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Bryson DeChambeau



THIS MONTH

Welcome to the latest edition of our golf magazine, where we bring you the latest news and updates from the world of golf in India.

In recent developments, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has recognized the faction led by Harish Kumar Shetty in the Indian Golf Union (IGU) following a review of the December 15 polls. With separate elections held by Shetty and Bijender Singh under different Returning Officers, the golfing community is buzzing with anticipation for the future of the sport in India.

On the professional front, the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) has appointed Amandeep Johl as its new CEO, bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to the organization. This appointment, alongside the recent addition of cricketing legend Kapil Dev as PGTI President, sets the stage for an exciting future for golf in India.

Excitement is also building for the upcoming International Series tournament, backed by LIV Golf, set to be held in India for the first time. With a stellar line-up of players

including Bryson DeChambeau, Paul Casey, and Anirban Lahiri, the tournament promises to be a thrilling event for golf enthusiasts in the country.

We hope you enjoy this edition of our magazine, filled with exciting news and updates from the world of golf in India. Hit them long and straight!



LIV Golf star Joaquin Niemann

Happy reading!

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Chandigarh's Ajeetesh Sandhu registered a thumping five-shot win after returning a confident one-under 71 in the last round of the INR 2 crore Vishwa Samudra Open 2024 presented by Kapil Dev played at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC). Ajeetesh (69-67-69-71), who totaled 12-under 276 for the week, took home an impressive prize money cheque of INR 30 lakh for his effort.

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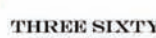
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BHAVYA BHARAT ITS TIME HAS COME

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Sadhguru: This land of Bharat has been a cultural entity for thousands of years, but we became a republic only in 1950. A republic happens because there is a Constitution where all the rules are written down.

When we say, “I am a citizen of this Nation,” in some way, we are saying that we will adhere to its Constitution. When the Constitution says something is right or wrong, we abide by it. Most religions also have a Constitution written supposedly by the Divine, a progeny or maybe a messenger, which makes it non-negotiable.

If a Constitution is not negotiable or open to amendment, it means you cannot mend it. But the Constitution of a republic can be amended according to the times and mindsets of the times because it is an agreement between all of us to adhere to a common law, so that we do not collide at every point.

Right now, there is a small segment in the country that keeps talking about freedom of speech, or the lack of it in the country. “Freedom” is a bad word because I have always seen, the moment someone starts talking about

freedom, they start doing irresponsible things. “Responsibility” is the right word because where there is no responsibility, there will anyway be no freedom. Only if all of us behave responsibly, there is some freedom. If we start behaving irresponsibly towards each other, there will be strife, not Freedom.

These are people still living in the romance of revolution. They do not understand that it is a romance of another time. There is no place for such a thing in today’s world. Today, if you want to cause a revolution, educate a hundred

children or plant a million trees. What matters is whether you have a revolutionary idea for a solution.

The Gift of Modern Democracy

In the past, the world was ruled by tyrants with guns, so fighting and killing them was a revolution. Today, almost the entire world is democratic. If you want to bring any change, especially in this country, you can only do it through a democratic process. For that, we have a framework - the Constitution.

As I said, the Constitution is an agreement between us, which we can amend as required by the times. This is one of the fundamental duties of a democratically elected government. Democracy is a powerful way of disrupting the status quo, challenging power equations, and shaking up cliques and cartels, pockets of monopoly and exclusivity. But the core of democracy is not dissent. The core of democracy is that the people's choice is respected, regarded well and the Government becomes an expression of people's will. If the leaders that we have elected are not working for the nation, it is our business to replace them.

The gift of modern democracy is that it effects the change of power through the ballot box. It is a great achievement that we have found a means of transferring power without bloodshed, to disrupt power non-violently.

Retaining Freedom of Speech

However, once we choose to respect the ballot box, it means that we have tacitly agreed to subordinate our personal will to the will of the collective. Does this mean that we have lost our right to speak or protest? Far from it. It is vital to retain our individual freedom of speech and expression, our capacity to discern and dissent, to dialogue and debate. A democracy is only functional when these individual freedoms are proudly enshrined and robustly protected.

But before we become vociferous champions of the cause of individual freedom, it is imperative that we also become responsible citizens. A

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system that has found ways to manipulate groups to vote en masse - whether on the basis of caste, religion, gender, or even ideology - is not a true democracy. It is feudalism in democratic garb.

Not a Culture of Commandments

A thriving democracy, like an authentic spiritual process, is based on the notion of individual freedom. But only when individuals look beyond the lure of populist political and religious propaganda can true democracy and true spirituality be born. In both cases, the individual must emerge from peer pressure and cronyism, narrow group interests and power lobbies.

We must remember that the beauty of Bharat is that we have formed this nation, not on the basis of sameness, but on the basis of the variety of who we are. Sameness is the formula of nation-building, but Bharat stands in defiance of this mediocrity. People's ethnicity, their language, food, way of dressing, music, and dance, everything is different every fifty or hundred kilometers in the country. This culture is the most complex and colorful culture on the planet. And it is very important we stay this way.

This is a nation where we dared to encourage diversity to a point where we have over 1300 languages and dialects in the country, and nearly thirty proper languages with an enormous body of literature. We have probably the largest number of arts and crafts on the planet for one nation. We are not just a house for every religion in the world but the house to so many varieties of worship, so many varieties of approaching one's inner wellbeing and ultimate wellbeing that the rest of the world has never seen.

But we must use our diversity as a possibility. We must use the multifarious aspects of this nation, the most colorful existence that we have, as a great asset. Let our differences be celebrated not discriminatory.


An Opportunity Like Never Before

It is time that whatever ideology you believe in, whatever caste, creed, or religion you belong to, see how this could be a solution for the many problems of this nation. See how your faiths can be a solution for this nation, how your culture can be a solution for this nation. Let your faith be a personal pursuit within yourself. Let your caste be just about the tapestry of the variety of cultures of this nation. Let us not use ideology, faith, caste and creed as a divisive force to fragment this nation.

In the world, we have been left twenty-five to thirty years behind many nations. For the nation that we are, for the intellect, the knowledge, the history and the cultural strength we have, we have not found a firm footing in the comity of nations. In terms of the living standards of our citizens, we are not on equal terms with many, even among the Asian countries. Right now, we have a tremendous possibility to create a level playing field if only we function as one nation.

Even after so many years of independence, the dreams of Bhavya Bharat are still burning in the hearts and minds of over 1.4 billion people. If 1.4 billion people stand up for the making of this nation, we can do something that has never been done in the history of humanity, which is, we can take a large mass of people from one level of living to another. In some nations, it has been done in a very forceful manner. But never before have nearly 600 million people been moved from one level of living to another in a generation. But such an opportunity is there right in front of us, for this generation of people.

Let every citizen, particularly the youth of this country, focus on this. You must understand that the future of the nation rests on your skills, your determination, and on your functioning in an inspired manner. If we want to make the dream of over 1.4 billion people into a living reality, right now is the time.

In the making of Bhavya Bharat, every one of us has a role, particularly the youth of this nation. I beseech you that you must stand up and do the right things! 



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MANNAT LIFTS THE TROPHY!

Mannat Brar, 17, the junior golfer, wins the All India Ladies and Junior Girls Championship at Visakhapatnam. Mannat caps the culmination of the year with a stupendous win post her amazing exploits at R&A Girls

Amateur Championship in England in August, where she became the first Indian to reach the Semifinals ever in 105 years. She followed it up with a the Best Indian finish at the Hero Womens Indian Open Ladies EuropeanTour Pro Championship at DLF Golf Course in Oct,

which had 144 professionals participating from 30 countries. With this win, Mannat picked the most prestigious Amateur Trophy remaining in her closet, The Ladies Amateur Golf Championship Trophy, first won by Lamond Walker in 1905. [GP](#)

IGU ALL INDIA LADIES & JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

East Point Golf Club - Visakhapatnam

Thursday Dec 19 2024

| S.No. | STATE | PLAYERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | TOTAL |
|--|-------------|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| | | | 72 | 72 | 72 | 216 |
| LADIES | | | | | | |
| 1 | Haryana | Heena Kang-L | 71 | 74 | 76 | 221 |
| 2 | West Bengal | Shinjini Mukherjee-L | 78 | 81 | 80 | 239 |
| 3 | Gujrat | Esther Marie Fernandes Lobo-L | 80 | 78 | 82 | 240 |
| 4 | Maharashtra | Ketaki Sood-L | 86 | 89 | 78 | 253 |
| 5 | Rajasthan | Eti Chaudhary-L | 82 | 88 | 85 | 255 |
| A Girls | | | | | | |
| 1 | Punjab | Mannat Brar-A | 75 | 74 | 71 | 220 |
| 2 | UP | Zara Anand-A | 76 | 74 | 72 | 222 |
| 3 | Sri Lanka | Kaya Daluwatte-A | 74 | 74 | 75 | 223 |
| 4 | Maharashtra | Anuradha Chaudhuri-A | 75 | 75 | 77 | 227 |
| 5 | Karnataka | Saanvi Somu-A | 77 | 75 | 77 | 229 |
| B Girls | | | | | | |
| 1 | Chandigarh | Guntas Kaur Sandhu-B | 78 | 78 | 73 | 229 |
| 2 | Goa | Rashi Mishra-B | 79 | 78 | 78 | 235 |
| 3 | Delhi | Ahaana Kashyap-B | 80 | 77 | 83 | 240 |
| 4 | Delhi | Rehnoor Malik-B | 85 | 85 | 81 | 251 |
| 5 | UP | Shambhavi Chaturvedi-B | 84 | 86 | 81 | 251 |
| A Girls B Girls and Ladies Combined | | | | | | |
| 1 | Punjab | Mannat Brar-A | 75 | 74 | 71 | 220 |
| 2 | Haryana | Heena Kang-L | 71 | 74 | 76 | 221 |
| 3 | UP | Zara Anand-A | 76 | 74 | 72 | 222 |
| 4 | Sri Lanka | Kaya Daluwatte-A | 74 | 74 | 75 | 223 |
| 5 | Maharashtra | Anuradha Chaudhuri-A | 75 | 75 | 77 | 227 |
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| 4 | Maharashtra | Anuradha Chaudhuri-A | 75 | 75 | 77 | 227 |
| 5 | Chandigarh | Guntas Kaur Sandhu-B | 78 | 78 | 73 | 229 |



Mannat Brar, IGU All India Ladies Champion, 2024



Ojaswini Saraswat Winner - Cat. B



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IGU 123RD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The finals of the IGU 123rd Amateur Championship of India was played between Varun Muthappa of Karnataka & Anshul Mishra of West Bengal.

The match play event was played over 36 holes with a 15 minute break after 18 holes.

Anshul Mishra aged 16 started strong and took the early lead in the match. He made a par on the 3rd hole to go 1 up in the match. Varun Muthappa made a brilliant birdie on the 6th hole by sinking a 30 foot putt to make the match score A/S.

After 14 holes, Varun Muthappa held a steady lead by being 2 Up. Young Anshul Mishra thereafter played some outstanding golf to birdie holes 16,17 & 18 to go 1 up after 18 holes.

Anshul Mishra continued playing steady golf for the next few holes to extend his lead to 5 Up after 28 holes.

Varun Muthappa made a par on the 29th hole & 30th hole to recover to being 3 down after 30 holes. He was looking set to win hole 31 as well by making a simple birdie.



Anshul Mishra



Varun Muthappa



The winner and Runner up with the President and Captain

Anshul Mishra however made a brilliant up & down from 100 yards away to halve the hole with Varun Muthappa.

Anshul Mishra finally won the prestigious championship on the 33rd hole of the Round 4 & 3 and grabbed his hand on the 123 year old iconic trophy. The trophy as per tradition, will be with him for the entire year before it is handed over to the next winner. **GP**

IGU TAMILNADU AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Coimbatore Golf Club

4, Friday Nov 22, 2024

| S.No. | STATE | PLAYER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOTAL |
|-------|---------------|------------------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| | | | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 288 |
| 1 | West Bengal | Aryav Shah | 72 | 72 | 73 | 69 | 286 |
| 2 | Delhi | Rakshit Dahiya | 71 | 72 | 73 | 71 | 287 |
| 3 | Uttar Pradesh | Sukhman Singh | 74 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 287 |
| 4 | Chandigarh | Shaurya Sharma | 69 | 72 | 74 | 73 | 288 |
| 5 | Maharashtra | Shamit Dakhane | 77 | 72 | 75 | 69 | 293 |
| 6 | Karnataka | Jaiveer | 68 | 73 | 75 | 77 | 293 |
| 7 | Delhi | Shat Mishra | 76 | 76 | 74 | 68 | 294 |
| 8 | Tamil Nadu | Vignesh Rangarao | 74 | 78 | 68 | 74 | 294 |
| 9 | Uttar Pradesh | Kanav Chauhan | 76 | 74 | 72 | 73 | 295 |
| 10 | Haryana | Tushar Pannu | 76 | 73 | 71 | 75 | 295 |
| 11 | Uttar Pradesh | Vinamra Anand | 72 | 72 | 75 | 76 | 295 |
| 12 | Karnataka | Varun Muthappa | 73 | 76 | 69 | 77 | 295 |
| 13 | Telangana | Vishesh Sharma | 74 | 77 | 66 | 79 | 296 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | Aditya Garg | 78 | 78 | 67 | 74 | 297 |
| 15 | Karnataka | Dilip M | 73 | 76 | 70 | 78 | 297 |



Aryav Shah - Winner, IGU Tamilnadu Amateur Championship



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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 form 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.



Level 2 Referee School at Hyderabad

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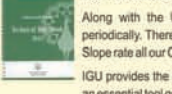


Junior Program at CIAL Cochin

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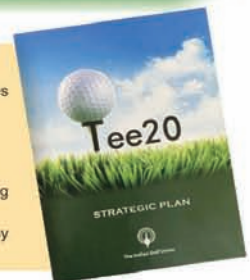
It is important to acknowledge that Clubs and golfers are at the heart of all of these initiatives at every level. We also appreciate that these initiatives require a collaborative network of people and support, to maximise their success.

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.



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CATRIONA MATTHEW OBE REAPPOINTED AS GB&I CURTIS CUP CAPTAIN

Catriona Matthew OBE, who led Great Britain and Ireland to a memorable Curtis Cup victory earlier this year, will continue as Captain for the match against the United States of America at Bel-Air Country Club in 2026.

Matthew masterminded a first win in eight years for GB&I with a thrilling 10½-9½ triumph at Sunningdale in September – a success featured in a new R&A documentary, *Rising: Inside the Curtis Cup*, to be aired this week.

The two-time Solheim Cup-winning Captain will aim to lead a fourth team triumph when the 44th Curtis Cup takes place at Bel-Air in Los Angeles, California from 12-14 June 2026.

Matthew's appointment for this year's match marked a new era for the GB&I side, with the Scot bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role from her decorated amateur and professional career to inspire the home team to victory.

The 55-year-old is now relishing the chance to take on a fresh challenge with GB&I on away soil.

