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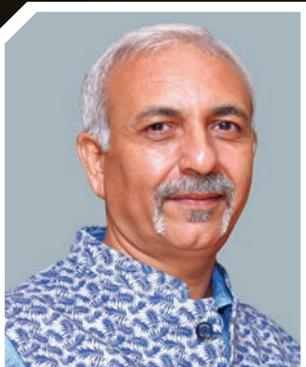
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# A SEASON OF PROMISE & ENLIGHTENMENT

**F**estivals bring with them light, renewal, and the joy of gathering-and golf, in its own way, mirrors that spirit. This is a season when the game in India feels alive

with possibility, with landmark tournaments reshaping the conversation and raising the bar.

The Hero Women's Indian Open 2025, staged once more at the iconic DLF Golf & Country Club, continues to grow in stature. With a record half-a-million USD purse and the strongest international field in its history, the championship stands as a beacon for women's golf in the region. For Indian fans, it is a source of pride to see homegrown talent-Diksha Dagar, Pranavi Urs, Tvesa Malik, and Avani Prashanth-take their place alongside defending champion Liz Young, Order of Merit leader Mimi Rhodes, and teenage prodigy Anna Huang. More than a competition, the event has become a launchpad for legends, a stage where talent meets opportunity.

Adding to the momentum is the inaugural DP World India Championship at the historic Delhi Golf Club. With the largest ever DP World Tour purse in India-USD \$4 million-and a field glittering with global stars including Rory

McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood, Viktor Hovland, Shane Lowry, and home favourite Shubhankar Sharma, the tournament signals India's growing significance on golf's world stage.

Together, these events tell a story of ambition and arrival. Women's golf is flourishing, international recognition is deepening, and India is now hosting golf of the very highest calibre.

As the festival season fills our homes and hearts with light, golf too offers its own illumination-moments of brilliance, sparks of resilience, and the glow of possibility. This is a time to celebrate not only victories on the course, but also the broader journey of the game itself.

Here's to the players who inspire, the fans who cheer, and the journeys-festive and golfing alike-that remind us why this game matters.

Happy festivals, and happy golfing!

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**Sadhguru:** Once you enter the spiritual path, everything is in turmoil, everything is in question. You don't know where you stand - you don't know anything. Before knowing anything about spirituality, you were at least comfortable, self-satisfied. You ate breakfast in the morning, drank coffee, and you thought that was the ultimate. Now, nothing matters. You don't feel like eating, like sleeping, like doing anything, because nothing is really worthwhile anymore. It never was worthwhile. You just deceived yourself into believing that it was. If it was truly worthwhile, how could it go away? If you truly knew what's what, how could you get confused? The very fact that you are confused means you didn't know. You had made wrong conclusions just for the sake of comfort and security.

If comfort is all you are seeking, you must psych yourself up to believe you are perfect, that everything is okay with your life. "My house is good, my husband is wonderful, my life is great, my children are fantastic, even my dog is fabulous. This is it. This is life." You must tell yourself this every day and go on with it. It will be quite good, nothing wrong with it. It's just that it is limited, and this being will never settle for anything limited. It doesn't matter in how many ways you try to fool yourself, somewhere there's a longing. Carefully look at all the happiness that you have known in your life. On the surface there's happiness, but somewhere deep inside, there is a certain suffering in everything. The suffering is just because the suppressed being is always longing. To even become conscious of this suffering, people take lifetimes.



Entering the spiritual path means you have become conscious of your suffering. You were suffering unconsciously; now you have become conscious of it. Entering the spiritual path is a possibility, being with a Guru is a possibility. If the possibility has to become a reality, the first thing is that you are willing to see everything the way it is. You are at least willing to recognize your limitations. If you

want to hide your limitations, where is the question of liberation? You have destroyed the possibility completely. If you are chained right now and if freedom has to come someday, the first and foremost thing to see is that you are chained. If you refuse to see that you are chained, the question of liberating yourself never arises.

When you realize that you are chained, there



will be pain and suffering, there will be struggle and confusion. Old memories will say, “I was better off before.” This is the way of your mind. As a part of your survival technique, memory has a way of erasing certain unpleasant things and making the past always more pleasant than what is there right now. This is a trick of survival. Otherwise, psychologically, you will crack up.

