of Merit in 2022. "It is hard work over a lot of years, and a lot of commitment and just trying not to back out of shots and commit to everything that I do and not be afraid to fail."

Noja started the day brightly with back-to-back birdies before sinking an eagle on the fourth hole, and she finished her front nine with a bogey inbetween two birdies to make the turn in 31 (-5).

Two further birdies on 11 and 12 put the German

rising star in pole position before she finished her round with a birdie on 16 and bogey on 17.

"This course, when you can go into par-fives in two, it is a massive advantage," she continued. "I tried to take advantage of that this week, and it paid off.

"I can't even like begin to fathom what I've just done. I'm just going to try and relax tonight. Maybe have a burger, I don't know, treat myself! Sleep. I think it'll be the best night of sleep I'm probably ever going to get, and see how I feel tomorrow."

South Africa's Nicole Garcia had a great final day with an eagle putt on 18 to finish in third place on 12-under-par, Italy's Virginia Elena Carta was fourth just one shot further back.

At the end of day two, Team Garcia and Team Wolf finished tied at the top of the leaderboard on 29-under-par each and both teams contested the playoff on Saturday afternoon.

Team Garcia made up of South African duo Garcia and Casandra Alexander alongside Czechia's Tereza Melecka and Moroccan amateur Sonia Bayahya chose Alexander to contest the playoff on 18.

For Team Wolf - the quartet of Austria's Christine Wolf, Scotland's Beveridge, Alexandra Swayne of the U.S. Virgin Islands and Saudi amateur Raghdah Alessawi - it was the Captain who took the responsibility.

The players went back down to 18 and Alexander managed to make the green in two, while Wolf chose to lay up and it was the South African who nailed her birdie putt for Team Garcia to win.

And it is a second win in an Aramco Team Series event for each of the professionals with Garcia victorious in London earlier this year, Melecka in Sotogrande and Alexander in the inaugural Team event in 2020.

# 14-YEAR-OLD ANVVI DAHHIYA WINS 12TH DGC LADIES OPEN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

The 12th edition of the DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2022, presented by USHA, came to a close today at the sprawling greens of Delhi Golf Club, located in the heart of New Delhi. The 3-day championship (November 9th-11th) saw 125 lady golfers vying for tops honours, with 14-year old Anvvi Dahhiya scoring 230 to walk away with the champion's trophy, and 13-year old Ayesha Gupta and 17-year old Renee Rane coming up 1st and 2nd runners-up with scores of 236 and 240, respectively.

Speaking at the prize distribution ceremony, Ms Chhaya Shriram, Director, Usha International, said "Usha's association with the Delhi Golf Club goes back many decades. This association is an extension of Usha's brand ethos to promote an active and healthy lifestyle and aligns with our vision of creating inclusive health and sports platforms."

"True to their commitment of promoting active and healthy lifestyles, Usha has been our committed supporter year after year. I have witnessed a growing number of exceptionally talented juniors and ladies taking to the greens, encouraged by the creditable performance of Indian women on the European and Asian golf scene, each pushing themselves to raise the bar, making me optimistic that there are amongst them potential world class players who we too have a role in nurturing", said Ms Nimmi Dhar, Lady Captain at DGC. mail.



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# RIDHIMA SIZZLES TO WIN 14TH LEG OF HERO WPGT

Ridhima Dilawari, starting the final day one behind the overnight leader Afshan Fatima, played a sizzling bogey-free six-under 66 to grab the 14th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at the Panchkula Golf Club. Ridhima's stunning final round of 66 with three birdies on either side of the course, took her total to 5-under 211 and she won by five shots over Afshan.

Ridhima became the third player after Pranavi Urs (5) and Hitaashee Bakshi (2) to win more than once this season. Following her win in the eighth leg of the season at the KGA in Bengaluru, this was Ridhima's second success of the year. She was also second in the fourth leg at Aamby Valley.

For Afshan, who suffered a bogey on the 10th and a double on the 11th for the second day in a row, it was the best result of the current season, but she stays winless since the win in 2018. Afshan aggregated even par 216.

Besides Ridhima, the other player to excel on the final day was Gaurika Bishnoi, who bounced back from her second round 78, as she scored 10 shots better than the second day with a 4-under 68. Gaurika, who had seven birdies against three bogeys, finished third at 2-over 218

Ridhima and Afshan began the final round with birdies and then Afshan added a second birdie on second to go two shots ahead.

Then Ridhima's fortunes changed as she birdied third and fourth, while Afshan bogeyed third and parred fourth as both players were now level. The see-saw battle continued as Afshan forged ahead again with a birdie on fifth. There was a two-shot swing on the Par-4 sixth, which Ridhima birdied and Afshan bogeyed. Suddenly Ridhima went ahead, and she did not look back after that.

Both players bogeyed the ninth and there was a three-shot swing on the 10th as Ridhima birdied and Afshan dropped a double. That ended Afshan's hopes even though she managed three birdies against one bogey in the remaining eight holes. Ridhima made no mistakes and instead birdied 14th and 15th and parred the rest for a comfortable five-shot win.



Seher Atwal (72) who started bogey-bogey on the final day, was fourth at 3-over 219, while Saaniya Sharma (70), one of the only three players to have a under par round on the final day, was tied fifth with Hitaashee (74), who had a rough patch in the middle of the round as she bogeyed eighth and ninth and triple bogeyed the 10th.

# HEDWALL RECORDS PLAYOFF VICTORY AT THE ANDALUCÍA COSTA DEL SOL OPEN DE ESPAÑA

Caroline Hedwall is back in the winner's circle for the first time in four years after winning the season-ending Andalucía Costa del Sol Open de España.