"I'm delighted to be reappointed as Great Britain and Ireland Captain for the Curtis Cup and look forward to leading the team at Bel-Air in 2026," said Matthew, who was a member of three GB&I Curtis Cup teams.

"It was a great contest against the United States of America at Sunningdale and the



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victory is right up there with anything I've achieved, including winning the Solheim Cup as a player and Captain. I was proud to lead such a talented side and am honoured that The R&A has asked me to continue as Captain."

Matthew, who won the AIG Women's Open in 2009, captained Europe to Solheim Cup successes in 2019 at Gleneagles and two years later in Ohio - just a second victory on American soil. [GP](#)

THE R&A INTRODUCES FAIR COMPETITION POLICY FOR ITS PROFESSIONAL AND ELITE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The R&A has introduced a fair competition policy to determine the eligibility of transgender athletes to compete in its professional and elite amateur championships.

The policy has been developed following extensive consultation over the last year with medical and scientific experts who have reviewed the best available research on transgender participation in high performance sport. The evidence shows that golf is a gender-affected sport in which male puberty confers a performance advantage.

From the start of 2025, a golfer entering female professional and elite amateur championships organised by The R&A must have been female at birth or transitioned to

female before the onset of male puberty to be eligible to compete.

Players assigned male at birth and who have experienced male puberty are ineligible to compete in these events, but can enter male professional and elite amateur championships organised by The R&A.

These requirements will not apply at a recreational level where the sport supports inclusivity through the World Handicap System, which enables golfers worldwide to play and compete together on a fair and equitable basis regardless of age, ability, background or gender.

Martin Slumbers, CEO of The R&A, said, "We have carefully reviewed the best available medical and scientific advice relating to participation in elite and scratch

level golf competitions by transgender athletes and decided that updating our entry conditions to preserve fairness in our female professional and elite amateur championships is the right thing to do.

"While we believe that golf should be open to all and are committed to developing the sport, we recognise that we have a duty to ensure that in our elite competitions players can compete fairly and equally."

The R&A has also developed guidance which has been provided to its affiliated national federations as they establish appropriate policies for their own competitions and those of their member golf clubs in their own individual countries, where gender recognition and transition may be subject to different approaches. [GP](#)

A FAIRWAY SPECTACLE BLENDING GOLF, GLAMOUR AND GLORY



With the Delhi Winner



With the Mumbai Winner



VS Group Chairman Chinta Sasidhar & Ajay Devgn



Kapil Dev & Riteish Deshmukh

AT THE VISHWA SAMUDRA GOLDEN EAGLES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS, 2024

The crisp breeze, picturesque landscape and pristine fairways created the perfect setting for the much-awaited 8th edition of the Vishwa Samudra Golden Eagles Golf Championships 2024. The event unfolded with grandeur, rekindling the magic of golf against the vibrant backdrops

of Mumbai and Delhi. This prestigious tournament combined skill, luxury and camaraderie to create an unforgettable experience.

A Grand Opening in Delhi

The championship commenced spectacularly at the renowned Classic Golf & Country Club

in Delhi on November 17. The sprawling estate with meticulously manicured gardens became a haven for the golf enthusiasts. An extraordinary lineup of elite golfers from around the world and amateur golfers from India gathered to compete, radiating an aura of skill and determination. As the sun warmed the pristine greens, players showcased



Shivdutt & Sonam Das, Ajay Devgn, Lakshmi Priyadarshini Chinta & Chinta Sasidhar

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONIES IN BOTH CITIES WERE SPECTACULAR AFFAIRS, GRACED BY BOLLYWOOD CELEBRITIES LIKE RITEISH DESHMUKH, GENELIA DESHMUKH AND AJAY DEVGN.

their remarkable talent, delivering exciting performances that captivated the audience and left a lasting mark on golfing history. The air

buzzed with palpable energy, as skilful drives and putts transformed the event into a grand celebration of athletic artistry and unwavering

sportsmanship, leaving spectators enthralled and eager for more. The Delhi leg was won by Mr. Mrinal Bharti who conquered the course with his immaculate putting and chipping.

Mumbai Raised the Bar

On November 24, the verdant course of the Bombay Presidency Golf Club provided the perfect setting for the next chapter of the tournament. Amidst this elegant locale, golfers competed with precision and tenacity, embodying the very essence of the sport. The vibrant energy of the competition fostered a captivating atmosphere that enchanted everyone present—from the enthusiastic players to the engaged spectators. The echoes of laughter and cheers filled the air, creating a memorable experience for all involved. The Mumbai leg winner was Mr. Kabir Kewalramani, pipping opponents by a narrow margin.

An Affair of Elegance & Excellence

This year's championship attracted a stellar mix of nearly 200 golf enthusiasts, including elite athletes, prominent celebrities and leading corporate personalities. Divided equally between the two cities, the participants relished an environment charged with competitive zeal. The event was a display of athletic prowess and a celebration of prestige. Adding to the allure was a dazzling array



VS Group Chairman Chinta Sasidhar & Yuvraj Singh



UK Pro Rachel Drummond



VS Sponsored Athlete Indian Pro Ridhima Dilawari



VS Group Chariman Chinta Sasidhar

THE VISHWA SAMUDRA GROUP EXEMPLIFIES INNOVATION AND GROWTH WITH HEADQUARTERS IN HYDERABAD AND A GLOBAL PRESENCE SPANNING DUBAI, SINGAPORE, USA, FRANCE, GERMANY, MALDIVES, GUYANA AND BEYOND.

of prizes, headlined by the exclusive BMW XM for a Hole-in-One and a Rolex Oyster Perpetual for the overall champion. Other coveted rewards included premium putters by Callaway and TaylorMade, Tumi accessories, iPhone 16 Pro, Apple watches and exclusive golf pro-shop vouchers, elevating the stakes to new heights.

A Star-Studded Ensemble

The event sparked with renowned personalities from both the golfing world and beyond. Cricketing legend Kapil Dev with his commanding presence and magnetic aura, shared the spotlight with two of India's rising golf stars, Neha Tripathi and Ridhima Dilawari, who showcased their talent and determination on the course. International

stars Camila Lennarth from Sweden and Rachel Drummond from the UK further elevated the competition with their skill and charisma, captivating the audience with every swing.

Beyond the Game!

This championship transcended the boundaries of sport, transforming it into a vibrant celebration of glamour and festivity. The prize distribution ceremonies in both cities were spectacular affairs, graced by Bollywood celebrities like Riteish Deshmukh, Genelia Deshmukh and Ajay Devgn. The atmosphere crackled with energy as Indian rap sensation Badshah took to the stage, delivering a high-octane performance that resonated with the crowd. His electrifying performance left the audience exhilarated.



Swedish Pro Camilla Lennarth



VSE MD Dr. Anil Yendluri



VS Group ED Shividutt Das

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Rapper Badshah performing

The Vision Behind the Glory

Since its inception in 2015, the Golden Eagles Golf Championships have become synonymous with prestige and sophistication. This vision was brought to life by Mr. Chinta Sasidhar, the dynamic Chairman of the Vishwa Samudra Group. Through his leadership and expertise, the tournament celebrates not only the competitive spirit of golf but also the luxury and grandeur associated with the sport.

A Legacy of Excellence

The Vishwa Samudra Group exemplifies innovation and growth with headquarters in Hyderabad and a global presence spanning Dubai, Singapore, USA, France, Germany, Maldives, Guyana and beyond. The conglomerate oversees a diverse array of ventures, including Infrastructure & Engineering, Construction, Logistics, Shipping Services, Maritime Services,



Hole in One Prize BMW XM

Manufacturing, Commodity Trading, Security Services, Port Operations and Real Estate. This broad spectrum of activities reflects the group's commitment to innovation and its significant contribution to the global economy.

With the steadfast support of the VS Group, this golf championship continues to grow as a beacon of excellence, solidifying its legacy as a prestigious event in the world of sport and luxury. **GP**



AN EXHILARATING

2025 SEASON

IN STORE ON THE PGA TOUR

by Jim McCabe



Scottie Scheffler



Xander Schauffele

While it would be misleading to call the second half of the 2024 season a head-to-head race between thoroughbreds named Scottie Scheffler and Xander Schauffele - after all, elite names such as Hideki Matsuyama and Keegan Bradley

posted memorable victories in that stretch - it sure had the feel of an elongated duel in the sun between the behemoths.

From the PGA Championship in May to the TOUR Championship in August - and for good measure we'll add a glorious Olympics

competition - these two giants were in the same field nine times. Schauffele won two of them, both majors (PGA and Open Championship), while Scheffler won four times, including the Olympic gold.

Of course, it was Scheffler's scorching start to

the season (four wins in 10 tournaments) that separated him from Schauffele in Player of the Year honors. No debate there.

But as we shine the crystal ball for 2025, here's a thought: The gut says it will be Schauffele who'll turn the tables and have the monster season, perhaps five or six wins. There was just an uncanny finish to his '24 season - first, T9, T2, T5, T4 over his last five tournaments - and here's a guess that the 31-year-old will pick right up where he left off.

All of which isn't to say that the good stuff in 2025 will begin and end with Schauffele, because that's far from the truth. There's such an incredibly deep pool of talent, much of young, that the PGA TOUR has brilliant storylines at every turn.

So, what are we in store for in '25? Some thoughts:

Let's throw out a few names in no particular order, but all of which should resonate: Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth, Collin Morikawa, Patrick Cantlay, Tommy Fleetwood, Viktor Hovland, Sam Burns, Ludvig Aberg, Max Homa, and Tony Finau.

Combined, they played in 203 PGA TOUR tournaments in 2025. Combined, they scored zero wins.

That's right, not one of them visited the winner's circle and that's unthinkable. It's also going to change in 2025 - maybe not for all of them but were you to look for some of these names to rebound, circle Thomas, Morikawa, and Aberg.

Combined, Thomas, Morikawa, and Aberg had six runner-up finishes and two thirds, so clearly



Hideki Matsuyama

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Tom Kim

they were fiercely competitive on a number of occasions.

Another player who went winless in 2024 but is just waiting to break through in a big way is Sahith Theegala. Just 27 years old, he does own a victory from the '23 season, but he was even better in '24 (nine top 10s and he only missed four cuts in 26 starts). While most eyes were on Scheffler and Schauffele, the easy-to-like Theegala soared to No. 12 in the Official World Golf Ranking (as at Dec 9, 2024).

A fearless player with power and guile, Theegala is a lovely story, a child born in California to Muralidhar and Karuna, natives of India who came to the U.S. in the late 1980s. Proud of his ethnicity, Theegala blossomed as a junior golfer, then at Pepperdine University,

and the transition to the PGA Tour has gone seamlessly.

It is difficult to resist three feel-good subplots to the '24 season that have all the potential to keep things going.

Having languished outside the Top 50 in the OWGR for most of the season, Adam Scott turned 44 in July and didn't seem to be a candidate to turn things around in dramatic fashion. But he finished second in the Genesis Scottish Open in July, then T-10 the next week at the Open Championship and he rolled into the end of 2024 with a second, a third and a fifth.

Wild and exhilarating, Scott's finish was no fluke; he's lost nothing when it comes to ball-striking, he is putting better than ever, and while



Byeong Hun An (R) and Sungjae Im

Images Credit : Getty Images

he'll turn 45 next summer, don't focus on that. Instead, buy stock in his continued resurgence.

Not a lot of spotlight shines on a trio of names inside to Top 30 of the OWGR, but Byeong Hun An (22nd), Sungjae Im (23rd), and Tom Kim (27th) have been unheralded stories of consistency and there's no reason to think they won't continue that in 2025.

Im and An finished ninth and 12th, respectively, in the final FedExCup standings and it's particularly worth noting how solid Im has been. His average FEC ranking the last six years is 13.83 and for comparison, consider that Jordan Spieth's average finish is 46.33 over that same stretch.

Given that Kim is just 22 and Im just 26, perhaps more storylines will include their fixtures in that community of elite global players.

Then again, when it comes to unheralded consistency, it's likely Hideki Matsuyama is first in line. Rarely do golf writers offer the worthy praise that his career is deserving of. The first player from Japan to win the Masters, Matsuyama is now up to 10 PGA Tour wins after a 2024 season that saw him capture stellar tournaments early (the Genesis Invitational at

famed Riviera) and late (the FedEx St. Jude Championship).

Matsuyama, who'll be 33 in February, has recorded multiple wins in three of his 11 seasons and might be the quietest major champion in our midst. He added a very special performance to his wins in 2024, that being a bronze medal in Paris, and there's no reason to think he's not going to be a force in '25.

To study the way the PGA TOUR landscape is changing is to point to playing status granted to the winner of PGA TOUR University. The best collegiate player from 2023 - Aberg - has already vaulted inside the Top 10 in the OWGR. So why not keep your eyes on the top PGA Tour University in 2024, a youngster named Michael Thorbjornsen.

All Thorbjornsen did in 2024 with limited starts (11) was record three top 10s and \$1.28 million. Further proof that these kids arrive with no fear and deep expectations that they have what it takes to win.

Scheffler was that way in 2020 when he arrived as a rookie with big dreams. He didn't win any of his first 60 starts and no one was pointing at him to be the No. 1 player in the world.

Then again, he's won 13 of his last 59 starts so everyone is pointing at him to maintain that dominance.

Just don't be surprised is Schauffele has something to say about that.

Bring on the 2025 season; it promises to be a great one. **GP**



Adam Scott

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TODD ANDERSON INSTRUCTIONAL HOW TO SWING IT AS GOOD AS ADAM SCOTT



INTRODUCTION

Australia's Adam Scott owns one of the most text-book golf swings in the game, which every swing coach will try to teach a new student. As Scott prepares to launch his 2025 season on the PGA TOUR, let's take a closer look at the fundamentals in his swing sequence which could make a difference in your game.

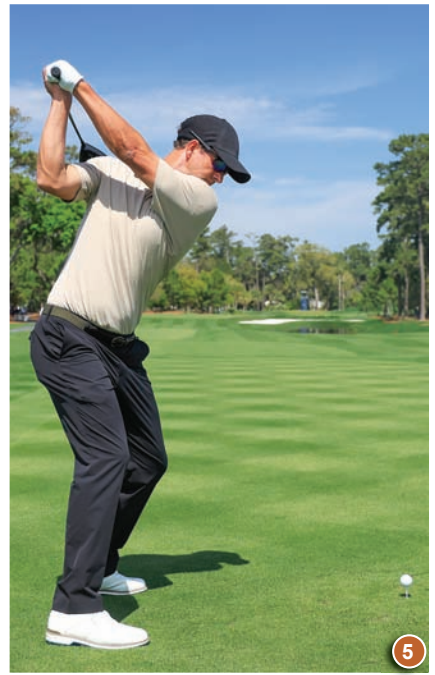
Photo 1 - The first thing you'll notice his set-up ensures he has square body lines, a balanced posture, and with level forearms which sets him up to make an athletic motion.

Photo 2 - His take-away has him maintaining a 'triangle' between his hands, arms and shoulders while keeping the club head outside his hands with a stable lower body.