On a certain day, a farmer with a truck full of animals is on his way to the market for auctioning. He comes upon a hitchhiker and gives the man a lift. On the way to town, the farmer starts sipping on some home brew, swerves off the road and crashes in a big ditch. The hitchhiker is thrown out of the truck and into the ditch, with shattered ribs, a busted leg and a smashed arm - he’s totally in pieces. The farm animals are also seriously messed up. The farmer is the only one with only a few cuts and bruises. He gets out of the truck and inspects his animals. The chickens have broken legs and wings, and can barely move. “These chickens are useless now,” the farmer explodes. “Nobody will buy them!” He grabs his shotgun from the truck and shoots the chickens. Next, he sees that the pigs are all busted and bleeding. “These pigs are worthless too!” So he reloads the gun and shoots them, too. The farmer then looks at the sheep in the same state as the chickens and

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the pigs, and screams, “Worthless sheep!” He reloads his shotgun and blows away the sheep. The injured hitchhiker witnesses all this carnage in great horror. The farmer then moves over to the ditch, peers inside, and shouts, “Are you okay, down there?” Instantly the hitchhiker, crawling up really fast, says, “SURE, I’VE NEVER FELT BETTER IN MY WHOLE LIFE!”

True liberation is when nobody can take away anything from you, and that which can’t be taken away from you is your blissfulness, your inability to suffer. I am not interested in sending people to heaven. I am interested in making people in such a way that even if they go to hell, nobody can make them suffer. That’s freedom. “I want to go to heaven,” is a huge bondage. Suppose you land in the wrong place? Suppose someone hijacked your airplane on the way to heaven. He didn’t

crash it, he just landed it in the wrong place - you are finished. You are always living with something that can be taken away from you by somebody or something. “I want to go to heaven,” means you are still capable of suffering. That’s why you want to go to a good place.

Gautama repeatedly said, “I don’t want to go to heaven. I want to go to hell.” People thought he was crazy, but that’s how a liberated man will be. “What’s my problem with hell? Anyway they can’t make me suffer, so I will go to hell.” This man is free. **GP**

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## SCORE - FINAL ROUND

S.NO.	STATE	NAME	1 72	2 72	3 72	TOTAL 216
<b>Ladies</b>						
1	Delhi	<b>Keya Badugu -L</b>	75	72	70	217
2	Haryana	<b>Ceerat Kang -L</b>	73	74	72	219
3	Delhi	<b>Smriti Bhargav -L</b>	70	83	71	224
4	Gujarat	<b>Janneya A Dasannnee -L</b>	76	74	76	226
<b>A Girls</b>						
1	Sri Lanka	<b>Kaya Daluwatte -A</b>	71	69	70	210
2	Maharashtra	<b>Anuradha Chaudhuri -A</b>	70	72	71	213
3	Maharashtra	<b>Aradhana Manikandan -A</b>	72	71	83	226
4	Haryana	<b>Yogya Bhalla -A</b>	71	73	72	216
<b>B Girls</b>						
1	Chandigarh	<b>Guntas Kaur Sandhu -B</b>	71	68	68	207
2	Haryana	<b>Shambhavi Chaturvedi -B</b>	78	79	71	228
3	Karnataka	<b>Smira Bhambri -B</b>	74	84	71	229
4	Chandigarh	<b>Rabab Kahlon -B</b>	76	79	74	229
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Aida Thimmiah, Winner C Girls



Guntas Kaur Sandhu

# IGU ROTARY SOUTHERN INDIA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Karnataka Golf Association - Bangalore

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RANK	STATE	NAME	1 72	2 72	3 72	4 72	TOTAL 288
1	West Bengal	<b>Anshul Mishra</b>	69	70	66	71	276
2	Delhi	<b>Prithish Singh Karayat</b>	70	68	68	70	276
3	Gujarat	<b>Ishaan Chawhan</b>	67	69	72	69	277
4	Delhi	<b>Deepak Yadav</b>	73	69	66	73	281
5	Uttar Pradesh	<b>Sukhman Singh</b>	71	76	69	66	282
6	Punjab	<b>Arjunveer shishir</b>	75	71	68	68	282
7	Haryana	<b>Harman Sachdeva</b>	72	68	72	72	284
8	Maharashtra	<b>Arkin Patil</b>	72	74	73	66	285
9	Karnataka	<b>Saurav Paruthi</b>	77	68	70	71	286
10	Delhi	<b>Ranveer Mitroo</b>	73	72	70	71	286