The Swedish star was locked in a battle on 18-under-par with Switzerland's Morgane Metraux after regulation play, the duo headed for a playoff and after playing the 18th hole three times they went to the 17th hole.

It was a hole where Hedwall has had success all week and she made the green in two and sunk her birdie putt to win her seventh LET title.

"It just feels awesome, it feels forever that I have waited for that win," she said. "I wasn't sure I still had it in me. It's so nice to get it together and get this win.

"It has been a rollercoaster to be honest, I had injury in 2014 that was really tough on me, and I had a hard turn on my self-confidence. That win in 2018 meant a lot to me.

"It was tough during Covid-19, I didn't want to travel as much but now it's more or less back to normal and it feels great. My game is coming together really nicely, and it was awesome to finish with that."

Hedwall had a very consistent week with rounds of 70 (-3), 68 (-5), 69 (-4) and 67 (-6) to finish on 18-under-par.

The 33-year-old produced her best round of the week on the final day and was bogey-free



rolling in six birdies.

She continued: "I have been hitting my driver really well the last couple of weeks and I could take advantage of the par-fives here and reach and two-putt for birdies and even make a couple of eagles. It's been great, I have really enjoyed playing this golf course, it was a lot of fun.

"I wasn't sure I still had it in me, and I think I just showed myself I can, and the 2023 Solheim Cup will be a goal for next season."

Metraux, who won the Ladies Italian Open earlier in the season, produced a final round of 69 (-4) with four birdies to finish level with Hedwall and ultimately second overall.

# PARK AIMS TO CONTINUE WINNING WAYS

After finishing the Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association's (KLPGA)
Tour 2022 season with a bang last month,
South Korea's Min ii Pork will be aiming to

South Korea's Min-ji Park will be aiming to pick up where she left off when she competes in the inaugural Hana Financial Group Singapore Women's Open next week.

The S\$1.1 million event, hosted by the Tanah Merah Country Club from December 9-11, will serve as the season opener of the KLPGA Tour's 2023 season as the prestigious circuit makes its first international stop in three years after the Covid-19 pandemic.

And it is only right that a power-packed 75-member KLPGA contingent adds glitters to the 102-woman field event, with nine out of the top 10 finishers of last season's points standings ready to bring their battle abroad.

All eyes will surely be on world number 14 Park, who has been dominating the KLPGA Tour for the last two years.

She topped the KLPGA Tour Official Money list consecutively in 2021 and 2022 after securing 12 victories, six top-three outings, and finishing inside top-10 on eight occasions

during the two seasons.

Just three weeks ago, Park clinched her 16th KLPGA Tour title by winning the season-ending SK Shieldus-SK Telecom Championship.

But Park has refused to rest on her laurels just yet. She has set her sights on winning her first tournament outside South Korea, noting that the opportunity to tee it up at the Hana Financial Group Singapore Women's Open presents her with a new challenge.

"It feels fresh because we finally get to play in a KLPGA tournament that's held outside South Korea. It's been a while since the Covid-19 pandemic," said Park.

"I think the wind, weather, grass and other environments would be a little different.

"I've been playing well in several KLPGA tournaments recently and definitely gained a lot of confidence through the experience.

"Winning a tournament outside South Korea would be a difficult challenge surely, but I'm relishing it.

"I'm confident I'll be able to get a good result if I continue to practice consistently and manage my



conditioning well."

Also making their way to the Tanah Merah Country Club are recently-crowned KLPGA Player of the Year Suji Kim, Yewon Lee, Hansol Ji, Yunji Jeong, Jiyoung Park, Somi Lee, Hee Jeong Lim and Ga Young Lee.

World number three Atthaya Thitikul of Thailand had earlier confirmed her participation alongside American Solheim Cup team member Yealimi Noh and Philippines' Princess Mary Superal, the Simone Asia Pacific Cup winner last August.

# BUHAI ENDS THE YEAR WITH ANOTHER NATIONAL TITLE

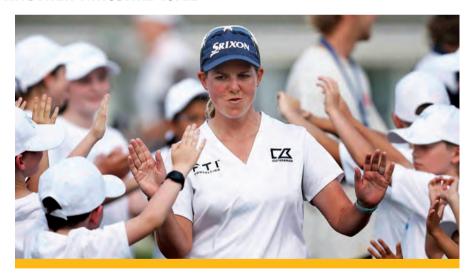
Ashleigh Buhai ended her season on the highest of notes, overcoming the hot, gusting winds of Western Australia to finish 12-under par and capture the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open by one shot, making her a double national champion in 2022.

When she poured the par into the final hole at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne, Buhai became the first player since Yani Tseng in 2011 to win both the AIG Women's Open and the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open in the same year. This was also Buhai's first multiple win season outside of her native South Africa.

Like her victory in Scotland, this one came down to the wire for Buhai. Trailing Shin by a shot going into the final round, Buhai was able to open up a lead on the front nine on Sunday, the windiest conditions of the week. She shot 1-under par 35 to get to 14-under, three ahead. But the gusting breeze and firm conditions sent scores skyward in the late afternoon. Three bogeys for Buhai from 10 through 16 opened the door for Shin, Hannah Green, and Epson Tour graduate, Australian Grace Kim.

Kim put on the best run, making par after par on the back nine to reach 11-under and tie the lead. But just as Buhai was making a birdie on the 17th to reclaim the lead, Kim made a mess of the par-5 18th, pitching out sideways from a fairway bunker and then taking three putts for double bogey.

That left Buhai and Shin to battle down the final



hole. Shin had a birdie putt to send the event into a playoff that looked good all the way. But at the last moment, the ball skirted the left edge, leaving the former Rolex Rankings No.1 a shot back.

When Buhai made her par, her husband Dave Buhai, who normally caddies for Jeongeun Lee6 but was on Ashleigh's bag this week, grabbed her in a bear hug.