Photo 3 - Here, his upper body rotates and the club swings up the plane between his arms as he prepares to load his golf swing.

Photo 4 - The club and arms stay on plane as his upper body winds up under his spine angle. The lower body is loading and as he is rotating into his right leg which looks picture-perfect.

Photo 5 - Adam is loaded fully here where



THE CLUB IS IN A GOOD POSITION HERE TO RELEASE THE ARMS, WRISTS/HANDS AND CLUB FROM THE INSIDE AS THE HIPS AND CHEST CONTINUE TO UNWIND.

his left arm swings across his chest with a flat left wrist and a square club face (club face parallel to his left forearm). His hands are extended over his right shoulder, illustrating a wide arc on the backswing. His upper body has rotated 90+ degrees with a hip rotation of less than 45 degrees to create a powerful coil between the upper and lower body with his weight on the inside of his right heel.

Photo 6 - This is where Adam begins to unleash his swing where the lower body starts the downswing by shifting his weight

to his left foot, as the upper body stays turned and arms swinging down from the inside.

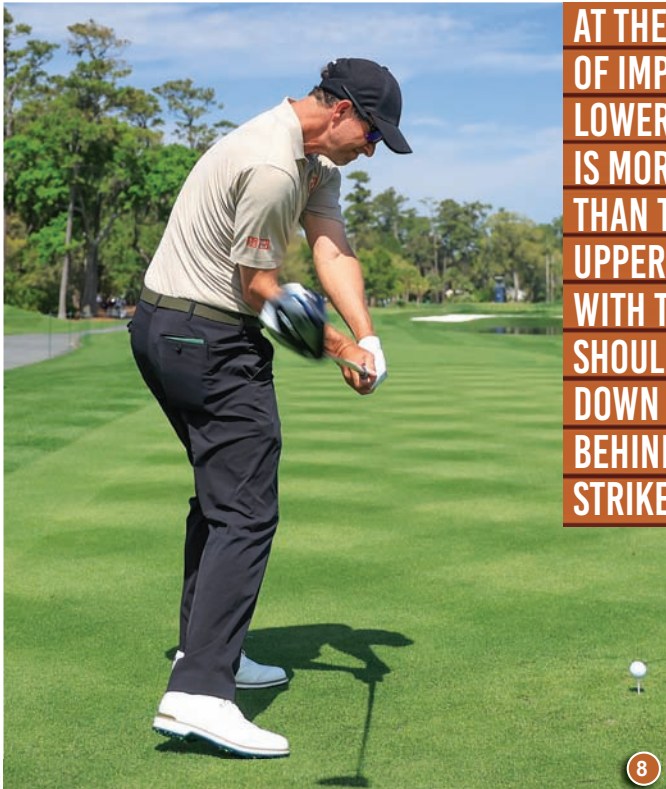
Photo 7 - The club is in a good position here to release the arms, wrists/hands and club from the inside as the hips and chest continue to unwind.

Photo 8 - You'll notice the club being slightly inside of Adam's hands so he can attack the ball from the inside.

Photo 9 - At the point of impact, his lower body is more open than the upper body with

the right shoulder down and behind the strike. His arms are now fully extended as they swing and rotate back to the inside of the target line.

Photo 10 - The club exits back through his shoulder plane with a square club face (toe of club points over his left shoulder), demonstrating a sequenced full release of his body, arms, hands, and club through impact. He stays in the posture he established in his set-up throughout the entire swing.



AT THE POINT OF IMPACT, HIS LOWER BODY IS MORE OPEN THAN THE UPPER BODY WITH THE RIGHT SHOULDER DOWN AND BEHIND THE STRIKE.



Photo 11 - His right shoulder, hip, and knee continue to rotate up to the left leg as the club continues to complete the golf swing.

Photo 12 - Just as he started, Adam has a balanced finish with his right side fully released past the lower body as a result of the freedom and flexibility of his motion.

Spend some time studying Adam's wonderful swing sequence and more importantly understanding the action as it will improve your golf swing and lower your scores. **GP**

Todd Anderson is the Director of Instruction at the PGA TOUR Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship. The 2010 National PGA Teacher of the Year has seen his students amass more than 50 victories across the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour, including two FedExCup titles. He is currently rated by Golf Digest as one of the top 20 golf instructors in the United States. In this tutorial, Anderson breaks down the golf swing of Charlie Woods, son of 82-time PGA TOUR winner Tiger Woods, and focuses on four key fundamentals.



Todd Anderson

2025 TEAM CUP



Matthew Jordan and Romain Langasque have been selected as the final representatives of Great Britain & Ireland and Continental Europe's Team Cup sides ahead of the match play contest at Abu Dhabi Golf Resort from January 10-12, 2025.

Selected by European Ryder Cup Captain Luke Donald in consultation with Team Cup Playing Captains Justin Rose and Francesco Molinari, Jordan and Langasque round out the ten-man sides who will compete across three days in the United Arab Emirates.

Jordan made his DP World Tour debut in 2018 in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship before earning full playing rights for golf's Global Tour a year later after securing promotion from the Challenge Tour.

The 28-year-old enjoyed his best year to date in 2024, finishing 41st on the season-long Race to Dubai Rankings thanks to six top ten finishes which included a tied tenth place in The 152nd Open Championship at Royal Troon.

The Englishman got the new Race to Dubai season off to the perfect start by finishing tied second in the Nedbank Golf Challenge last week.

Jordan is no stranger to team golf having represented GB&I at the 2017 Walker Cup, and represented Europe in the Bonallack Trophy in 2018.

Langasque, who matched Jordan's second place finish in last week's Nedbank Golf Challenge, impressed as an amateur, winning the prestigious Amateur Championship in 2015 at Carnoustie Golf Links to earn entries into both The 144th Open Championship and the 2016 Masters Tournament, making the 36-hole cut in both instances.



Matthew and Romain are two fantastic talents who will add a lot to their respective sides at next year's Team Cup. The teams have come together really nicely and we are all looking forward to seeing how individual players react in what promises to be a very competitive environment."

Donald, who will Captain Europe for a second time at Bethpage next September, said: "Matthew and Romain are two fantastic talents who will add a lot to their respective sides at next year's Team Cup. The teams have come together really nicely and we are all looking forward to seeing how individual players react in what promises to be a very competitive environment."

Molinari, who will lead his Continental European side's defence of the Team Cup in January, said: "Romain was an outstanding amateur and continues to improve year-on-year as a professional. His last two seasons have been his best to date on the DP World Tour, and he also knows what it takes to win,

so it will be very interesting to see how he adapts to being part of the team next month."

Rose, who is Captaining Great Britain & Ireland for the first time, said: "Matthew has really impressed me over the last couple of years, so I'm very excited to welcome him to the Great Britain & Ireland side. He's had back-to-back top ten finishes at The Open Championship in the last two years which shows he can perform under pressure, and having also achieved a great deal in team competitions as an amateur, he's a great addition to the team."

Rose and Molinari will lead Great Britain & Ireland and Continental Europe respectively during the three days.

THE DP WORLD TOUR AGREES NEW BROADCAST RIGHTS AGREEMENT IN JAPAN WITH U-NEXT



U-NEXT, a video streaming service operated by USEN and U-NEXT Co. Ltd, has become the exclusive rightsholder of the DP World Tour in Japan from the 2025 season.

The first DP World Tour event that U-NEXT will broadcast will be the Team Cup which starts on 10th January 2025. It will then broadcast every tournament in the season-long Race to Dubai, which culminates in the DP World Tour Play-offs in November.

U-NEXT already has a strong track record of broadcasting golf to the Japanese market. It has been the rightsholder of the PGA TOUR since 2022, as well holding the rights to broadcast two major championships - the Masters and the Open Championship. U-NEXT will also be the home of the inaugural season of the TGL in 2025.

U-NEXT has become a leading platform for Japanese sports fans to watch their favourite sports, holding the rights to broadcast other major competitions such as football's English Premier League and La Liga, tennis's ATP Tour, and Mixed Martial Arts' Professional Fighters League.

The DP World Tour has a strategic alliance with the Japanese Golf Tour Organisation (JGTO) which has created a pathway for Japan's top players to play on the DP World Tour.



WHO TOPPED THE CHARTS



Golf is a sport that requires a player to have many facets to play at the elite level: power, precision, patience and yes, sometimes luck, among many others.

Here, we take a look at the players who topped some of the key metrics in the 2024 season.

Driving distance

The average number of yards per drive, measured on two shots per round

In 2021 Wilco Nienaber topped this chart and in 2022 it was Rory McIlroy. Nienaber then reclaimed his crown as king of the hitters in 2023 and this season the man top of the tree is **Rory McIlroy**.

The Northern Irishman averaged 328.71 yards off the tee, gaining a remarkable 27.09 yards on the field and hitting it over five



Rory McIlroy

yards further than his nearest competitor Oliver Bekker.

Niklas Nørgaard, Marco Penge, Hennie du Plessis and Alejandro del Rey were the only players to get within ten yards of McIlroy but Nienaber is back on Tour in 2025 after regaining his card through the Qualifying School - let battle commence.

Driving accuracy

The percentage of fairways found per round
There is much to be said for consistency



Adrian Otaegui

and for the second season in a row **Adrian Otaegui** tops our driving accuracy charts.

While his rate of hitting 69.44% of fairways is slightly down on last season, it is still nearly

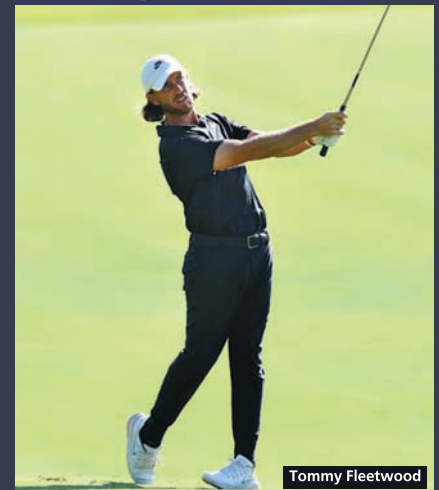
2% higher than that of nearest challenger Joel Grrrbach and 12.32% better than the field average.

Shane Lowry, Thomas Aiken and Andy Sullivan close of the top five, where Otaegui also found himself in 2022.

Greens in regulation

The percentage of greens hit in regulation per round, i.e. one for par threes, two for par fours, three for par fives

A perennial contender in this category after finishing fourth and second the past two seasons, **Tommy Fleetwood** has finally claimed the title as the DP World Tour's most accurate iron player.



Tommy Fleetwood

His rate of 74.51% is 0.44% ahead of Joaquin Niemann and 7.02% ahead of the field, with Jordan Smith, Brandon Stone and Tyrrell Hatton also featuring in the top five.

An impressive 31 players had an average of over 70%. **GP**

EMIRATES TO BACK IN DP WORLD TOUR



Emirates and the DP World Tour have signed an agreement for the airline to extend its status as the Official Airline and Marketing Partner of the leading professional golf Tour until the end of 2031.

The airline currently supports an international roster of DP World Tour tournaments that cut across continents and culminate in the prestigious DP World Tour Championship, one of golf's ultimate prizes, in its home of Dubai.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman and Chief Executive, Emirates Airline and Group said: "We're proud of our deep roots in golf, and of our role

in boosting Dubai's place as one of the world's most sought-after destinations for top players and golfing enthusiasts with its world-class courses. Emirates' continued investment in the DP World Tour will enable us to maintain our long-standing connection with golf fans across Europe, the US, Asia, Africa and Australia, and of course in our home of Dubai, where golf's greatest names vie for the prestigious Race to Dubai title."

Guy Kinnings, Chief Executive Officer of the DP World Tour, added: "Emirates are one of our longest serving partners and I am delighted that they have decided to extend our relationship until the end of the 2031

season. They are extremely experienced in the sports sponsorship landscape and this long-term agreement is strong validation of the ongoing strength of our partnership platform as golf's global Tour. As an airline that connects the world, we continue to build campaigns that resonate with Emirates' global customer base."

During the multi-year partnership, Emirates will continue to benefit from highly visible branding throughout the season. In addition, Emirates will enjoy marketing opportunities across the Tour's media and digital platforms, access to premium hospitality, and exclusive Pro-Am experiences. **GP**

REIGNING US OPEN CHAMPION DECHAMBEAU CONFIRMED FOR INTERNATIONAL SERIES INDIA

First time a defending major champion competes on the Indian subcontinent

LIV Golf star Bryson DeChambeau will tee it up at International Series India presented by DLF from 30 January to 02 February, marking the first time a defending major champion competes on the Indian subcontinent.

The Crushers GC captain joins Indian teammate Anirban Lahiri for the first of 10 elevated events on the 2025 Asian Tour calendar, with more marquee names to be unveiled for the \$US2 million tournament taking place at DLF Golf & Country Club in Gurugram.

The 31-year-old won the US Open at Pinehurst in June, adding to the same title he won at Winged Foot in 2020.

With two wins on the LIV Golf League and seven PGA Tour titles, as well as his two majors, DeChambeau is one of the most dynamic figures in modern-day sport, well known all over the world thanks to his unorthodox approach to the game.

From gaining weight for increased driving distance, to designing his own clubs, he is famed for the analytical approach and unique vision that has brought marginal gains and reaped rewards over the years.

With an online following of 1.6 million on YouTube and 2.1 million on Instagram, the



American is also blazing a trail in content creation, introducing a new and important online audience to the sport.

International Series India presented by DLF is the first tournament on the LIV Golf-backed series to be played on the subcontinent. It is the first of 10 events that will be held in a broad range of markets including Macau, Morocco, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Saudi Arabia, with

other destinations soon to be announced.

The series offers players from all over the world a pathway onto the LIV Golf League, with the end-of-season rankings champion guaranteed a place on the roster for the following season. The International Series Rankings also offers players a second chance to claim a place on the LIV Golf League, through the innovative LIV Golf Promotions event. **GP**

BACK NINE 28 LESSON SEES MURAKAMI MASTER SCHOOL ON DAY FOUR

After four days of pressure-packed golf, 73 players have made it through to tomorrow's final round of the Asian Tour Qualifying School - where the ultimate prize lies await: 35 Tour Cards for 2025.

Players from North Asia have a stranglehold on the leaderboard, with Japan's Takumi Murakami in front by two from Korean Kyungnam Kang.

Murakami carded a six-under-par 65 to move to 19-under here at Lake View Resort and Golf Club, in Hua Hin, Thailand, while Kang, the leader by three at the start of the day, shot a 70.

Japan's Yosuke Asaji (67) and Taiki Yoshida (69) plus Korean Doyeob Mun (67) are joint third, four behind the leader.

Australian Jack Thompson (69), the winner here two years ago, is one shot further back along with countryman Lawry Flynn 68. They all played the C and D nines today but move back to playing A and B tomorrow.

Murakami is 25 years old and has played the main tour and challenge tour in Japan the past few seasons.

He started on 10 today and was in trouble after making the turn in one-over-par but found some inspiration on the second half making an eagle



and five birdies - four of those in a row - for a 28.

"Well, my putting was really good," he said.