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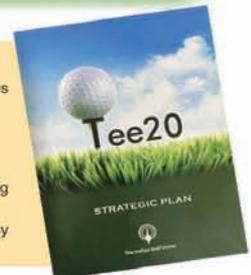
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# RYDER CUP 2025: DRAMA, RIVALRY, AND GLORY

At Bethpage Black in New York, the Ryder Cup once again proved why it stood apart as golf's most electrifying spectacle.

Over three days, the world's best from the United States and Europe battled for pride, history, and the gleaming golden trophy. First held in 1927, the Ryder Cup began as a simple contest between the United States and Great Britain. But after decades of American dominance, the format was expanded in 1979 to include all of Europe. That decision reshaped the event into a rivalry of true balance. Since then, Europe had collected 12 victories, the U.S. nine, with one tie sprinkled into the history books.

Bethpage became the latest stage in this storied duel, following Rome's Marco Simone Golf Club two years earlier. And, as always, the challenge loomed large: Europe had not won on American soil since 2012, while the U.S. continued to struggle across the Atlantic.

Unlike golf's familiar stroke play, the Ryder Cup used match play, turning every hole into its own battle. Win more holes than the opponent over 18, and a point went on the board. Matches tied after 18 gave each team half a point. There were 28 points in total. A team needed 14½ to seize the Cup outright, while a 14-14 deadlock meant the defending champions - this time Europe - retained the prize. Every putt, every half-point mattered.

## The Matches That Defined the Cup

### Foursomes

The opening sessions were foursomes, a demanding format where two teammates shared one ball and alternated shots. It was unforgiving, exposing weaknesses in rhythm and trust.

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Team Europe

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- **Captain's picks:** Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa, Ben Griffin, Cameron Young, Patrick Cantlay, Sam Burns

### Team Europe

- **Captain:** Luke Donald
- **Automatic qualifiers:** Rory McIlroy, Robert MacIntyre, Tommy Fleetwood, Justin Rose, Rasmus Højgaard, Tyrrell Hatton
- **Captain's picks:** Shane Lowry, Jon Rahm, Sepp Straka, Viktor Hovland, Ludvig Åberg, Matt Fitzpatrick

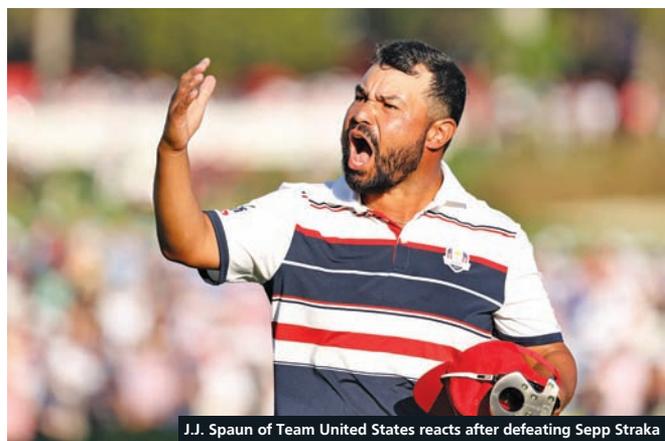
each pair counted. It was the moment for risk-taking - one partner attacking flags while the other played safe. It produced fireworks, with birdies and eagles often deciding holes in front of raucous galleries.

### Singles

The final day was pure theatre: 12 singles matches, one American against one European, all unfolding like parallel duels on a vast stage. History had shown this was where legends were made. **GP**



Bryson DeChambeau of Team United States reacts on the 18th green



J.J. Spaun of Team United States reacts after defeating Sepp Straka

**T**he Ryder Cup of 2025 unfolded at the formidable Bethpage Black in New York, where Europe and the United States met in one of the most intense chapters of the competition's history. Over three days of play, momentum swung between the two sides, yet it was Europe who ultimately triumphed with a 15-13 victory, defending their crown and recording their first away win on American soil since 2012.