"It's the cherry on the top, I guess," Buhai said before becoming emotional. "Sorry, it just hit me. Dave was in the gallery during the closing moments of the AIG Women's Open, agonizing over Ashleigh's every shot. In Melbourne, she gave him credit for making the victory possible.

"He just kept me calm and I think once I knew I had a one-shot lead I felt pretty comfortable in a way," Ashleigh said. "But then Jiyai hit it close on 18. But (Dave) was just really good at keeping me in the moment, because I do get a little nervy out there, for sure."

Green was low Australian, finishing alone in third at 10-under par, two behind Buhai and one ahead of Kim. Minjee Lee put together four under-par rounds to finish 8-under and alone in fifth, while Marina Alex was low American, finishing 5-under par and in a tie for eighth with Australian Stephanie Kyriacou.

# CRICKETING FATHER NIKHIL CHOPRA TAKES TIME OFF TO CADDIE FOR SON KRISHNAV

he Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship is doubtless a major landmark in the career of young amateur golfers, but it is no different for their parents, too.

Nikhil Chopra, former India cricketer, and now a regular commentator on television would normally have been in Australia for the T20 World Cup of Cricket, but he chose to skip a week of cricket duty to be his son, Krishnav's caddie this week at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship in Thailand.

"This is a big moment for him. The AAC is easily the best-known amateur event in Asia with a massive incentive for those winning it. Imagine playing for a spot into the Augusta Masters and The Open," said Chopra.

"So, when Krishnav got an invite for this tournament (based on his World Amateur Golf Ranking) I knew where I was going to be that week."

Nikhil did commentary duty for a match in Australia before coming here to Bangkok. He will return to Australia at the end of this week after his son's event on Sunday.

Krishnav is one of the seven Indians in the field for the tournament that gives the winner a spot at the Augusta Masters and The Open. The other Indians are Rayhan Thomas, Aryan Roopa Anand, Milind Soni, Arjun Gupta, Shaurya Bhattacharya and Shat Mishra.

Krishnav admits his father is the idol for him. So, he is thrilled to have him as the caddie this week. He said, "He's here with me right now. He's going to be caddying for me the rest of the week."

The father-son love playing and hanging around a golf course together. "I mean, it's a two way thing. He's going to be carrying the bag, and he's going to help me with yardages and lines and just keep the normal banter we always have."

Krishnav, who is now playing college golf at Long Beach State University, says he is learning a lot from his Dad. "For sure whatever he's gone through at an early stage, whatever mistakes he's made, he's always looked out for that so that I don't make those mistakes. He's now a cricket commentator and he still loves to play golf.

"Even if we are traveling somewhere together, we always have golf bags. He likes to play, and he wants to take it up as a sport after retiring from cricket. I've learned a lot from him, whether it's respect and mannerism even on the



"I played my first practice round today. Got into the driving range after a 25 hour flight from Los Angeles. The course is in pristine condition. It's nice. The weather is not that bad."

golf course or anywhere. It's just that I look up to him a lot."

Travelling long distances to play golf does not faze Krishnav, who said, "I played my first practice round today. Got into the driving range after a 25 hour flight from Los Angeles. The course is in pristine condition. It's nice. The weather is not that bad. You just have to keep popping the liquid after every two or three holes."

On the weather and the course, he added, "In India, it's just a little more humid than this sometimes. It's hot for everyone."

"It's playing to about 7,500. Fairways are a little soft. Mud balls in the morning. But other than that, it's (17th) a beautiful hole, and the boat ride on 17 is something we have never experienced."

So far, this has been a great year for Krishnav. "This year has been special. I played some golf over the start of the year. I won the AJGA in Texas. Played well in the Dustin Johnson (Invitational). I won my first amateur event in my home golf club (Delhi Golf Club), and I went through college golf, got into Long Beach State and played the first two, three tournaments over there. We finished first in the two tournaments over there, and the last one we came tied fifth. I played well as an individual, too. Came in top 15 in the first two tournaments."

"It's been a good summer and I've been working hard with my coach, Dana Dahlquist, in L.A. at Long Beach and in the gym."

Once he is through with his golfing career, which has just about started, Krishnav would love to be a golf commentator, following in his father's footsteps.

But, for now he is soaking it in and enjoying the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship at Amata Spring Country Club. It may be hot and humid for some, but not for the younger Chopraa, who spells his name with an extra 'a'. And, he is bursting with extra energy, too.

# IMPRESSIVE WINS AT US KIDS GOLF INDIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



ith five players producing par or better on the final while winning the title in their age category, the US Kids Golf Indian Championship provided some high-quality golf at the Classic Golf and Country Club.

Ishan Ahuja (Boys 15-18), Adit Veeramachaneni (Boys 9) and Kabir Goyal (Boys 7 and under) produced one-under rounds as did Lavanya Gupta (Girls 15-18). Pritish Singh Karayat overcame the slow first round of 76 with 70-72 on the final two days to beat back a strong field in Boys 13-14.

Four other winners, Rabab Kahlon (Girls 9-10), a less-than-fully fit Mahreen Bhatia (Girls 13-14), Chaitanya Pandey (Boys 11) and Kartik Singh (Boys 12) turned in cards of 1-over 73 each to emerge toppers in their respective age groups.

Dan Van Horn, Founder and President of US Kids Golf worldwide gave away the prizes. In his address to the young golfers, Van Horn said that some of the best current golfers in the world like Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa, Scottie Scheffler, and women's star Lexi Thompson had played the US kids events. He also revealed that more than 40 players in both the US Open and Women's US open had played in US Kids Golf, underlining the strong foundation this series provides.