"The first half didn't flow very well but the second half was amazing. On the first hole of the back nine I got a birdie, and the flow of my putting kept getting better and better, and in the end, I got a big score."

He failed to earn a card in his only other attempt at Qualifying School in 2020 but is making up for that this week.

He said: "I don't know what it is, but I'm

interested in overseas tours and it's amazing. I also like watching overseas tours. I've always wanted to try something like this because I think it would be a good learning experience."

After an impressive week, Kang, also the joint first-round leader, wasn't quite on point today but the experienced veteran, with 11 wins in Korea to his name, will be one of the favourites tomorrow.

He said: "Today my putting wasn't very good, but also, I played the CD course today and I think the AB course suits my game better. The final round is on AB, so I will try as hard as I can tomorrow.

"I'm 17 under at the moment, and I want to be more than 20 under for my total. In practice I've shot much lower scores on the AB course, so my target is more than 20 under total and I want to try to win."

The cut was made at four under. Singapore's Koh Deng Shan was one of those to make it though at the last minute but birdieing his final hole for a 67.

Spain's Alejandro Canizares, so of Ryder Cup star Jose-Maria Canizares, agonisingly missed by one after a bogey on the last. **GP**

JAPAN'S HIDEKI MATSUYAMA SHINES BRIGHTEST FOR ASIAN GOLF IN '24

by Chuah Choo Chiang



Kevin Yu



Hideki Matsuyama (r) with Takumi Kanaya

Images Credit : Getty Images

As another year draws to a close, one thing remains certain - the sun always rises in the Far East with Japan truly basking in the glory of its most famous golfing son, Hideki Matsuyama.

The 32-year-old Matsuyama was the star of the show in 2024 for Asian golf when he won twice on the PGA TOUR to cement his stature as the winningest player from the region with 10 career victories.

The 2021 Masters champion was triumphant at the Genesis Invitational in February and FedEx St. Jude Championship in August as he finished tied ninth in the FedExCup and will conclude the year as the World No. 6 ranked player. Matsuyama also clinched the bronze medal in the Paris Olympics.

In Japan, the word senpai, simply translated, means 'senior' which is both a natural and respectful way of referring to someone who is your elder. Matsuyama has certainly played the big brother role to aspiring Japanese golfers that the likes of Rikuya Hoshino, Kaito Onishi and Takumi Kanaya have risen with successful

campaigns in 2024 as well, and will join Matsuyama and another Japanese youngster, Ryo Hisatsune on the PGA TOUR in 2025.

Hoshino, Onishi and Kanaya all took different routes to golf's promised land, with Hoshino earning his way through the DP World Tour Top-10, Onishi via the Korn Ferry Tour Top-30 and Kanaya finishing top-5 in the PGA TOUR Qualifying School Finals. It is believed the last time there were five Japanese golfers on the PGA TOUR was back in 2003.

"I'm really not the pioneer. There's been so many others that have come before me and have laid the foundation for me to achieve this goal. So it's not just me, but it's all of those that have gone before me that have tried and struggled and put the work in and were great examples to me," said Matsuyama, referring to the likes of Isao Aoki, Shigeaki Maruyama, Ryuji Imada and Satoshi Kodaira who have all won on the PGA TOUR previously.

Asia also welcomed its newest PGA TOUR winner when Kevin Yu broke through at the Sanderson Farms Championship in October, becoming only the third Chinese Taipei golfer after T.C. Chen (1987 LA Open, now the Genesis Invitational) and C.T. Pan (2019 RBC Heritage) to win on the elite circuit.

"It's literally a dream come true," said Yu. "I've been dreaming of this moment since I was five. I think this is the dream for all the golfers, to win on PGA TOUR. And then I did it."

Yu has wasted no time in playing his role to spur the development of junior

golf back home by hosting his first elite golf camp earlier this month where 13 juniors were in attendance. When Yu was a kid, he was inspired after attending a clinic by former women's World No. 1 Yani Tseng, also of Chinese Taipei.

"I've always wanted to give back to golf in general. What I've been through in my journey, it's the same for these kids. If I can offer my time and help them achieve their goals, that would be good. I just wanted to share some of my experiences with them," he said.

"When I was young, I went to a Yani Tseng clinic a couple of times. It is one of the best memories of my life. You see them win tournaments, and I want to emulate them. I was like maybe 10 or 12 when I attended the clinic with Yani. It was quite an inspiration. Just watching her play a bit, it was great. I remember she talked about the mentality of being on the golf course and showing resilience. That was cool," he said.

There were no Korean winners this season but Sungjae Im and Byeong Hun An stood out by qualifying for the FedExCup Playoffs Finale, the TOUR Championship which is exclusive to the Top-30 players. Im finished seventh in Atlanta as he qualified for his sixth straight TOUR Championship appearance since joining the TOUR in 2019 while An, with five top-10 and six top-25s, enjoyed his career best season by placing 21st in Atlanta.

Si Woo Kim and Tom Kim ended the season in 32nd and 59th positions respectively and were also big part of the International Team in the Presidents Cup which saw them deliver several memorable moments against the United States Team at Royal Montreal. **GP**



(L to R) Sungjae Im, Tom Kim, Byeong Hun An

PGA TOUR EXPANDS PERFORMANCE BENEFITS FOR PGA TOUR UNIVERSITY

by **Chuah Choo Chiang**

The PGA TOUR Policy Board today approved expanded performance benefits for PGA TOUR University, further enhancing the four-year old program designed to provide emerging talent with an accelerated path to professional golf.

Effective January 2, 2025, the approved changes include modifications to the PGA TOUR University Accelerated points table, expanded access to the Korn Ferry Tour for PGA TOUR University top-10 finishers and a provision to recognize a No. 2 finisher in PGA TOUR University who achieves a competitive record comparable to past No. 1 players.

“Today’s announcement builds on the success PGA TOUR University has experienced over the past four years and continues to evolve the program’s offerings to properly identify and reward elite collegiate talent,” said PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan. “Advancing opportunities for emerging stars is a tenet of our competitive platform, and PGA TOUR University plays a critical role in that process.”

Modernization of PGA TOUR University Accelerated Points Distribution

Through PGA TOUR University Accelerated, a high-achieving junior, sophomore or freshman can earn PGA TOUR membership and become eligible for all open, full-field TOUR events. Players earn points based on their accomplishments in college, amateur and professional golf, and they will earn PGA TOUR membership if they amass at least 20 points by the end of their third year of NCAA eligibility. Originally launched in 2022, PGA TOUR University Accelerated has awarded one PGA TOUR card to date, with Vanderbilt’s Gordon Sargent earning TOUR membership effective when he turns professional in June 2025.

As the PGA TOUR continues to evaluate the PGA TOUR University Accelerated points table, modifications were recommended – and approved by the PGA TOUR Policy Board – to ensure the 20-point threshold remains a high bar for elite underclassmen to strive for, while modernizing based on

the collegiate and amateur golf landscape. Winners of additional elite amateur championships will be awarded points, and points will be available for a top finish at the NCAA Championship, sustaining the No. 1 World Amateur Golf Ranking, and top-five finishes in PGA TOUR events.

Modifications to the PGA TOUR University Accelerated Points Table:

Lifetime 26 weeks as No. 1 in WAGR – 1 point

Lifetime 52 weeks as No. 1 in WAGR – 1 point

Top-5 in an official PGA TOUR event or select DP World Tour events – 1 point

Top-10 & ties at D-I NCAA Individual National Championship – 1 point

Jones Cup – 1 point

Northeast Amateur – 1 point

Southern Amateur – 1 point

African Amateur – 1 point (previously 2 points)

Asia-Pacific Amateur – 1 point (previously 2 points)

D-I NCAA Individual Champion – 2 points (previously 3 points)

European Amateur – 1 point (previously 2 points)

Latin America Amateur – 1 point (previously 2 points)

The Amateur – 2 points (previously 3 points)

US Amateur – 2 points (previously 3 points)

Western Amateur – 1 point (previously 2 points)

Expansion of Access for PGA TOUR University Graduates to the Korn Ferry Tour

The top 10 players in the final 2025 PGA TOUR University Ranking will now earn exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership for the remainder of the season. This marks an increase in exempt status, as previously the top five players in the final PGA TOUR University Ranking earned exempt Korn Ferry Tour membership, and finishers 6-10 earned conditional Korn Ferry Tour membership. This modification was approved due to the immediate and impressive impact of PGA TOUR University finishers 1-10 in past seasons and provides these players more clarity and certainty in their Korn Ferry Tour playing schedule.

Additionally, a category has been expanded to award Korn Ferry Tour membership for the following season to two more PGA TOUR University players (from three to five), based on their combined points total from events played on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour. Beginning in 2026, this category will expand to the top-five finishers in combined points accrued on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour during the season after their finish in PGA TOUR University.

Provision to Recognize High-Performing Leading Finishers in PGA TOUR University Ranking

Beginning with the final 2026 PGA TOUR University Ranking, leading finishers with a points average that is equal to or exceeds 1,300 would earn PGA TOUR membership equal to the No. 1 finisher. This modification was approved to account for rare situations where there are two exceptional players in the same graduating class. Since the launch of the PGA TOUR University Ranking in 2021, a No. 2 finisher has not surpassed the 1,300-point mark, and this stipulation would have only occurred twice in the last decade. In the four years (2021-24) of PGA TOUR University graduating classes, the No. 2 finisher has averaged 1,176 points. **GP**

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Behold! Our blueprint for making 2025 the year of your golfing life



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THE NEW RULES OF THE RANGE

Instead of hitting a basket of balls into nothing, try this three-stage approach next time you practise

PICTURES ANGUS MURRAY



For most of us, a trip to the range means the opportunity to work on our swings. But while technical work remains an integral part of any practice session, your range experience can be so much more than that. The latest research into performance training for golf suggests a blend of...

■ **Technical work:** Your swing or set-up.

■ **Random shots:** Mimicking the real game.

■ **Accountability:** Hitting shots that matter.

Not only is this a more effective use of your range time in terms of performance, it also adds interest, fun and variety to your practice sessions – and all the more so if you find yourself at a range equipped with Toptracer, a ball-tracking system designed to enhance all three elements of the perfect range session. Let's take a look at each one in turn, learn why it's important, and see how to work it into your practice.

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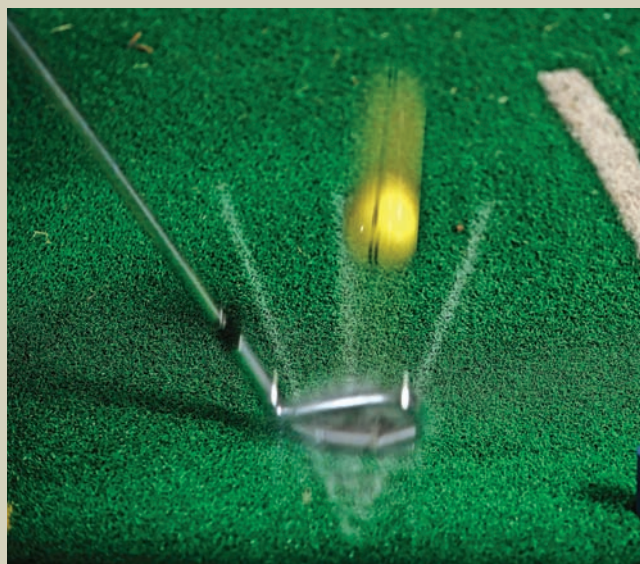
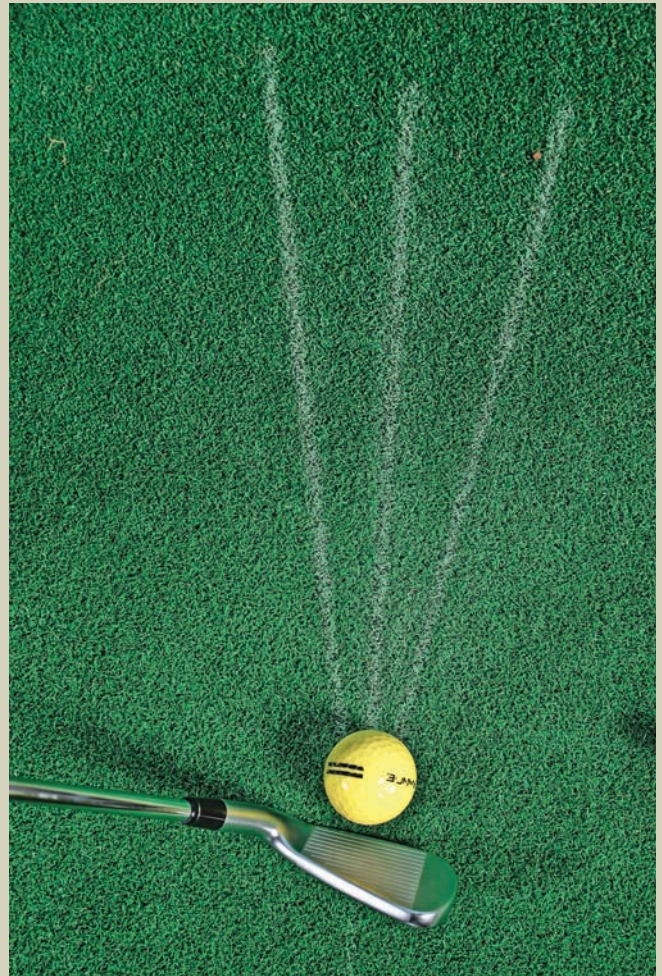
If you're making a swing change – or are in the three weeks following a lesson – technical work should represent around 60 percent of your range time, if not, bring it down to around 20 percent. Every golfer has their own technical gremlins to work out, but let's look at four elements, tracked and measured by Toptracer, which will boost the performance of any golfer...

#1 CURVATURE

Shot curvature is the result of the relationship between the clubface and swing path at impact. A range mat gives you a unique opportunity to work on this, because you can physically mark it. Obviously don't use anything that cannot be removed – I recommend chalk – but with just three lines, you can start to monitor and improve your face-to-path relationship and bring that curvature under control.

Three lines

Draw a centre line (along your ball-to-target path) flanked by slight leftward and rightward paths. Chalk is perfect because not only does it draw a clear, removable line; it also offers great feedback through the puff of dust you create when you hit the line.



Shape at will

Given a clean, centred strike, a face open to the path will fade the ball; when it's closed to the path the ball will draw. Experiment with this...

■ Swing the club down the leftward line while leaving the face aiming between the leftward and centre lines. This is the ideal relationship for a fade (right-handers).

■ Now swing down the rightward line with the clubface facing between the rightward and centre lines. This is the perfect combination for a draw.

#2 LAUNCH

Launch is, of course, the angle the ball rises from horizontal off the club. Finding this optimal range will help you to strike the ball closer to your distance potential. For the typical club golfer, the

ideal launch angle ranges are...

Driver 12–16° (typical club loft 9°)

6-iron 15–19° (typical club loft 31°)

PW 24–28° (typical club loft 45°)

As you can see, these ideals are above the

average driver loft but well below the typical iron lofts. This means developing separate techniques, sweeping the ball up for driver, but squeezing it out lower with irons.