The first day belonged to Europe, who wasted little time in asserting their dominance. In the morning foursomes they claimed three of the four matches, silencing the New York galleries and striking a decisive psychological blow. Rory McIlroy and Tommy Fleetwood,

a pairing that had already gained legendary status in previous editions, overwhelmed Collin Morikawa and Harris English by a commanding 5&4 margin, a display that captured the chemistry and confidence pulsing through the European team. The afternoon four-ball session brought further reward, as Jon Rahm and Sepp Straka defeated world number one Scottie Scheffler and J.J. Spaun, Fleetwood and Justin Rose edged Griffin and DeChambeau by a single hole, and the young Scandinavian duo of Ludvig Åberg and Rasmus Højgaard demolished Justin Thomas and Cameron Young 6&5. McIlroy and Shane Lowry halved their contest with Sam Burns and

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Patrick Cantlay, ensuring that Europe closed the day with a formidable 5.5-2.5 lead.

The second day saw the Americans mount a spirited fightback, determined to claw their way into contention. Their pairings sharpened,



Bethpage course



Ludvig Aberg of Team Europe



Matt Fitzpatrick of Team Europe and Bryson DeChambeau of Team United States

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their putting improved, and the home crowd sensed an opportunity for a shift in momentum. Yet Europe remained composed, their tried-and-tested partnerships continuing to deliver at crucial moments. McIlroy and Fleetwood once again provided a reliable anchor, while Rahm's power and precision proved invaluable. By the time the second day closed, the visitors still carried a significant cushion, one that gave them the upper hand heading into the decisive singles.

The final day produced the drama for which the Ryder Cup is renowned. Europe needed only a handful of points to retain the trophy, yet the Americans came charging back with determination and fire. Scheffler showed

resilience, and the likes of Cantlay and Schauffele pressed hard to narrow the gap. For much of the afternoon, the scoreline hovered precariously, and the home support roared at the prospect of a comeback to rival the great moments of Ryder Cup lore. Europe, however, refused to yield. Shane Lowry epitomised the team's grit, winning the final hole of his match against Russell Henley to secure a vital half-point. Soon after, Tyrrell Hatton delivered the decisive blow, halving his contest with Morikawa to guarantee Europe the outright victory. The tournament carried an unusual twist when Viktor Hovland was forced to withdraw through injury, his scheduled singles match declared halved under competition



Matt Fitzpatrick of Team Europe celebrates on the 15th green



Scottie Scheffler of Team United States and Rory McIlroy of Team Europe



Robert MacIntyre of Team Europe and Sam Burns of Team United States



Shane Lowry of Team Europe makes his putt to halve the hole and retain the Ryder Cup on the 18th green

rules, gifting each side half a point. When the dust settled, the scoreboard read Europe 15, United States 13, the narrowest of winning margins but sufficient to retain the trophy in European hands.

Among the heroes of Bethpage, none shone brighter than Tommy Fleetwood. The Englishman produced four wins from five matches, his steady play and calm presence proving essential in both pairs and singles. Beyond the points he secured, Fleetwood embodied the ethos of the event, a fact recognised when he was awarded the Nicklaus-Jacklin Award presented by Aon, given to the player who best exemplifies sportsmanship

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and integrity. His partnership with McIlroy, affectionately dubbed "Fleetwood Mac," once again wrote its name into Ryder Cup folklore with performances that were both ruthless and joyous. Jon Rahm's strength and

Lowry's resilience also stood out, while for the United States, Justin Thomas and Cameron Young provided flashes of inspiration that could not outweigh the struggles of Scheffler, whose campaign was marked by historically poor results for a world number one.

Europe's triumph at Bethpage Black was not simply the product of individual brilliance but also of collective strategy. Captain Luke Donald's decision to preserve partnerships from the victorious 2023 side and to introduce fearless young talent in Åberg and Højgaard proved decisive, creating a blend of experience and freshness that the United States could not match. American captain Keegan Bradley was left to grapple with the challenge of moulding a side still searching for cohesion, and while his players showed moments of resistance, they fell short of the unity that propelled Europe.