Kriti Parekh kept her nerves as her main rivals

Amiya Koul (Singapore) and Shambhavi Chaturvedi fell to bogeys in their final hole, the ninth. A par for Amiya would have led to a play-off. Kriti had given away three bogeys on her first nine, the back stretch of the course, and another four bogeys on the second nine, but her 36-hole lead of two shots held good for her as she won by one shot over Amiya and by two over Shambhavi.

Amaira Gulati produced another consistent 9-hole round of 2-over 38 in Girls 8 and under, to win by a whopping 12 shots.

Jot Sarup Gupta shot a nine-hole score of 43 in the final round of Boys 8 and Vidit Aggarwal in Boys 10 carded 79 but held on to win as his rival failed to capitalise on the opportunity.

Based on their performances this week, and on the domestic Tour, players will gain eligibility to the World Championship at Pinehurst and the European Championships in Scotland and UK.

Kabir Goyal, a tiny tot for NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh was the only player with under par rounds on all three days with 33-33-35 in is nine-hole rounds on the Canyon Course.

Two other players, both in Boys 12 category, winner Kartik Singh, who was the most consistent with 71-69-73 and second placed Prince Bainsla 68-71-77 carded two under par rounds in the tournament.

Final scores of US Kids Golf Indian Championship: Category (Holes/ yardage)/ Leader (State)/ Score

## **GIRLS SECTION**

Girls 8 & Under (9 holes/ 1495 yards): Amaira Gulati 35-38-38 (+3); Vihana Patel 40-40-43 (+15) Girls 9-10 (18 / 3995 yards): Rabab Kahlon 85-80-73 (+22); Dalisha Chetry 85-83-76 (+28); Girls 11-12 (18/ 4585 yards): Kriti Parekh 70-76-78 (+8); Aamiya Koul (Singapore) 75-75-75 (+9) Girls 13-14 (18/ 5665 yards): Mahreen Bhatia 80-78-73 (+15), Alysha Dutt 80-80-75 (+19) Girls 15-18 (18/ 5665 yards): Lavanya Gupta 75-73-71 (+3); Diya Brar 77-81-73 (+15)

## **BOYS SECTION**

Boys 7 & Under (9/ 1755 yards): Kabir Goyal 33-33-35 (-7); Divjot Gupta 41-40-40 (+13)

Boys 8 (18/ 2010 yards): Jot Sarup Gupta 46-55-43 (+36); Arihant Joshi 60-55-56 (+63);

Boys 9 (18/ 3995 yards): Adit Veeramachaneni 73-75-71 (+3); Siddhant Sharma 76-75-76 (+11)

Boys 10 (18/ 4585 yards): Vidit Aggarwal 83-72-79 (+18); Aditya Misra 81-79-79 (+23)

Boys 11 (18/ 5193 yards): Chaitanya Pandey 75-72-73 (+4); Keiran Gouri (Canada) 75-73-78 (+10)

Boys 12 (18/ 5665 yards): Kartik Singh 71-69-73 (-3); Prince Bainsla 68-71-77 (Even);

Boys 13-14 (18/ 6386 yards): Pritish Singh Karayat 76-70-72 (+2); Jai Gupta 70-77-74 (+5)

Boys 15-18 (18/ 6386 yards): Ishan Ahuja 73-72-71 (Even); Ram Singh Mann Ramirez 76-71-74 (+5)

# YOUNG MASTER EVENTS

## **EVENT 1**

Aug ended and Sep started with a new name on the WAGR list and that was Ram Singh Mann. Ram Singh Mann and Jia Kataria won top honours at the WAGR Junior Championship held at Golden Greens. The road for Jia and Ram towards victory was result of hard fought battles. Ram shot rounds of 75,76,75 for a total of 226 which was 1 shot better than Ishan Ahuja who shot rounds of 75,75,77 for a total of 227.Ranveer Singh Dhupia put up a good fight but finished 3rd with rounds of 77,74,78 for a total of 229. Jia also with rounds of 70,74,78 for a total of 222 manage to sneak past Palakshi Singh who had rounds of 72,73,78 form a total of 223, one shot further was Lavanya Jadon with rounds of 72,75,77 for a total of 224. In all we had more than 30 competitors.



Young Master Championship held at Jaypee Greens Golf Resort again saw a new entry on the WAGR list and this was due to some great golf over 3 tough days. Ranveer Mitroo made this event a special one by becoming the youngest WAGR entrant. Ranveer shot rounds of 76,76,74 for a total of 226 and won by 3 shots from Anshul Bhati who had rounds of 77,75,77. Udai came third with rounds of 80,75,76. Ranveer's victory margin would have been bigger but he took his foot of the accelerator on the last few holes. Great performance by this small dynamite.

## **EVENT 3**

The Haryana Matchplay Challenge was the 3rd event in a row we had a new entrant to WAGR from India. The Young Master matchplay event at Golden Greens had a small field but the golf was of high standards. We had a 36 hole stroke play qualifier to select the Top 8 seeds for the Knockout rounds and the main event. Jaibir was the youngest competitor in the field and put up a great show to qualify for the main event. The top 8 line up for Matchplay was Rohit Boken vs Jaibir Kang, Anshul Kabhtiyal vs Safdar Hussain, Preitisha K. Gill vs Anjan Gangisetty & Vihaan Malhotra vs Jiah Kang. The Q-Finals saw the two girls beat their male opponents and reach the S-Finals. In the semis it was Boy vs Girl in both the matches









where it was Rohit vs Preitisha and Anshul vs Jiah. The girls gave a great fight to the boys but in the end the boys won and the Final was set between Anshul & Rohit. The subsidiary Match play Final was between Preitisha & Jiah. Rohit playing the final was the local lad

and produced some great golf and fought back to take the match to the last hole. Anshul kept his nerves and won on the 18th hole. The girls event was also a keenly fought match with Jiah winning on the 18th hole 2up. There was a subsidiary matchplay final between brothers

Andrew & Kevin Groser. Kevin started off the blocks very fast but Andrews consistency got the better of Kevin and Andrew won 3&2

## **EVENT 4**

Anshul makes it 2 in a row. Our first event of 2022 being held at Karma Lakelands and what hot golf by this small field of talented golfers. Anshul managed to cross the line after some tough competition from the young guns. Anshul shot rounds of 70,68,72 to shoot par for 3 days and win by 4 shots from Ranveer Mitroo 72,71,71 & Rakshit Dahiya 70,69,73 with harman a further shot back with rounds of 71,70,74 and a shot further back was Vedant Banerjee with rounds of 75,70,71.