Irons Towel tip

Lie your towel across the mat, a few inches behind the ball.



Feel the squeeze

The mere presence of the towel will encourage you to deliver the downward, compressing attack angle that leads to optimal iron strike and launch.

- Get too shallow or scoopy and the towel catches the clubhead, delivering instant feedback.
- Mats can be forgiving on heavy contact, leaving you unsure if you actually hit behind the ball or not. The towel removes that forgiveness, giving you a more accurate result for the strike.



Driver Below the bar

Place your range basket beside the mat, 12 inches or so behind the ball. Lie an alignment stick on top of the range basket, so its end protrudes past the ball but not as far as the shaft.



Clean sweep

You need to avoid the stick as you swing down and through. To do this you must deliver the club on a shallow attack angle, the club bottoming out under the end of the stick and behind the ball. This encourages the level-to-up impact strike angle that delivers an ideal launch angle – around 14°. Remember to shift your weight into your lead side as you work on this.



RIGHT HEIGHT

One further thing on driver launch. If you are practising drivers, only do so when you have access to a tee that sits at least half of the ball above the crown on the club. Anything lower will encourage you to squeeze down on the ball and promote a lower-than-optimal launch.

#3 BALL SPEED

Ball speed is, of course, the initial speed of the ball as it leaves the clubface. Ball speed is therefore strongly influenced by club speed, but it is also affected

by swing path, attack angle and the quality of strike; a squarer path and sweeter strike from a more level attack will yield a much higher ball speed than a steep, glancing blow off the

heel, even with similar clubhead speeds. For Toptracer reference, a decent average driver ball speed is 140-145mph, a 6-iron 110-115mph and a wedge 85-90mph.

CENTRED STRIKE DRILL

ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT

This drill will help you maintain your body angles, a key element of an on-plane swing that promotes a neutral path and centred strike.



Take a chair

Most ranges have a chair you can bring into your bay, but if not you can use your golf bag. Set the chair or bag behind you and set up so your backside is just making contact with it. Make sure your ankles are under your hip bones.

Close contact

Your goal is to maintain that chair contact throughout the swing. Doing so helps you maintain your body angles, a key element of an on-plane swing that promotes a neutral path and centred strike. This is relatively easy on the way back but far more challenging through impact. Practise rolling your backside along the chair as you rotate through, slowly at first before building up to full speed.



#4 TOTAL DISTANCE

Naturally we are all looking to hit the ball as far as our speed potential allows; a ball speed of 140mph can deliver a total distance of around 255 yards, though the amateur average is more like 225. Getting closer to your potential involves optimising elements

such as launch and spin, and here a clubfitting is essential. But in terms of pure technique, your power and distance will increase when you sequence your swing correctly – and that means making sure your downswing works from the ground up.

SEQUENCE DRILL

BASKET DROP

This exercise delivers instant feedback on whether your lower half is active enough as you start the downswing.



BACKSWING Basket in place

Place the basket between your knees and apply some gentle inward pressure to hold it in position. Take your regular address position before swinging to the top. As the lead knee moves across, the basket remains in place.



YES Basket falls

An aggressive, lower body-led downswing sees the lead knee drive forwards. While the trail knee follows, the gap between the knees increases and the basket drops. This is your goal for the drill.



NO Basket remains held

A weak change of direction is characterised either by the lower body being too passive or the upper half being too active. Either way, that knee gap never increases and the basket never falls.

IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH TOPTRACER...

If you are practising technique and have Toptracer, the best mode to use is My Practice. Here, every shot you hit is tracked to give a range of data including distance (carry and total), ball speed, launch and curvature, including how far offline your shot was. The data gives you that vital instant feedback between the swing you made and how well it worked. It also assists long-term, allowing you to monitor progress and create an historical record for future sessions. You can also try Closest to the Pin, which offers you a fun chance to hone launch, flight and carry while striking to a consistent target. **GP**

MAKE MORE OF YOUR TIME ON THE RANGE

Don't waste time bashing balls into a field...
a Toptracer Range will transform your practice

HOW IT WORKS

Toptracer is revolutionising the world's driving ranges. Cameras above the hitting bays track every shot and feed data back to a screen and app. You can play games on it, play a virtual course with friends or just practise with it.



What does your average visit to the driving range look like? If it's anything like ours, you'll head there with all the right intentions, but end up hitting your favourite club your favourite yardage 30 times... and a load of drives into a field.

It's monotonous, boring and it doesn't help your game. But imagine how much fun – and useful – a range session would be if you could play a virtual course like St Andrews. Or access numbers like spin rates and carry distance. Or even benchmark your stats with each club in the bag, to really understand your game and track improvements. If you find a Toptracer Range, you can access all those features – and more. Over the page, TG coach Deana Rushworth shows you exactly how you can get more from a range visit next year, plus where to find the nearest Toptracer Range to you. **GP**

AS SEEN ON TV

Toptracer's ball tracking tech started life as 'Protracer', invented by Swede Daniel Forsgren in 2006 to improve televised golf coverage. Topgolf bought the camera-based system in 2016 and started rolling out its range-friendly version in 2017.

TOPTRACER'S NINE PLAY MODES

Warm-up

Analyse multiple data points, including ball speed, launch angle, distance and more.

Driving Challenge

A nine-hole game scoring both distance and accuracy. If you don't hit the fairway or a pin is obstructed for the next shot, there is a penalty.

Approach Challenge

Take aim at the flag as consistently close approach shots are the name of this game.



SHOT TRACKING

The software tracks multiple balls at once and assigns them to the right bay. It breaks the range down into triangles (like a grid) so your ball can be traced back to your bay by calculating the angle at which it enters and exits each triangle.

Your numbers – including distance, speed, launch angle, shape and more – are recorded and displayed on a 21-inch touchscreen monitor and the app.



FULLY CONNECTED

Download the Toptracer Range app, register, scan the screen when you arrive and choose from six play modes. Then create a profile to become part of a community. The app stores data from practice sessions, so players can monitor changes and fine-tune their swing over time. For users at Toptracer Range Mobile-enabled facilities, the app is also where they can access skill-based games.



My Practice

Tells you all the key stats – total distance, carry, ball speed, height, hang time... It's all relayed to an app on your phone for future reference.

Closest to the Pin

Just want to work on your iron play or wedge game? Choose a real target, tell the screen which one it is and fire away. It'll tell you how close you got.

Virtual Golf

Play on real world courses, using the targets on the range, including Pebble Beach and the Old Course. A great option for groups.

Long Drive

Who can hit the furthest? This game lets you settle the argument by turning the range into a proper long drive grid for up to eight players.

Points Game

This mode turns range targets into points; plus you can win bonus points for hitting a certain trajectory through an 'In Air' ring.

Go Fish

Child-friendly range game that can be played individually or as a team where players bid to capture 24 sea creatures in a virtual aquarium.

A GEORGIAN PEACH

REYNOLDS LAKE OCONEE A LAND RICH IN GOLF

By Randy O. Williams



Golf Lake Oconee

Located between Atlanta and golf's legendary grounds in Augusta, Reynolds Lake Oconee is an outdoor-recreation paradise that includes the Sandy Creek Sporting Grounds, award-winning tennis center, swimming pools, pedestrian trails, a wellness campus, and full-service marinas to facilitate watersports. But most of all it is a treasure trove of golf.

Seven. That is the number of courses gracing the area.

Two are set aside exclusively for member play. The others are available when staying at the on-site Ritz-Carlton.

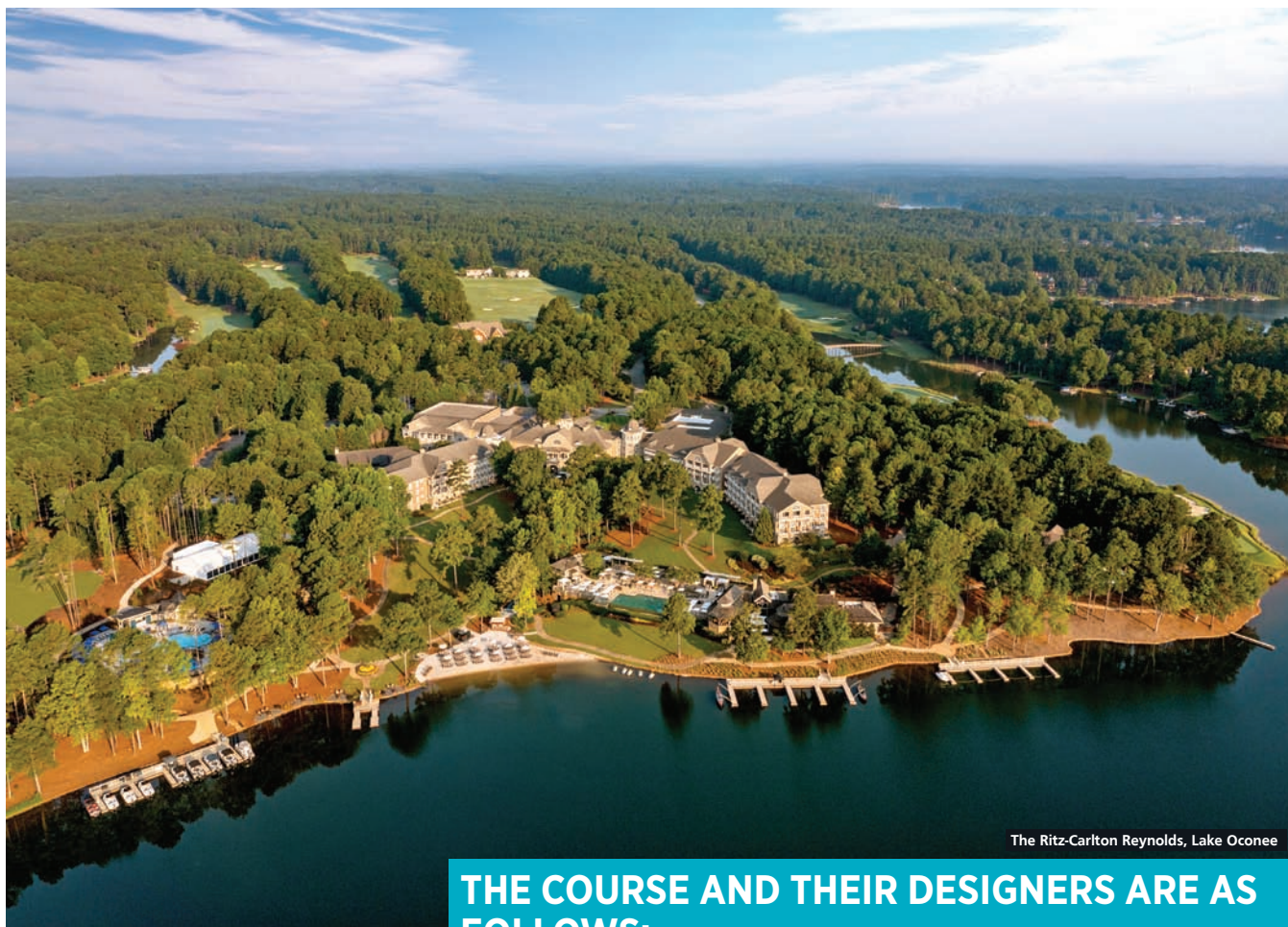
The course and their designers are as follows: Great Waters (Jack Nicklaus), The Oconee (Rees Jones), The National (Tom Fazio), Creek Club (Jim Engh), The Preserve and The Landing (Bob Cupp) and the newest, Richland has recently opened for play.

The new 18-hole layout (7,090 yards, par 72 from the tips) was created by Fazio in which he combined nine holes from his existing

National course with nine all-new holes.

The new Richland turns the Bluff nine from the original, Fazio-designed National—with some recent modifications—into holes 1 through 5 and 15 through 18. The new holes, 6 through 14, traverse the peninsula of Reynolds and tumbles down to the Richland side of Lake Oconee. The resulting layout provides plenty of challenge with fescue-lined fairways, numerous bunkers, and dramatic elevation changes.

“My goal is always to create distinctive,



The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee

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one-of-a-kind golf courses,” says Fazio. “There’s a lot of terrain variation-lots of ups and downs, ins and outs, twists and turns-which is great for golf. That’s what makes this such a fine natural setting.”

Like many classic Fazio designs, there are no real “secrets” on this track. Most of the challenges are directly in plain sight, which

makes for a better playing experience for higher handicap players.

Fazio adds, “Members will enjoy this golf course because it has character and will never play the same. This new course will provide a challenge and have endless possibilities for a fun and captivating golf experience.”

Among the changes to the nine Bluff holes were removing or repositioning bunkers, adding new ones, and combining smaller bunkers to create larger ones. Some greens have been reshaped and/or moved, often bringing the lake more into play. New fescue native areas and low-mow chipping areas were also added on some holes.

Additionally, Richland slopes gradually down toward a cove of Lake Oconee with more than 100 feet of elevation change. This will be the only course at Reynolds Lake Oconee to traverse both sides of the peninsula and touch the lake from both Richland Creek and

Oconee River.

Make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to refresh yourself at a new halfway house - The Turn - between holes 9 and 10. The Turn is a mobile food truck that will serve burgers, sandwiches, wraps (I recommend the classic hot dog) and a full array of beverages.

Speaking of full array, that is the scope of amenities awaiting you during your stay at The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 257-room lakefront resort and spa. With dining available at eleven distinctive culinary venues, there’ll be no shortage of menu choices. Nor is there a shortage of activities which include boating, fishing, clay shooting, an off-roading course, archery and to take care of your body after that whirlwind of fun, a 27,000 square foot spa that features innovative treatments, plus new fitness and wellness programming. **GP**



Chef with Gnudi di Ricotta (Ricotta Gnocchi)



By Farzan Heerjee

IGU LEADERSHIP FACES UNIQUE CONFLICT AFTER THE RECENT ELECTIONS

The Indian Golf Union (IGU), the governing body for golf in India, recently experienced a significant internal conflict, resulting in two rival factions conducting separate elections for the organization's leadership.

One rival faction of the Indian Golf Union (IGU) was led by its president Brijinder Singh and the other by its Secretary General Harish Shetty.

The turning point was reached when Farzan Heerjee, the ex-VP withdrew his name from the presidency and decided instead to stand tall beside Brijinder Singh. This not just showed solidarity with the leadership, but was also the morally right decision to make that would not have created waves and disparity in the IGU house.

Background of the Conflict

The discord within the IGU primarily involved President Brijinder Singh and Secretary General Harish Shetty. Shetty claimed that he would stand down come election time as his family thought the office was causing him far more stress than he could handle. However, three months before the elections he deliberately conspired with the army faction to win his seat for the next two years. This led to disagreements between the two factions that caused a huge rift within the organization. Elections within the IGU have always been competitive, but resorting to arm-twisting and underhanded tactics was unheard of until the past elections. So much so the matter was heard



Indian Golf Union New council 2024-26

in front of the Delhi High Court which decided against interference and would only hear the matter once the elections were held. Each faction accused the other of procedural violations and interference in the election process, culminating in both groups organizing separate elections with distinct

electoral rolls and returning officers.