The 2025 Ryder Cup will be remembered as a contest of narrow margins, of moments seized and squandered, and of the indomitable spirit that defines the event. **GP**



Tyrrell Hatton of Europe celebrates



TODD ANDERSON INSTRUCTIONAL

# HOW TO SWING LIKE J.J. SPAUN



**J** J. Spaun, 2025 U.S. Open Champion and PGA TOUR winner, has risen from San Diego State standout to one of golf's most exciting players. After his breakthrough at the 2022 Valero Texas Open he continues to make a mark with his major winning performances and consistent presence among the best in the game.

- 1 Balanced setup with upper arms connected to the chest to support his compact rotary motion.
- 2 Chest and arms stay connected as the club swings away in the takeaway. This helps maintain the triangle formed between his shoulders, arms and hands.
- 3 Clubhead stays outside his hands, illustrating the proper sequence of movement

with his chest, arms, hands and club in his takeaway.

- 4 The club swings up between his arms as the right arm starts to fold. Lower body is stable, with upper body maintaining the spine angle established in his setup.
- 5 In the mid-backswing, hands are in front of his chest, with the club shaft bisecting his right shoulder with minimal lower body rotation.



**6** The left arm swings across his chest as the hands set over the right shoulder, with a slight hip turn and pressure on the right heel.

**7** At the top of the backswing, the club shaft is on plane (parallel to the target line). Arms are still connected to the chest, with the right elbow below the right shoulder, with a small window between the hands and the right shoulder.

**8** The lower body starts the downswing, with pressure moving from the right heel to the left toe. Arms lower down the plane, with the shaft bisecting the right shoulder.

**9** The right arm is connected to the body, with the clubhead slightly outside the hands to promote a slight left to right ball flight (fade).

**10** The lower body opens, and the right forearm stays behind the shaft to stabilize the clubface through impact. The right arm stays close to the body, with the forearm and shaft on the same plane, creating a powerful, consistent impact position.

**11** Hands arc left and stay inside the clubhead to minimize clubface rotation. The chest stays down as the lower and upper body continue to rotate.

**12** The club exits below the shoulder plane, with the hands continuing to work low and left.



**13** Low left elbow with the right arm across his chest at the through swing, illustrating a rotary golf swing.

**14** The left elbow is below the left shoulder,

mirroring the right arm to shoulder position at the top of the backswing.

**15** Balanced finish with level shoulders and the club shaft horizontal to the ground.**GP**

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# FROM CAMPUS TO CLUBHOUSE:

# THE RISE OF YOUNG GOLF STARS

By Jim McCabe

*Rarely is golf talked about as a fast-paced game, except for the intensified speed to which today's elite players are now swinging their clubs.*

**T**he truth is, the game has always been methodical. Where patience is encouraged. For decades, the recipe for success was this: Take your time, endure a few tough years, train relentlessly and learn from seasoned veterans, train even more, and maybe by your late twenties or early thirties you'd be ready for prime time.

But the days of making young golfers bide their time are long gone. Want to prove yourself, young man? If you have the game, the PGA TOUR is not opposed to your wishes to step into the big time and can accommodate lofty ambitions accompanied by large doses of firepower and self-belief

It's a sound philosophy for the TOUR to embrace, because if there's one thing we've

learned in recent years it's that guys coming out of college now aren't afraid.

Such were the thoughts of Canadian Adam Hadwin, a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR. He spoke in the moments after witnessing something the PGA TOUR hadn't seen since 1991 - an amateur winning a tournament, The American Express back in February of 2024.

With his cap enthusiastically tipped to the



University of Alabama's Nick Dunlap, Hadwin explained: "This is my 10th year and I feel like it took a few years to kind of get comfortable out here". But after watching Dunlap post 64-65-60-70 to reach 29-under and win by one, the veteran could only shake his head in admiration.

"Now, with the PGA TOUR U and guys playing events before getting a TOUR card, they're comfortable and there's no adjustment needed. They come out firing. They hit it so far now, too. But obviously, an incredible talent and, yeah, very impressive."