## **EVENT 5**

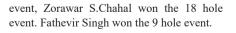
Forest Hill Punjab Matchplay Championship was the first matchplay event in Punjab and what an event course records, father son combination local club Caddy Master excelling in the qualifiers. The 2 day qualifier had fireworks from Ram Singh Mann on day 2 with a round of 8 under par, the other firework display was from Neil Jolly the youngest competitor playing 5 under in 2 days. Vickram Jolly, Neil's Father participated in his 1st tournament ironically on the same course where Neil played his first tournament also. It was nice to see 3 Caddy amateurs make it to the Matchplay round. The top 8 line up for Main Matchplay was Ram S.Mann vs Ajay Kumar, Lal Chand vs Jai Gupta, Sonu Verma vs Mahaveer Bhadoo, Neil Jolly vs Ranvijay S. Gill. Matches of Ram & Jai's matches came till the 17th where Ram and Jai won 2&1. The other 2 matches were a bit one sided by Manyaveer winning 5&3 and Neil winning 4&3. In the Semi-Finals both matches were keenly contested as expected and Ram's match went in Ram's favor on the 21st hole, whereas Neil won his match on the 18th hole. Before we teed off for the Finals we had the 3rd & 4th place playoff between jai Gupta & Manyaveer Bhadoo as well as the Subsidiary Final between Waris Kamboj & Vickram Jolly.

The final between Ram & Neil was an intense match with leads shifting till the 16th hole. We had long eagle putts, chip in birdies alongwith some fun moments. The 3rd place playoff was won by Jai Gupta on the 18th hole. The subsidiary Final was won by Waris on the 17th hole. The Final one did know who would win until Ram showed us some great golf in the last 4 holes to eventually win the match 3&1. We had a sub-junior category also for 18 and 36 holes; Basil Singhal won the 36 hole









## **EVENT 6**

Little Master Tour held the India qualifier for the Champion of Champions World Invitational to be held in Ireland in 2023.





Dec 28-30 Little Master Tour celebrating its 10th Year proud to announce that it is organizing the Asian Championship where golfing legends of India like Gaurav Ghei, Arjun Atwal, Gaganjeet Bhullar, Rahil Gangjee, Simi Mehra, Sharmila Nicolett alongwith Riya Yadav and Rhea Jha have consented to have trophies in their names for different age groups.

# THE MUMBAI LEG OF C- TOUR TEES OFF

he Mumbai leg of the C Tour presented by Vredestein Tyres was held at Willingdon Golf Club! With apt weather the golfers enjoyed their game. To add up the excitement, MG Motors displayed their car near the 1st fairway. While the players enjoyed their round Vredestein Tyres arranged a FREE Car Health Check Up.

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Winner Nett - Utsav Shah

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Second runner up Nett -Sidharth Thacker

Winner Senior – Vinod Vohra

### **On Course Winners:**

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Putting Competition winners were - Akshay

Kilachand, Ajay Shah, Atul Modi & Srinivasan Nagobarao

**'House of Hiranandani' Closest to Pin** - Devdutt Sekdhar

'GolfPlus Monthly' Straightest Drive - Pradip Patel

The 'Vredestein Tyres' Most Stylish Golfer was won

by Sudan Baraokar who looked natty in all RED!



# C- TOUR GOES TO CHANDIGARH

he 4th leg of the 13 cities C Tour presented by Vredestein Tyres was held at - Chandigarh Golf Club! The event saw golfers comprising of Corporate Heads, Senior Government officials, Small & Medium Business owners enjoying their round at the Asia's busiest golf course.

The event is a great opportunity to network and provides an excellent opportunity to optimize the corporate network through the game of Golf by inviting key clients to the events. The prize distribution was held at a musical evening which saw more than 400 people attending the evening. The highlight of the evening was a full compliment barbeque.



























## **RESULTS**

Business Category - Sandeep S Sandhu Professional Category - Achharpal Singh Government Category - Col. I S Bains Corporate Category - Sumit Sood

Gross Winner - Saurabh S Mangat

## Handicap 0-6

Winner - Deepinder S Batth,

Runner Up - Amandeep S Bhaika - 36 Pts.