The army is meant to uphold standards and show unmatched grace and discipline in matters of due process. It therefore, was surprising to all involved to see the army faction completely take over the main governing body of golf in India.

In no way are we saying that the army should not participate in golf in India- they absolutely must. They bring a certain poise and professionalism that we civilians can and have learnt from.

Elections, Outcomes and Claims

Brijinder Singh's Faction: This group held its election at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. Supervised by Justice (Retd.) Rameshwar Singh Malik was appointed as the Returning Officer and the election proceeded with Brijinder Singh as the sole candidate for the president's position. Consequently, Singh was re-elected unopposed for a second consecutive term. As mentioned earlier, Farzan Heerjee who was Vice-president withdrew his candidature for President as he believes that the governing body of the IGU should not be fragmented and should rise above individual accolades and achievements.

Additionally, S.K. Sharma and Sanjiv Rattan were elected unopposed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. They claimed that proper electoral procedure was adhered to under the supervision of a duly appointed Returning Officer and in compliance with the Delhi High Court's directives. They also claimed that Brijinder Singh's re-election was done by the book following all the norms and regulations of the National Sports Code as well as the Articles of Association set for the IGU. Up to this election, Brijinder Singh has always enjoyed the confidence of the entire IGU council and has been rightfully re-elected as president.

Harish Shetty's Faction: Concurrently, the rival faction convened at the Olympic Bhavan, the headquarters of the Indian Olympic Association. With Justice (Retd.) O.P. Garg as the Returning Officer, this group conducted its own elections, resulting in Harish Shetty being declared president. In this case the RO, Mr Garg, was a 'no show'. Basant Kumar Repswal was elected as Secretary General, and Manoj Joshi as Treasurer, along with nine council members, all elected unopposed. This

group contends that their election reflects the true wishes of the majority within the IGU's General Body, citing the support of 21 State Golf Associations (SGAs) that consist of seven to eight army golf courses. Each SGA gets two votes for governing positions resulting in 14 or 16 votes going their way. They argue that any other election lacks legal sanctity due to alleged interference and procedural violations by the opposing faction. It is a faulty argument made on behalf of the army who should be apolitical. In the past, they have shown their support for the most likely candidate. Unfortunately, this time they have been misled by Shetty's false promises and unethical stance.

Implications and Future Prospects

The existence of dual leadership has plunged the IGU into administrative uncertainty. It is imperative to point out that an all-army governing body will only prove detrimental to the promotion of golf. Firstly, army golf courses are not open to the public and are

exclusive to army personnel.

Secondly, army personnel cannot devote the same amount of time to promoting golf as they have the far more important job of keeping the country safe. It is also very difficult for army officials to get leaves and permits to travel abroad to take part in or represent the IGU on international platforms.

Thirdly, it is against the army code of conduct to raise sponsorship- a vital function of the governing body that aids in promoting and managing the game in India.

Lastly, many of the army officials dropped their titles while standing for elections and took up the prefix 'Mr' which is very dishonourable in the eyes of the army.

In no way are we saying that the army should not participate in golf in India- they absolutely must. They bring a certain poise and professionalism that we civilians can and have learnt from. We are simply stating that petty politics is not congruent with the Indian army as they are held to a much higher standard and stature than resorting to underhanded gimmicks.

Conclusion

This division could potentially impact the organization's governance, the recognition as the official National Sports Federation (NSF), and its ability to effectively promote and manage golf in India. Many media outlets and stories have reported that the situation may require intervention from higher sports authorities or legal orders to resolve the impasse. However, this is a fallacy because Brijinder Singh's appointment was legitimately done keeping the letter of the law in mind and following all procedures and requirements. We all hope that in two years when the new elections are due, the army faction return to the fold under a unified leadership within the IGU. The resolution of this dispute will be crucial in determining the future trajectory of golf administration in India. 

The existence of dual leadership has plunged the IGU into administrative uncertainty. It is imperative to point out that an all-army governing body will only prove detrimental to the promotion of golf. Firstly, army golf courses are not open to the public and are exclusive to army personnel.

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PGTI CEO BATON EXCHANGE

PRESIDENT KAPIL DEV & CEO AMANDEEP JOHL AT THE HELM OF PGTI

Amandeep Singh Johl, a distinguished figure in Indian golf, will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) effective January 1, 2025. His appointment marks a significant transition in the leadership of Indian professional golf, reflecting his extensive experience and commitment to the sport.

Overview of the predecessor- Uttam Singh Mundy

Mr Johl will be taking over the baton from yet another distinguished gentleman- Mr Uttam Singh Mundy in January 2025. The soft-spoken yet accomplished sportsman is a prominent figure in Indian golf. He has significantly contributed to the sport both as a player and an administrator. Beginning his golfing journey in 1980, he quickly rose to prominence, becoming one of India's top amateurs. Turning professional in 1992, Mundy competed regularly on the Asian Tour, securing multiple domestic titles, including victories at the Honda Siel PGA, (where he was awarded two Honda cars for his wins which was practically unheard of back in the day!), Surya Nepal Masters, BPGC Open, Meerut Open, and The Hindu Open. His first major win at the PGI Championship of India remains a memorable highlight of his playing career.

A great anecdote from his golfing time involving the charismatic Russi Mody is a testament to Mundy's athletic prowess. Mundy was working at the Tinplate office. The Tata Steel team had not performed well and lost that year in the Merchants Cup golf tournament. Mr Mody, knowing how well Mundy played golf, asked about his whereabouts. He was informed that Mr Mundy worked in the Tinplate office. Much to the disdain of Mr Mody, who did not want to see a man with such talent pushed to the sidelines, made a unique decision that was effective immediately. Upon Mr Mody's say, Mundy was transferred to the TISCO office (practically overnight). He was sent to the greens representing Tata Steel and won trophies and accolades.

Transitioning from player to administrator, Mundy became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). During his tenure, he was instrumental in expanding the tour's reach and prestige. Several initiatives were introduced under his leadership, most notably removing restrictions on foreign players earning their cards through the PGTI Qualifying School in 2018, thereby enhancing the tour's competitiveness and international appeal.

Mr Mundy's key highlights

Mundy played a pivotal role in ensuring that PGTI

tournaments became eligible for Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR) points by integrating with the World Ranking System. This allowed Indian players to gain international recognition and opportunities to compete at global events.

Collaborations & Sponsorship

Under his leadership, PGTI collaborated with international tours, such as the Asian Tour, European Tour and Sunshine Tour, creating pathways for Indian players to showcase their talent on bigger platforms. Mundy successfully attracted corporate sponsorships and increased prize money for PGTI tournaments. This enhanced the financial viability of professional golf in India and motivated players to pursue the sport seriously.

Support for Domestic Talent, Infrastructure and Resources

He worked tirelessly to create opportunities for Indian players by increasing the number of tournaments on the domestic circuit and providing resources to help players transition to international tours. Mundy advocated for better golfing infrastructure and worked closely with stakeholders to improve the quality of courses, event organization, and player facilities across India.

Promoting the Growth of Women's Golf

While focused on PGTI, he also supported the development of golf across the spectrum, including initiatives to encourage the growth of women's golf in India.

Under his leadership, PGTI solidified its status as India's premier professional golf circuit and fostered the nationwide growth of the sport. Needless to say, Mr Mundy has left rather large shoes to fill. However, the golfing fraternity is confident that Mr Johl will be more than capable of conducting his duties and raising the prestige of the Indian circuit even higher for generations to come. Let us get to know him a little better-

Early Life and Golfing Career

Johl's journey in golf began in 1985 when he joined the junior Indian team. His talent and dedication quickly became evident, culminating in his victory as the National Amateur Champion in 1989. Transitioning to a professional career, Johl competed in both the Asian and European Tours, representing India on numerous international platforms. His career spans nearly 34 years, during which he has been a prominent figure in both Indian and Asian golf circuits.

Educational Background

Complementing his sporting credentials, Johl

holds a degree in mechanical engineering. This academic background equips him with a unique blend of technical and analytical skills, which are invaluable in strategic planning and organizational leadership.

Contributions Beyond Playing

Beyond his achievements on the course, Johl has significantly contributed to the development of golf in India. He served as a national coach, imparting his knowledge and experience to emerging talents. As a founding member of the Asian Tour in 2004, he played a pivotal role in shaping the professional golf landscape in the region. Additionally, his tenure as a PGTI board member underscores his dedication to advancing the sport nationally.

Transition to PGTI Leadership

Johl's appointment as CEO comes with an acknowledgement that the solid foundation laid by his predecessor will be upheld. He also expresses a deep sense of responsibility in building upon it with the help of the golfing fraternity.

Vision for Indian Golf

As he prepares to lead PGTI, Johl envisions elevating Indian professional golf to new heights. He emphasizes the vast potential of golf in India, noting that with appropriate support and infrastructure, the country can become a significant force in the sport globally. Johl's strategic vision includes attracting international talent to the Indian tour and nurturing the next generation of homegrown players.

Collaborative Leadership

The leadership transition coincides with cricket legend Kapil Dev's tenure as PGTI President, which began in June 2024. Dev has expressed confidence in Johl's capabilities, highlighting his extensive experience and dedication to Indian golf. This collaboration between two sports stalwarts is anticipated further to strengthen PGTI's position in the international arena.

Conclusion

Amandeep Singh Johl's appointment as CEO of PGTI heralds a new chapter in Indian professional golf. His rich experience as a player, coach, and administrator positions him uniquely to lead the organization toward greater achievements. With a clear vision and strategic approach, Johl aims to harness India's potential in golf, fostering talent and elevating the country's status in the global golfing community.

Wishing readers and their families a very Happy New Year! 🇮🇳

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO WARMING UP FOR YOUR GOLF GAME



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TIPS

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

A proper warm-up routine is essential for enhancing performance, reducing the risk of injury, and increasing flexibility. Studies show that golfers who warm up effectively can improve shot accuracy by up to 10% and reduce injury risks by 50% (Golf Science Journal, 2022).

HERE'S HOW TO PREPARE EFFICIENTLY FOR YOUR ROUND

1 Start with Light Cardio (5-10 Minutes)

Light cardiovascular activity increases heart rate, improves circulation, and prepares your muscles for activity. Brisk walking, jogging, or jumping jacks are effective choices. A 2019 study found that 80% of golfers who incorporated light cardio before a game reported better performance and reduced fatigue (National Strength and Conditioning Association).

2 Perform Dynamic Stretching

Dynamic stretches loosen up joints and muscles, essential for golf's complex

movements. Key stretches include:

Torso Twists: Improve rotational range of motion, crucial for a powerful swing.

Leg Swings: Enhance hip mobility and balance.

Arm Circles: Prepare shoulders for repetitive motions.

Research shows that dynamic stretching improves swing speed by 5-8% compared to static stretching (Journal of Sports Science, 2021).

3 Practice Golf-Specific Movements

Simulating golf swings with increasing intensity primes your muscles and refines technique. Use a club to perform slow, controlled swings, gradually building to full power. This routine improves neuromuscular coordination, helping reduce mishits.

4 Incorporate Mobility Drills

Mobility is vital for a fluid swing. Include exercises such as:

Cat-Cow Stretch: Boosts spinal flexibility, reducing stiffness.

Lunge with Rotation: Opens up hips and thoracic spine for a smoother swing.

According to the American Golf Physiology Association, golfers with regular mobility exercises reduce swing-related injuries by 30%.

5 Wrap Up with Short Game Practice

End with putting and chipping drills to sharpen focus and adapt to the course. Short game practice improves shot consistency, accounting for 40% of strokes in a typical round of golf (PGA Tour Performance Data, 2023).

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DARQUEA WINS LALLA AICHA Q-SCHOOL AS 24 PLAYERS SECURE FULL CARDS

7 Daniela Darquea fired a final round of 68 (-5) at Al Maaden Golf Marrakech to win the Final Qualifier at Lalla Aicha Q-School.

The Ecuadorian, who has been near the top of the leaderboard since the first round, rolled in back-to-back birdies on the third and fourth holes before also dropping a shot on the fifth.

Darquea rolled in another two birdies in a row on the sixth and seventh holes, as well as a bogey on the ninth to make the turn in -2.

On the back nine, the 29-year-old made further birdies on the 10th, 13th, 16th and 18th holes to seal a round of 68 and win with a score of 24-under-par.

“It means a lot. I came here with a goal and I think I accomplished it, I’m really happy and proud,” said Darquea.

“I had a lot of fun, I think that’s the main thing. I came here with a different mindset. I had a very stressful week last week at Q-Series in the US and this week has been very fun. There’s been lots of friends and people that I’ve been seeing and I’ve been just enjoying the competition.

“It was crazy. Darcey [Harry] played really good today. She made a couple of eagles and

was eight-under today, so obviously it was a challenge. At the end, I wasn’t even sure if I had a chance to win because she was making a lot of putts and playing really good golf.”

Darquea is proud to be the first player from her country to secure a full card on the Ladies European Tour (LET).

She added: “A lot of people back home have been supporting and following me this week. I’m just so proud to be able to represent them. Ecuador is my home country and I’m so proud.”

Wales’ Darcey Harry had an excellent final day shooting a 65 (-8) to finish in second place on 23-under-par with Germany’s Polly Mack two shots further back in third place.

New Zealand’s Amelia Garvey also fired a final round of 65 (-8) which included an eagle, seven birdies, and one bogey to end the week in fourth place on 20-under-par.

“I’m feeling good, it was a pretty stress-free round for me today. I just wanted to put a low number and actually try and chase the lead down,” said Garvey, who had her cousin Jamie Tipper on the bag.

Spain’s Teresa Toscano was fifth on



Daniela Darquea
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19-under-par with Spain’s Blanca Fernandez and Ireland’s Anna Foster both in T6 on 17-under-par.

Denmark’s Cecilie Finne-Ipsen fired the round of the week with a phenomenal 63 (-10) to secure her full playing rights on the LET in 2025.

Finne-Ipsen was bogey-free on the final day with the highlight being five birdies in a row on holes 12 through 16 to finish in T8 on 15-under-par. **GP**

GLOBAL 2025 SEASON SCHEDULE WITH NEW EVENTS

7 The Ladies European Tour (LET) has announced its 2025 season schedule with new events in Australia, Tenerife and Belgium, totalling 30 events across 20 countries.

Next year there will be €39 million in total prize money, with several new venues and events to be confirmed early next year.

In March, the inaugural Australian WPGA Championship will launch a three-week stretch of co-sanctioned events between the LET and WPGA Tour of Australasia. June will see two new locations on the Tour, as it returns to Tenerife after a 10-year hiatus, from June 5-8, at Abama Golf. Then, the following week, the Tour will travel to a new venue, Hulencourt, for the Hulencourt Women’s Open in Belgium, where it last visited in 2023.

In 2025, Golf Saudi builds on their commitment to the women’s game by increasing the total prize fund of the Aramco Series presented by PIF events by \$3 million from 2024, totalling \$13 million. The marquee event in Riyadh will remain a \$5 million prize fund and the other four global events in the series will be doubled to \$2 million each.