As historic as Dunlap's performance was, it was significant proof that PGA TOUR administrators made the right call in 2022 when they launched the PGA TOUR U initiative.

The "U" stands for 'university', because by 2023 officials were convinced that truly elite collegiate players had what it took to succeed on the PGA TOUR. The pathway they created, would be a system whereby points were accumulated by players over their final two years of university, at the end of the college season the No.1 player would earn a PGA TOUR card.

The next four ranked players would receive some PGA TOUR starts, as well as status on the Korn Ferry Tour. Further rewards were divided out to the top 25 names on the list.

Wise concept? Well, the first two winners of PGA TOUR U - Ludvig Åberg in 2023 and Michael Thorbjornsen in 2024 have registered some impressive numbers: two wins, six

THOUGH NOT AS SWIFTLY AS DUNLAP DID, YOUNG LUKE CLANTON TOOK THE PGA TOUR BY STORM IN JUNE OF 2024 WHEN THE FLORIDA STATE SOPHOMORE POSTED BACK-TO-BACK TOP 10S.

seconds, 24 top 10s, and a considerable sum of prize money over just 82 tournaments. Åberg, only 25, is ranked 14th in the world, the 23-year-old Thorbjornsen is 111th.

David Ford, 22, the current No. 1 in the 2025 PGA TOUR U standings will be in fields this Fall and throughout 2026. But the lens will widen to focus on the sort of stuff these young guns did to create the PGA TOUR's affirmative reaction:

- \* In June of 2022, Thorbjornsen, then a Stanford University student-athlete, shot 68-65-66-66 to finish T-4 at the Travelers Championship, only four off Xander Schauffele's winning score.

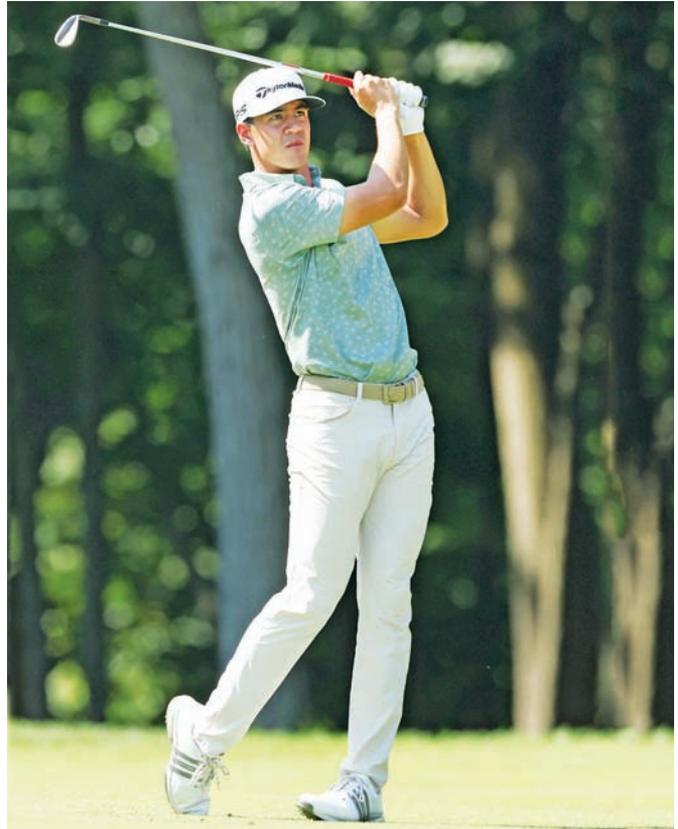
- \* Back in 2019, Viktor Hovland and Collin Morikawa turned pro and wasted no time in proving they belonged on the PGA TOUR. Morikawa piled up a few Top 10s then won to earn his card. Hovland was Top 15 in four of his five starts then in just two Korn Ferry Tour starts he earned his PGA TOUR card for 2000.

- \* There had been a trio of phenoms more than 10 years ago who helped set things in motion. Jordan Spieth won in just his seventh start



after declaring his pro status in 2013; after a dominating year of developmental tour golf, Justin Thomas in 2015 finished 32nd in the FedExCup standings; Patrick Cantlay needed just 13 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour and overcame a back problem to make the TOUR Championship in 2017, his first full year on the PGA TOUR.