## Handicap 7-10

Winner - Shantanu Mohan Puri, Runner Up - S D S Batth

## Handicap 11-14

Winner - Sultan S Matharoo, Runner Up - Brig M S Dhanoa

## Handicap 15-18

Winner - Parkash Mimani, Runner Up - Yashvir Dogra

### Handicap 19-24

Winner - Pradeep S Randhawa, Runner Up - Capt. Malvinder Singh

#### Seniors

Winner - Col. K J S Khurana, Runner Up - Col. M S Sidhu

## **Ladies Category**

Winner - Binny Bath, Runner Up - Hanima Grewal

## **On Course Winners were:**

**Closest To Pin Hole** - Iqbaljit Singh Grewal, **Straightest Drive** - Bhupinder S Cheema

Straightest Drive - Bridginder 3 Cheema

**'Vredestein Tyres' Longest Drive** - Col. B P S Gill & Putting Competition Winners Were P S Sodhi, Brig. S S Sanshu, C S Mann, Capt. G S Ghuman

The 'Vredestein Tyres' Most Stylish Golfer : Gauhar Pruthi





# TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND ORGANIZED 'AMAZING THAILAND GOLF ROADSHOW" IN IN











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"Happy to see many Indian golfers playing in Thailand especially Phuket due to connectivity and services offer for Indian golfer. Golf is one of the important segments which we focus on and continue to promote Thailand as Indian Golfer's favourite destination." Mr. Vachirachai Sirisumpan Director, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) New Delhi Office Special offers for the participants and presentations being made by MBK Public Company Ltd: https://www.mbkgolf.com/



- Red Mountain Golf Club, Phuket
- Loch Palm Golf Club, Phuket
- Riverdale Golf Club, Bangkok
- Bangkok Golf Club, Bangkok

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- Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort, Lamphun
- Gassan Legacy Golf Club, Lamphun
- Gassan Panorama Golf Club, Lamphun

Her Excellency Ms. Pattarat Hongthong, Ambassador of Thailand to India graced the occasion, addressing the delegates she said "We thank all Indian partners who have been working closely us for many years and supporting Amazing Thailand. Thailand is fully opened and ready to welcome guests from India returning to Thailand once again" Speaking on the occasion Mr. Vachirachai Sirisumpan,

Director, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) New Delhi Office said "Thailand has welcomed almost 7 lakhs Indian tourist from January to October, 2022, Due to proximity and direct connectivity between two country and we see many golfers stating visit to different part of Thailand from Chiang Mai to Phuket".

The event in both the golf courses had a networking Golf event followed by a prize distribution Lunch and a Lucky draw wherein the winners got a Chance to play at Some of the attending Golf Courses in Thailand. When it comes to hospitality no country comes closer to perfection than Thailand, offering something for everyone of diverse interest, every age and every budget. From pristine sandy beaches to lush jungles, bustling busy cities to traditional villages, Micheline star menus to roadside noodle stalls, historic Buddhist temples to 21st century sky scrapers, Thailand has it all from A2Z. 61



huket lies in the Andaman Sea on Thailand's Indian Ocean coast located 867 kilometers south of Bangkok. The biggest island of Thailand Phuket is blessed with magnificent coves and bays, palm-filled, white beaches, small surrounding islands, hospitable people and great seafood.

Phuket has a large Chinese influence with many Chinese shrines and Chinese Restaurants around the City. A Chinese Vegetarian Festival is held there every year.

Phuket is surrounded by many magnificent Beaches, a number Championship Golf Courses and a lot of must visit locations! Laem Phromthep viewpoint is said to feature the most beautiful sunsets in Thailand. Tiger Woods has visited the island and played here as an Amateur as well as a Professional.

## **Golf Courses**

- > Red Mountain Golf Club
- > Blue Canyon Golf Club
- > Aquella Golf Club
- > Laguna Golf Club
- > Mission Hills Golf Club

#### Hotels

- > Holiday Inn Phuket
- > Amari Phuket

- > Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket
- > Marriot Naiyang Phuket
- Keemala Phuket
- > Sunsuri Phuket

## **Attractions**

- > Siam Niramit Phuket
- > Phuket FuntaSea
- > Simon Cabaret
- > Island Hoping Phang Phanga Bay, Phi Phi
- > Banana Beach
- > Thai Massage & Spa
- > Phuket Old Town
- > Food

# GOLFING AT CHIANG MAI The Rose of the North

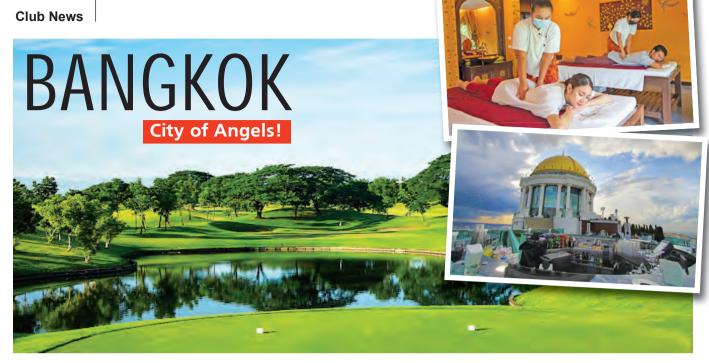
or an unforgettable golf holiday, Chiang Mai offers golfers a city rich in culture, crafts, temples and natural beauty along with eight championship golf courses. Chiang Mai is filled with various entertainment centres, shopping opportunities, while gourmets can feast on tasty local Lanna cuisine and Chiang Mai nightlife For a golf holiday with luxury accommodations Chiang Mai offers an unbelievable choice. Those who enjoy other treasures won't be disappointed. Chiang Mai offers its visitors a city rich in culture, spas crafts, temples and natural beauty.

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- Alphine Golf Resort
- Chiang Mai Highlands Golf Course and Spa
- Gassan Khuntan Golf & Resort
- North Hill Golf Club
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## **Hotels**

- Le Meridien Chiang Mai
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- Novotel Chiang Mai Nimman Journeyhub
- Melia Chiang Mai
- Rati Lanna Riverside Spa Resort Chiang Mai
- Anantara Chiang Mai Resort



or an Amazing golf holiday, Bangkok offers golfers a modern city rich in cosmopolitan culture, shopping, temples, exciting nightlife along with an abundance of golf courses.