“We are pleased that our global tour will be making an impact on five different continents and offering our players enhanced playing

opportunities in 2025,” said LET CEO Alexandra Armas. “Our extraordinary elite female athletes are at the highest level in their game, and we also have incredible emerging talent coming through LETAS and Lalla Aicha Qualifying School this week. This year, our Tour delivered \$300 million in net sponsorship value and 30,000 hours of TV coverage. We have had a lot of interest in hosting events in 2025 and additional events could be added to the schedule throughout next year. We hope that the additional tournaments will bring further visibility, global audiences and increased opportunities for our players and we would like to thank our Tour sponsors, partners and event promoters for their continued support as we grow the women’s game. We are looking forward to a great season ahead next year.”

The season will kick off in February with the Lalla Meryem Cup at the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam in Rabat, Morocco, before travelling to Saudi Arabia for the Aramco Series presented by PIF - Riyadh.

Last month it was announced that the LET will be returning to Australia in March 2025 with a three-week swing of co-sanctioned WPGA Tour of Australasia events. March will begin with the Australian WPGA Championship at the Sanctuary Golf Club in the Gold Coast,

then travelling more than 200 miles south to Coff’s Harbour Golf Club for the Australian Women’s Classic, before ending the three-week back-to-back events at Wollongong Golf Club for the Ford Women’s NSW Open.

June will mark the halfway point in the season, with the Tenerife Women’s Open, the Hulencourt Women’s Open, the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open and the Amundi German Masters, at Green Eagle Golf Courses, in the same month.

In July, the LET travels to Ireland for the KPMG Women’s Irish Open, followed by the Amundi Evian Championship in France. The Tour then continues to Scotland, the home of golf, where Dundonald Links will host the ISPS HANDA Women’s Scottish Open.

Then, in September, in a year that sees a Solheim Cup break, the LET will travel to the fourth Aramco Series event presented by PIF, then to the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open, La Sella Open and Lacoste Ladies Open de France.

Autumn’s schedule will include the Andalucía Costa del Sol Open de España presented by OYSHO, Hero Women’s Indian Open and Wistron Ladies Open - Taiwan, with the Aramco Series presented by PIF - Shenzhen, in November. **GP**

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17th Edition of HINDU COLLEGE ALUMNI GOLF

The weather was perfect for a day of Golf which saw more than 120 players at the challenging Course Qutab Golf Course. The Annual Hindu Golf Tournament continues to strengthen the ties between

alumni, creating a cherished tradition of celebrating shared heritage, accomplishments, and friendships. It is heartening to see young golfers joining us, making this event not just a celebration of skill but a reminder of the

lifelong relationships built at Hindu College. The event was a day full of high spirits and an opportunity for Alumni to meet each other over a round of golf & bonding over the post game Cocktails & Lunch. GP



RESULTS

- 1 **Longest Drive - Hole No. 1**
Kirat Singh
- 2 **Closest to the Pin - Hole No. 10**
Vikram Bahri
- 3 **Winner Invitee**
Girraj Meena
- 4 **Runner Up Ladies**
Ivleen Khurana
- 5 **Winner Ladies**
Suneeta Trivedi
- 6 **Winner -9 Hole**
Justice Jasmeet Singh
- 7 **Runner Up Gross Handicap 17-24**
Mohan Chutani
- 8 **Winner Gross Handicap 17-24**
Rishi Sahai
- 9 **Runner Up Gross Handicap 9-16**
Gautam Gupta
- 10 **Winner Gross Handicap 9-16**
Mahendra Kumar Mohanty
- 11 **Winner Gross Handicap 1-8**
Azaad Sandhu

20TH EDITION OF MAITRI GOLF

The 20th edition of the Maitri Golf Tournament was held on the 1st Day of the New Year at the Qutab Golf Course. The event supported year after year by SARA & Kohinoor Group saw participation of various supporters and well wishers of Maitri.

The tournament started for a generous cause of supporting the widows of Vrindavan, and was a great success and received an overwhelming response from various participants.

The Maitri Golf Tournament is an integral part of the MAITRI annual calendar due to its power to generate funds that create a platform of essential awareness. The annual fixture was a huge success. The golfers teed off in the afternoon, nice weather and lots of spot prizes added fun to the whole event. The festivities concluded with a Hi Tea Prize distribution ceremony. **GP**



RESULTS

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| LADIES CATEGORY | Winner : Sunita Dutt |
| HANDICAP CATEGORY 15-24 | Winner : Harish Gupta Runner Up : Aditya Aggarwal |
| HANDICAP CATEGORY 0 - 14 | Winner : Bimal Sharma Runner Up : Ahmad Johanif Mohd. Ali |
| GROSS STABLEFORD | Winner : Aditya Anand |

OSA AFBBS GOLF DAY!

Golfers from the AFBBS fraternity participated at the inaugural OSA AFBBS Alumni Golf event held at the Qutab Golf Club.

Some of the alumni travelled all the way from Amsterdam, Kuwait, Qatar, Bangalore & Dehradun to participate at the event.

School Principal Mrs. Sangeet Gupta graced the Prize distribution ceremony.

The school over the years has produced distinguished alumni shining in diverse fields. **GP**



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NAVEEN RATHI WINS IN A PLAYOFF

The year end HJGT-INDIA tour culminated with the Aimal Zaman Memorial cup for Junior and sub-junior golfers at Classic Golf club & Tarudhan Valley Resort Club.

THERE WERE 6 CATEGORIES:

- Boys 16-18, 14-15 & 11-13**
- Girls 14-18 & 13 & under**
- Boys & Girls 10 & under**

The event was played under severe weather conditions with the first day being delayed for more than 2 hours due to fog and the second day we had persistent drizzle and cool breeze from start to finish. In the Boys 16-18 the top 2 players Naveen Rathi and Ranveer Mitroo proved their top ranking by playing exceptional golf with Naveen winning on the 2nd extra hole of the sudden-death playoff. Day 1 saw Ranveer shoot 66 and Naveen 67, 2nd day Naveen shot 75 and Ranveer 76 to be tied going into the final round. Both players after 2 days were tied on 2 under par.

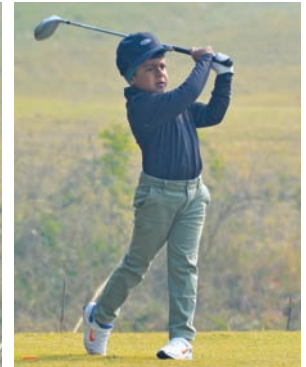
In the Boys 14-15 age category we had some top players in action which reflected in the



Overall Winner - Naveen Rathi



Junior Group



Overall Winner Sub-Junior - Keeton Agarwal

scores. Day 1 saw Zoravar Toor shot 72 and close on his heels were Arshvant, Vihaan Jain, Bhavesh with 73 and Aryaveer with a 74. Day 2 saw Arshvant bring out his A game and shoot a 1 under 71 to beat the field comprehensively. Arshvant was closely followed by Zoravar Toor on 148, and in third place were Vihaan Jain & Bhavesh Nirwan.

The Boys 11-13 age category was a one sided affair with Chaitanya Pandey defeating Ankit

Gupta by 8 strokes with rounds of 76 & 74. Ankit tried his best but with rounds of 78 and 80 fell short. The Boys & Girls 10 & Under event was played in tough condition with the youngest being not even 7 years old. Keeton Agarwal, Ira Singh and Myra Singh battled it out in the chilling weather also. Keeton had rounds of 52 45 over 9 holes each day and Ira with 60, 60 and Myra with rounds of 69, 70. Keeton also won the overall trophy. GP

SENIOR TOUR 2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Aravali Polo sponsored Senior Tour had its last round of 2024 at Golden Greens Golf & Polo Club on the 19th of December to decide the Player of the Year in the

Division 50-59 Gross

- 1st Place : Debobroto Chakraborty
- 2nd Place: Anil Rao
- 3rd Place: Anurag Sharma

Division 50-59 Nett

- 1st Place: Debobroto Chakraborty
- 2nd Place: Anurag Sharma
- 3rd Place: Karan Dhillon

Division 60-69 Gross

- 1st Place: A.K.Ganjoo
- 2nd Place: P.D.Sharma
- 3rd Place: Shan Sultan

Division 60-69 Nett

- 1st Place: A.K.Ganjoo

Overall category and also the age groups. The 1st position was taken by Debobroto Chakraborty. This was the tour's 8th event in 2024 before the Grand Final, which will take place in early 2025. GP

- 2nd Place: P.D.Sharma
- 3rd Place: Shan Sultan

Division 70+ Nett

- 1st Place: Dinesh Kotwal
- 2nd Place: P.J.Sebastian
- 3rd Place: S.R.Singh

Overall Gross

- 1st Place: Debobroto Chakraborty
- 2nd Place: A.K.Ganjoo
- 3rd Place: Dinesh Kotwal

Overall Nett

- 1st Place: Dinesh Kotwal
- 2nd Place: A.K.Ganjoo
- 3rd Place: Debobroto Chakraborty



The Senior Champions



Player of the Year

Team Winners

- Anurag Sharma
- Debobroto Chakraborty

RATHI BACK WITH A BANG

Young Master WAGR Fanoza Cup was held at Classic golf & CC & Tarudhan Valley and Naveen Rathi returning to the winners category after a long gap. He displayed great resilience in overcoming the cold weather and chilly winds to play under par for 3 days.

Day 1 saw Ranveer shoot a 6 under par round to go ahead of Naveen 67 by 1 shot. Zoravar Toor 72, Arshvant, Vihaan, Aryaveer and Bhavesh with 73 were the other low scores of the day. Day 2 being a moving day, was not a moving up the leaderboard for many players as most of them performed below their capabilities except for Arshvant who shot a 1 under 71. Chaitanya played well to



Winner WAGR Naveen Rathi



shoot a 2 over but the first day leaders Naveen shot 75, while Ranveer, Zoravar, Vihaan and Bhavesh shot 76. Day 3 started off as a close encounter with Naveen & Ranveer tied for 1st place at 2 under par day and Arshvant 2 strokes behind, Zoravar 4 strokes and Vihaan & Bhavesh 7 shots behind. The first half was a see saw battle between the top 2, but the back

9 turned out to be Naveen show. Naveen shot a 5 under par 65 to win by 3 strokes. Even though Zoravar, Vihaan, Chaitanya with 3 under par rounds and Ranveer with 2 under par round could not catch Naveen.

The 16 + age division was won by Myra Batra and the 13-15 age category was won by Arshvant Srivastava. **GP**

PROMOTING JUNIOR GOLF !

DGC Junior competition took place at the Peacock Course organized by the Ladies Committee. Lots of young talent from our club participated inspite of the severely cold weather. The highlight of

the day was 10 year old Saket who got a Hole-in-One on the 9th hole of the Peacock course.

The primary objective of the DGC Ladies Section is to encourage and promote junior golf. **GP**



DESIGNERS CUP SERIES: OFF TO A FLYING START



The Designers Cup (DC), a series of exclusive golf tournaments, was recently launched by Mr. Nandan Heblikar, whose company Golf Designs, specializes in designing golf courses. This unique, invitation-only tournament brings together Heblikar's clients, prominent golfing personalities, and celebrities from across the country, making it a one-of-a-kind event.

The inaugural edition of the Designers Cup was held at the picturesque East Point Golf Club (EPGC), a golf course designed by Nandan Heblikar. Known for its immaculate maintenance, fast greens, strategic bunkers, and water features, the course spans 6,580 yards and is surrounded by hills and native palm trees. EPGC has hosted numerous amateur tournaments and the Professional Golf Tour of India. The event had a festive atmosphere, highlighted by a memorable dinner hosted by the Indian Navy for participants and their spouses.

The tournament saw an impressive turnout of over 120 invitees, including legendary cricketer Mr. GR Vishwanath, 1983 World Cup winner and BCCI President Mr. Roger Binny, Indian Open Winner Mr. Muniyappa C, and professional golfer Mr. Trishul Chinnappa, all of whom added glamour to the event. The Indian Navy Eastern Command, the patron of EPGC, was represented by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, AVSM, VSM, and Vice Admiral G Srinivasan, AVSM, VSM, along with other naval officers, civil servants, legal luminaries, industrialists, and HNIs.

State Bank of India (SBI), a long-time supporter of sports, served as the primary sponsor of the tournament. Played in the Modified Stableford format, the first-ever winner in the Platinum category was Mr. Mithun R. Beerala, a cricketer-turned-BCCI match referee, who scored 37 points with exceptional skill on EPGC's challenging greens. Mr. Rohan Reddy secured the runner-up position with 36 points based on a better back nine score tied against Mr. K Dhananjaya Das. In the Gold category,



Mr. Sridhar Sriramaneni claimed the top spot with 42 points, while Mr. TS Varma finished as the runner-up with a score of 40 points, also based on a superior back nine score tied against Dr. S Kalyanasundaram.

The SBI Designers Cup tournament featured several on-course contests, including Closest

to the Pin (two holes), Straightest Drive (two holes), and Beat the Pro. Golfers who didn't win were treated to generous lucky draw prizes from Golf Tripz, including holiday packages to Vietnam and Thailand.

The event was managed by D5 Sports Management. [GF](#)

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INAUGURAL VISHWA SAMUDRA OPEN PRESENTED BY KAPIL DEV LAUNCHED

The Vishwa Samudra Group, PGTI President Mr. Kapil Dev and the TATA Steel Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the official sanctioning body of professional golf in India, jointly announced the launch of the Vishwa Samudra Open presented by Kapil Dev which was held at the prestigious Delhi Golf Club (DGC) from December 10 - 13, 2024. The tournament carried a prize purse of INR 2 crore.

The tournament was supported by Title Sponsor Vishwa Samudra Group and Host Venue Delhi Golf Club. Indian cricket legend and PGTI President Mr. Kapil Dev was the Tournament Host.

Vishwa Samudra Group is a multilateral business conglomerate with over 15 companies, headquartered in Hyderabad, India. Unwavering commitment to conduct business ethically beyond borders has highlighted the ambitious vision of this dynamic Group. The experience and credibility of the seasoned Vishwa Samudra team over the last decade has reflected their stellar work that has been transformative with futuristic thinking and commitment towards a sustainable environment.

The stellar field at the tournament featured SSP Chawrasia, Ajeetesh Sandhu, Rahil Gangjee, Gaurav Ghei, Rashid Khan, Khalin Joshi, Chikkarangappa S, Yuvraj Sandhu, Om Prakash Chouhan, Olympian Udayan Mane, 2024 TATA Steel PGTI Ranking leader Veer Ahlawat and Karandeep Kochhar, to name a few.