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## **Golf Courses**

- Alpine Golf Club
- Riverdale Golf Club
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- Summit Windmill Golf Club
- Thai Country Club

#### Hotels

Sindhorn Kempinski Bangkok

- Hyatt Regency Sukhumvit Bangkok
- Montien Surawong Hotel Bangkok
- Lebua Hotels and Resorts
- Banyan Tree Bangkok
- Marriott Marquis Hotel Bangkok

## Attractions

- Roof Top Bars
- Dinner Cruise at Chao Phraya River
- Visit Temples
- Thai Massage & Spa
- Shopping at Thaniya Plaza
- Icon Siam
- Mahanakhon Sky Walk

" We would like to thank the Tourism Authority of Thailand New Delhi office team. India For the Amazing Thailand Golf to India event, which is an opportunity for gassan golf courses and resorts. has linked golf and accommodation businesses with travel agents and golfers in India. We would like to thank all the staff and look forward to having the opportunity to welcome golfers and tourists to Gassan Golf Courses and Resorts in the near future."

#### Supodcha Swetiyaram

Director of Sales and Marketing, Hassan Golf & Resort Group

"I would like to say "Thank you to the Tourism Authority of Thailand, New Delhi Office for creating a great opportunity to conect with Indian Agency & Indian Golfer Bangkok Golf Club and Riverdale Golf Club always looking forward to warmly welcome you."

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# MANU GANDAS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS TITLE

# DESPITE LAST-HOLE SCARE AT IRA PRESENTS TELANGANA GOLCONDA MASTERS 2022 POWERED BY TELANGANA TOURISM

anu Gandas overcame a scare on the final hole to defend his title and win the IRA presents Telangana Golconda Masters 2022 powered by Telangana Tourism with a four-day aggregate score of 23-under 257. Despite a double-bogey on the final hole of the Rs. 40 lakh event, Manu finished two strokes ahead of second-placed Yuvraj Singh Sandhu at the Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA) course. As a result of his fifth career win, Gurugrambased Manu Gandas (63-60-65-69) earned a cheque of INR 6,00,000 and moved up one place to second position on the PGTI Order of Merit. Chandigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu (64-65-65-65) also moved up one spot to the top of the rankings.

Manu Gandas, the overnight leader by six shots, was well on course to the title till the 17th hole having led by four shots over Yuvraj Singh Sandhu. Manu's excellent driving, approach shots and chipping earned him five birdies in exchange for two bogeys over 17 holes.

However, Gandas found the bunker with his drive on the 18th and then couldn't get it out





Shri V Srinivas Goud (Hon'ble Minister of Prohibition & Excise, Sports & Youth Services, Tourism & Culture and Archaeology, Govt of Telangana) tries his hand at putting

of the bunker with his second shot. He finally landed it just short of the green with his fourth shot and left himself a tricky 12-feet conversion for double-bogey after his chip. Manu then displayed his steely resolve as he sank the 12-feet pressure putt to seal the title with a two-shot margin over Yuvraj.

Gandas said, "This tournament has a special place for me because this is where my breakthrough win came last year. It feels quite satisfying to have defended my title.

"For most part of the day, I played my own game, one shot at a time and focussed well. I was relieved after the last putt because I hadn't played very smartly just prior to that and had



almost thrown it away. Being focussed comes to me naturally since the very start of my career. I feel that is one of my strengths and it helped me today as well."

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu posted six birdies and a bogey for the day's best score of 65 in round four to end up as runner-up and continue his consistent run this season.

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# YUVRAJ SINGH SANDHU RETAINS TITLE

# WITH SENSATIONAL FINAL ROUND 64 AT INDIANOIL SERVO MASTERS GOLF 2022

handigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu came from behind with a sensational eight-under 64, the day's best card, to retain his title with a two-shot triumph at the Rs. 75 lakh IndianOil SERVO Masters 2022 played at the Digboi Golf Links.

Yuvraj, who had also won his maiden PGTI title in Digboi last year, totaled 17-under 271 for the week, thus matching Ashok Kumar and Gaganjeet Bhullar's record of five wins in a PGTI season set by the two players in the 2006-07 and 2009 seasons respectively.

The 25-year-old Sandhu (63-70-74-64) now has eight professional titles to his name including six on the PGTI's main tour. Yuvraj's winning cheque worth Rs. 11,25,000 took his earnings for the season to Rs. 62,39,768 thus extending his lead in the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking to over Rs. 11 lakh over second-placed Manu Gandas who has four titles to his credit this season.

Arjun Sharma (66-68-70-69) of Greater Noida, the overnight leader by one shot, secured his second runner-up finish of the season after he shot a final round of 69 to total 15-under 273 for





the week. Arjun, as a result, climbed from 28th to 19th place in PGTI's money list.

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu, who was the leader for the first two rounds before slipping to tied fourth and three shots off the lead after round three, came out firing on all cylinders with a flawless 64 in the final round.

Yuvraj's ball-striking, the best aspect of his



game through the week, stood out for him once again in round four as he found the edges of a couple of par-4 greens with his tee shots and a couple of par-5 greens with his approach shots to set up chip-putt birdies there.

Yuvraj said, "I generally don't start an event well but with my round of 63 here I told myself, if I can do it on day one, I can certainly do it on



day four. My father sent me a long text in the morning today which also encouraged me and egged me on to play well.

"Last year, I played the hottest back-nine of my career on the final day here. I was running that performance through my mind on repeat when I was playing the back-nine today. That helped my cause."

















# NERVELESS MANU GANDAS SEALS THUMPING FOUR-SHOT WIN AT DREAM VALLEY GROUP PRESENTS VOOTY MASTERS 2022

## GANDAS EARNS A RECORD FIFTH TITLE OF THE SEASON AND EQUALS RECORD FOR LOWEST WINNING TOTAL ON THE PGTI

anu Gandas of Gurugram sealed a thumping four-shot win after a nerveless final round display of sixunder 66 at the inaugural Dream Valley Group presents Vooty Masters, a Rs. 1 crore event played at the Vooty Golf County in Vikarabad, Telangana.

Manu (63-68-67-66), the overnight leader by one shot, totaled 24-under 264 for the week to register his fifth win of 2022 and thus match the PGTI record for most wins in a season, a record previously jointly held by Yuvraj Singh Sandhu (2022), Gaganjeet Bhullar (2009) and Ashok Kumar (2006-07). In the process, Gandas also equaled the PGTI record for the lowest winning total (24-under 264) set earlier by Anirban Lahiri, Rashid Khan and Akshay Sharma.

Gandas took home the winning cheque worth Rs. 15,00,000 to consolidate himself in second position in the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking as his prize money earnings for the season moved to Rs. 65,78,938.

Om Prakash Chouhan (66-63-73-66) of Mhow finished runner-up at 20-under 268 following his last round of 66.

Chandigarh's Yuvraj Singh Sandhu continued to lead the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking with a narrow margin thanks to his sensational last

round effort of nine-under 63 which matched the course record set previously in the week by Manu Gandas and Om Prakash Chouhan. Yuvraj finished fourth at 14-under 274 which took his season's earnings to Rs. 67,39,568.

The 26-year-old Manu Gandas was in total control on the front-nine having made five birdies and a bogey. Gandas, who has six career titles on the PGTI, then dropped a double-bogey on the 10th that saw Chouhan get within two shots of the lead. Gandas finally saw it home

## YUVRAJ SINGH SANDHU MATCHES COURSE RECORD 63 TO FINISH FOURTH AND MAINTAIN HIS LEAD IN THE TATA STEEL PGTI RANKING

in style with four birdies thereafter including a monster 45-feet conversion on the 18th.

Manu said, "I took one shot at a time and stayed in the present. I tend to get a bit aggressive as the round progresses but I managed to keep that tendency in check. I kept my composure well.

"I'm quite pleased with the records added to my name but my focus is more on taking my game to the next level.

"It was an amazing experience playing here at the world-class Vooty Golf County for the first





L - R: Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO - PGTI, professionals Yuvraj Singh Sandhu and Manu Gandas and Mr. K Prithvi Reddy, CEO - Dream Valley Group, pose with the trophy at the Press Conference of the Dream Valley Group presents Vooty Masters 2022

time. The course conditions were immaculate. I thank the Dream Valley Group for supporting this event."













MANU GANDAS "2022"

WINS IN A SEASON

> GAGANJEET BHULLAR "2009"









## TATA STEEL PGTI ORDER OF MERIT

TATA STEEL PGTI ORDER OF MERIT as of DREAM VALLEY GROUP presents VOOTY MASTERS 2022 (EVENT - 19)

POS	GOLFER	HOME TOWN	PLAYED	WINS	CUTS T	OP-10s	TO	TAL PRIZE
1	YUVRAJ SINGH SANDHU	CHANDIGARH	16	5	14	10	₹	6739568
2	MANU GANDAS	GURUGRAM	17	5	17	11	₹	6578938
3	AJEETESH SANDHU	CHANDIGARH	6	0	6	4	₹	5015940
4	OM PRAKASH CHOUHAN	MHOW	17	1	17	7	₹	3887508
5	KARANDEEP KOCHHAR	CHANDIGARH	7	1	7	5	₹	3315998
6	JAMAL HOSSAIN	DHAKA	14	0	14	7	₹	3003277
7	SHAMIM KHAN	DELHI	18	0	16	8	₹	2954066
8	VARUN PARIKH	AHMEDABAD	15	1	12	2	₹	2554417
9	KARTIK SHARMA	GURUGRAM	19	0	19	9	₹	2524471
10	YASHAS CHANDRA M S	MYSORE	16	0	15	6	₹	2399308
11	KSHITIJ NAVEED KAUL	FARIDABAD	12	1	12	7	₹	2375129
12	GAGANJEET BHULLAR	KAPURTHALA	2	1	2	1	₹	2363200
13	KHALIN H JOSHI	BENGALURU	11	1	10	7	₹	2328127
14	ABHIJIT SINGH CHADHA	CHANDIGARH	14	0	14	8	₹	2309923
15	MITHUN PERERA	COLOMBO	19	0	16	4	₹	2195871
16	N THANGARAJA	COLOMBO	17	0	16	6	₹	2187425
17	VEER AHLAWAT	GURUGRAM	6	1	6	3	₹	2130741
18	M DHARMA	BENGALURU	17	0	14	5	₹	2003773
19	AKSHAY SHARMA	CHANDIGARH	19	0	12	4	₹	1995275
20	ARJUN SHARMA	GREATER NOIDA	18	0	12	2	₹	1957518
21	ANGAD CHEEMA	MOHALI	13	0	12	4	₹	1710482
22	SACHIN BAISOYA	DELHI	17	0	15	2	₹	1675748
23	HARENDRA GUPTA	CHANDIGARH	18	0	14	5	₹	1665096
24	KAPIL KUMAR	DELHI	18	0	15	2	₹	1484290
25	ARJUN BHATI	NOIDA	14	0	13	2	₹	1345610
26	RASHID KHAN	NOIDA	8	0	8	4	₹	1293971
27	RANJIT SINGH	CHANDIGARH	18	0	15	3	₹	1287449
28	SHANKAR DAS	KOLKATA	18	0	12	4	₹	1284970
29	PAWAN KUMAR	DELHI	17	0	13	2	₹	1259888
30	BADAL HOSSAIN	SAVAR	14	0	12	3	₹	1151096













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