Mr. Anil Yendluri, Managing Director, Vishwa Samudra Engineering, said, "Vishwa Samudra is thrilled to partner with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) for the first time. The Vishwa Samudra Group up until now has hosted the best corporate golf event the country has seen and now, we are excited to venture into the space of professional sport. Our group has supported talented golfers in the past and this is the first time that we are associating with the PGTI. We hope this is the start of a very

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L - R: Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI, Col. Mohit Nasa (Retd.), Chairman, Golf Operations, Delhi Golf Club, Mr. Anil Yendluri, Managing Director, Vishwa Samudra Engineering, leading Indian professional Ajeetesh Sandhu, Mr. Kapil Dev, President, PGTI & Tournament Host, Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO-Designate, PGTI, Mr. Vikram Seth, Captain, Delhi Golf Club, leading Indian professional SSP Chawrasia and Mr. Ishan De Souza, Director, VS Golden Eagles, pose with the trophy at the Press Conference

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mutually beneficial association which grows in the years to come."

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of Indian professional golf and working hard to provide us with perfect playing conditions for the event. I look forward to seeing the spectators come out in large numbers, watch India's best professionals in action and enjoy themselves."

Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI, said, "We thank the Vishwa Samudra Group for sharing PGTI's vision of creating more playing opportunities for Indian professionals as they come on board as title sponsors. We also thank our President Mr. Kapil Dev for his initiative in getting the event on track. With a star-studded field vying for top honours in the pristine conditions at the Delhi Golf Club, a thrilling week of golfing action is in the offing."





AJEETESH SANDHU REGISTERS THUMPING FIVE-SHOT WIN AT VISHWA SAMUDRA OPEN 2024 PRESENTED BY KAPIL DEV



Champion Ajeetesh Sandhu receives the trophy from Mr. Shivdutt Das, Executive Director, Vishwa Samudra Holdings. The other dignitaries seen in the picture are (L - R) Mr. Vikram Seth, Captain, Delhi Golf Club, Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI, Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO-Designate, PGTI & Col. Mohit Nasa, Chairman, Golf Operations, Delhi Golf Club



Ajeetesh Sandhu - Winner

“It’s very special to win here at the DGC, one of the best golfing venues in the country with so much history.”

Chandigarh’s Ajeetesh Sandhu registered a thumping five-shot win after returning a confident one-under 71 in the last round of the INR 2 crore Vishwa Samudra Open 2024 presented by Kapil Dev played at the Delhi Golf Club (DGC).

Ajeetesh (69-67-69-71), who totaled 12-under 276 for the week, took home an impressive prize money cheque of INR 30 lakh for his effort. It happened to be Sandhu’s first win in five years and overall seventh professional title. It was also Ajeetesh’s first triumph at the celebrated DGC.

Bangladesh’s Jamal Hossain (67-73-67-74) finished a distant second at seven-under 281 after he delivered a 74 in the final round. Jamal’s runner-up finish earned him a prize money cheque worth INR 20 lakh that lifted him 11 spots to sixth position in the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking.

International winner Ajeetesh Sandhu, who

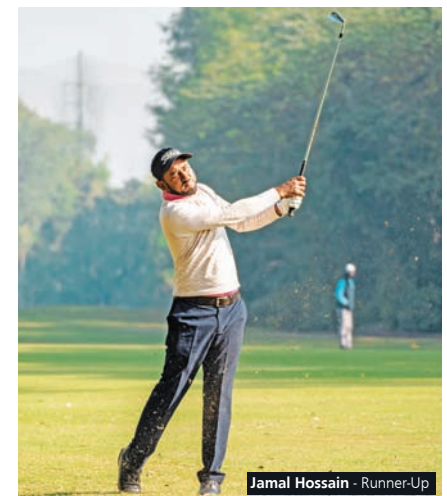
was the overnight leader by a narrow margin of two shots, negotiated the windiest day of the week and tricky pin positions with distinction by finding most of the fairways and greens.

The 36-year-old Ajeetesh, who came very close to winning at the DGC on a couple of occasions in the past, made no mistake this time around as he made a solitary birdie on the 14th from six feet and backed that up with pars on the rest of the 17 holes. He made a couple of good par saves with quality chip-putts.

Ajeetesh said, “It’s very special to win here at the DGC, one of the best golfing venues in the country with so much history. I’ve seen the greats of Indian golf win here, so I too wanted to win here. It’s one of my favourite courses.

“It’s been a tough year on the international stage for me. It’s the tough times when you rely on people who are close to you and I’m fortunate that those close to me understand the highs and lows of the game. I thank my family for their support.”

Jamal Hossain kept pace with Ajeetesh till the fifth making pars all the way. However, Jamal’s double-bogey on the sixth saw him concede a four-shot lead to Sandhu. Hossain was unable to bridge the gap thereafter. **GP**



Jamal Hossain - Runner-Up





VEER AHLAWAT BAGS TATA STEEL TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AFTER GRITTY PLAYOFF WIN AGAINST AMARDEEP MALIK



Champion Veer Ahlawat (centre) receives the trophy and cheque from Mr. T V Narendran, CEO & Managing Director, TATA Steel (2nd from left). The other dignitaries seen in the picture are Mr. D B Sundaram Ramam, Vice President, Raw Materials Division, TATA Steel & Captain - Jamshedpur Golf (2nd from right), Mr. Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI (extreme left) and Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO - Designate, PGTI (extreme right).

VEER AHLAWAT CROWNED TATA STEEL PGTI RANKING CHAMPION WITH RECORD SEASON'S EARNINGS

It was double delight for Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat. The 28-year-old Veer, who had already sealed the No. 1 spot in the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking before the final event of the 2024 PGTI season, also stole the show with a playoff victory against Amardeep Malik to clinch the season-ending TATA Steel Tour Championship 2024, an INR 3 crore event, played at the Beldih and Golmuri Golf Courses in Jamshedpur.

Veer Ahlawat (67-68-68-64) prevailed over Amardeep Malik (67-64-71-65) on the second playoff hole after the two players were tied in first position at 17-under 267 at the end of the regulation 72 holes.

Veer Ahlawat picked up the winning cheque worth INR 45 lakh to take his season's earnings to a whopping INR 1,56,35,724, thus smashing the previous record for season's earnings on the PGTI set at INR 1,18,26,059, by Om Prakash Chouhan in 2023.

The six-foot four-inch tall Ahlawat, who hails from the DLF Golf & Country Club, Gurugram, won two titles and posted seven other top-10s this season. Notably, Veer had a runner-up finish at the Indian Open, an event co-sanctioned by the DP World Tour. He thus became the second player after Om Prakash Chouhan to breach the INR 1 crore mark in season's earnings on the PGTI. As a result of his Order of Merit triumph, Veer has now

earned himself a card on the DP World Tour for the 2025 season.

Bengaluru-based Rahil Gangjee finished a distant second on the PGTI Ranking with

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Veer Ahlawat - Winner





Veer Ahlawat receives the TATA Steel PGTI Ranking Trophy from Mr. T V Narendran, CEO & Managing Director, TATA Steel



The tournament was inaugurated in Jamshedpur with the customary cake-cutting done by the Chief Guest & PGTI President Mr. Kapil Dev, former Union Minister Mr. Arjun Munda & Mr. D B Sundara Ramam, VP, Raw Materials Division, Tata Steel & Captain - Jamshedpur Golf

season's earnings of INR 69,21,582.

Veer Ahlawat, who was overnight tied sixth and four shots off the lead, came out firing on all cylinders on the front-nine, picking up an eagle and two birdies before the turn, as he landed it within four feet on two occasions and also sank a 20-footer. After a bogey on the 11th, Veer got his game back on track with four birdies, not leaving himself anything longer than 10 feet on the greens.

Amardeep Malik, who had a bogey-free round, was leader for a major part of the day thanks to his five birdies on the front-nine. Amardeep, a two-time winner on the PGTI, slowed down on the back-nine where he managed just one birdie. However, he kept

the errors out.

On the first playoff hole, Amardeep had a heart-breaking lip-out from 20 feet that could've sealed a birdie and perhaps the match for him.

On the second extra hole, Amardeep hit it over the green and missed the chip-putt for par while Veer continued to play steady and made the decisive par to lift his fourth professional trophy.

Amardeep's runner-up finish earned him INR 30 lakh and thus propelled him from 23rd to sixth place in the PGTI Order of Merit.

Ahlawat said, "I had worked a lot on my wedge-play and that paid off today. In the

playoff, I used one of my favourite clubs, the gap wedge, to perfection.

"My family, including my parents and my wife, gave me a pleasant surprise by landing up in Jamshedpur yesterday. Their presence on the course today was a huge encouragement for me to do well.

"It's been a great season for me and I'm very happy about my consistent showing. Winning the PGTI Order of Merit was a major goal and I'm delighted to have achieved it. I'm now eagerly looking forward to playing on the DP World Tour in 2025. I'm working on a few things to prepare myself well for the different conditions in Europe." **GP**



Amardeep Malik - Runner-Up

Shaurya Bhattacharya is PGTI Emerging Player of the Year

Twenty-one-year-old rookie Shaurya Bhattacharya of Delhi won the PGTI Emerging Player of the Year title with season's earnings of INR 23,14,017, the highest among the rookies. Shaurya secured a creditable 28th position on the PGTI Order of Merit as a result of his win in Jammu and four other top-20s in the season. **GP**



Shaurya Bhattacharya





Veer Ahlawat poses with the TATA Steel Tour Championship 2024 Trophy

PGTI SEASON REVIEW : 2024

The 2024 PGTI season proved to be a milestone year for Indian professional golf, marked by record-breaking achievements, increased global appeal, and significant leadership transitions. Here's a comprehensive review of the season's highlights:

Record-Breaking Achievements:

Events & Prize Money: The season saw 21 events with an all-time high prize pool of ₹33 crore, further elevating the stature of the PGTI.

New Order of Merit Champion & Record Prize Money Earnings:

Veer Ahlawat is the 2024 TATA Steel PGTI Ranking Champion. He earned a record-breaking ₹1,56,35,724, eclipsing the previous high set in 2023.

The top-10, top-20, and top-30 earners all surpassed ₹44 lakh, ₹31 lakh, and ₹22 lakh, respectively, reflecting the growing financial rewards on the tour.

Performance Highlights:

19 different winners across 21 events, with four first-time winners, showcasing the growing competitiveness of the field.

The average winning score was 17-under, and four events were decided by playoffs.

The winners came from across the country and abroad.

Leadership Transition:

New PGTI President: Cricket legend Kapil Dev assumed the role of PGTI President, succeeding Srinivasan H R, with plans to enhance opportunities for Indian golfers.

New CEO: Former professional golfer Amandeep Johl replaced Uttam Singh Mundy, bringing extensive experience to continue the tour's growth.

Global Expansion & New Events:

International Events: Four international events were held, including the Hero Indian Open (DP World Tour co-sanctioned) and HSBC India Legends Championship (Legends Tour debut).

New Tournaments:

Mysuru Open (Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club debut), The Poona Club Open and Vishwa Samudra Open presented by Kapil Dev.

New tour partners like Nissan Motors, Victorious Choice and Bisleri, joined the tour.

Star Performers:

Veer Ahlawat: With two victories, including the season-ending TATA Steel Tour Championship, nine top-10 finishes, and a DP World Tour card

for 2025, Veer emerged as the standout player of the year.

Emerging Talent:

Shaurya Binu (two-time winner) and Shaurya Bhattacharya (Rookie of the Year) solidified their status as future stars.

Rayhan Thomas, a professional of Indian origin from the UAE, won on debut on the PGTI and secured the 2025 Korn Ferry Tour and Challenge Tour cards.

International champions Gaganjeet Bhullar and Ajeetesh Sandhu continued to shine with significant wins.

Growing Foreign Presence:

The 2024 season witnessed a record number of international players from countries like the USA, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Chile, Japan and South Korea, joining the tour, elevating its global profile.

Looking Ahead:

With robust performances, leadership changes, and an increasing international footprint, the TATA Steel PGTI is poised for even greater success in 2025. The focus remains on nurturing talent, expanding the tour's reach and establishing Indian golf on the global stage.





FINAL TATA STEEL
PGTI RANKING 2024 (EVENT - 21)

| POS | GOLFER | HOME TOWN | PLAYED | WINS | CUTS | TOP-10s | TOTAL PRIZE |
|-----|---------------------|---------------|--------|------|------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | VEER AHLAWAT | GURUGRAM | 13 | 2 | 12 | 9 | ₹ 15635724 |
| 2 | RAHIL GANGJEE | BENGALURU | 13 | 0 | 11 | 7 | ₹ 6921582 |
| 3 | MANU GANDAS | GURUGRAM | 16 | 1 | 12 | 5 | ₹ 6715105 |
| 4 | ANGAD CHEEMA | MOHALI | 17 | 1 | 13 | 7 | ₹ 6548267 |
| 5 | SACHIN BAISOYA | DELHI | 21 | 1 | 19 | 12 | ₹ 6528213 |
| 6 | AMARDEEP MALIK | GREATER NOIDA | 20 | 0 | 15 | 7 | ₹ 5318174 |
| 7 | JAMAL HOSSAIN | DHAKA | 21 | 1 | 13 | 4 | ₹ 4962116 |
| 8 | YASHAS CHANDRA M S | MYSORE | 18 | 0 | 14 | 8 | ₹ 4751743 |
| 9 | UDAYAN MANE | PUNE | 21 | 0 | 19 | 10 | ₹ 4628368 |
| 10 | AKSHAY SHARMA | CHANDIGARH | 18 | 0 | 16 | 6 | ₹ 4498889 |
| 11 | M DHARMA | BENGALURU | 20 | 1 | 16 | 4 | ₹ 4343397 |
| 12 | SHAURYA BINU | BENGALURU | 19 | 2 | 11 | 4 | ₹ 4101924 |
| 13 | DHRUV SHEORAN | DELHI | 18 | 1 | 15 | 7 | ₹ 4099258 |
| 14 | ABHINAV LOHAN | FARIDABAD | 21 | 1 | 15 | 5 | ₹ 3997194 |
| 15 | AMAN RAJ | PATNA | 13 | 0 | 12 | 3 | ₹ 3741667 |
| 16 | RASHID KHAN | NOIDA | 10 | 0 | 10 | 4 | ₹ 3402920 |
| 17 | N THANGARAJA | COLOMBO | 19 | 0 | 12 | 5 | ₹ 3352870 |
| 18 | VARUN PARIKH | AHMEDABAD | 20 | 1 | 13 | 3 | ₹ 3279667 |
| 19 | KSHITIJ NAVEED KAUL | FARIDABAD | 18 | 1 | 11 | 3 | ₹ 3169372 |
| 20 | SHANKAR DAS | KOLKATA | 20 | 1 | 14 | 1 | ₹ 3112426 |
| 21 | KARTIK SHARMA | GURUGRAM | 19 | 0 | 14 | 3 | ₹ 2834387 |
| 22 | KARANDEEP KOCHHAR | CHANDIGARH | 7 | 0 | 5 | 2 | ₹ 2825434 |
| 23 | SAPTAK TALWAR | DELHI | 12 | 0 | 11 | 3 | ₹ 2785580 |
| 24 | KARAN PRATAP SINGH | FARIDABAD | 18 | 0 | 10 | 4 | ₹ 2658397 |
| 25 | MANI RAM | MADHUBAN | 18 | 0 | 12 | 3 | ₹ 2488740 |



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