With all these indicators, PGA TOUR



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executives were cognizant of the rich resource of talent that was available at a tender age and that golf, like the NBA, the NHL, and MLB - sports that all welcome players in their teens and early 20s - was ripe for a youth explosion. Beyond the PGA TOUR U program, what has also been implemented is PGA TOUR Accelerated Program and former Vanderbilt standout Gordon Sargent was the first awarded. He accumulated PGA TOUR U points at such a rapid pace that even while he was a senior at Vanderbilt in 2024-25, Sargent knew he'd have a PGA TOUR card for 2026. He's just 22.

THE NEXT FOUR RANKED PLAYERS WOULD RECEIVE SOME PGA TOUR STARTS, AS WELL AS STATUS ON THE KORN FERRY TOUR.

Though not as swiftly as Dunlap did, young Luke Clanton took the PGA TOUR by storm in June of 2024 when the Florida State sophomore posted back-to-back Top 10s. An amateur had not done that on the PGA TOUR since 1958. At just 21, he too has accepted a PGA TOUR card thanks to the Accelerated route. Then there's Jackson Koivun. Like Sargent and Clanton, he has reached the 20-point threshold to earn a PGA TOUR card through the Accelerated Programme, though the 20-year-old has chosen to defer his card for a year so he could return to play college golf for Auburn.



After all that, there's more. Consider the meteoric rise of Chris Gotterup, 26, a former standout at Rutgers and the University of Oklahoma. In just 66 tournaments he has two PGA TOUR victories, one of them by two strokes over Rory McIlroy in this summer's Genesis Scottish Open, which was followed the next week by a third-place finish in the Open Championship. When you consider that a dynamic trio of PGA TOUR standouts - developed through these same university systems - Scottie Scheffer, 29; Sam Burns, 29; and Cameron Young, 28 - are all under the age of 30, it prompts you to consider how their success has paved an inspiring path for the kids right behind them. Indeed, youth and talent are formidable ingredients to supplement an already rock-solid foundation. 



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## FORMER PGA TOUR CHIEF OF OPERATIONS HENRY HUGHES DIES AT AGE 78

Henry Hughes, the former Chief of Operations and Executive Vice President of the PGA TOUR, passed away at the age of 78. Hughes' journey in professional golf began in his hometown of Wethersfield, Connecticut, where attending the Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open sparked a lifelong passion. His early contributions to golf in New England caught the attention of then-PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman, who hired Hughes as the TOUR's first Director of Marketing in 1986.

Hughes quickly rose through the ranks, leaving an indelible mark on the TOUR's most prestigious events. He played a pivotal role in developing the Championship Management division, overseeing tournaments such as THE PLAYERS Championship, the TOUR Championship, and the Presidents Cup. From 1988 to 1996, Hughes served as Executive Director of THE PLAYERS at TPC Sawgrass, guiding the championship through a transformative period that solidified its global reputation. He later became the TOUR's first Chief of Operations (1998–2008), managed logistics, tournament security, and on-site operations with unparalleled expertise.

Former PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem praised Hughes at his retirement in 2010, highlighting his contributions to



Henry Hughes along with Jack Niklaus at THE PLAYERS championship 1997

elevating THE PLAYERS and establishing the Presidents Cup in record time. Hughes' mentorship shaped future leaders, including PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan, whom Hughes personally recruited to lead THE PLAYERS Championship in 2008.

Beyond the TOUR, Hughes remained deeply connected to Connecticut. He served on the Travelers Championship Board of Directors for decades, helped secure its future after losing a long-time sponsor, and elevated the event to Signature Event status. A passionate supporter

of youth golf, Hughes championed the First Tee program in Connecticut, leading to the creation of the Henry Hughes First Tee – Connecticut Scholarship in 2024, which supported education and local programming for young golfers.

Hughes' influence on professional golf extended far beyond tournaments and titles. Colleagues remembered him as a trusted mentor, a visionary leader, and a dedicated advocate for community and youth development. His legacy continued to inspire the sport for generations to come. **GP**

## SCOTTIE SCHEFFLER CAPTURES PROCORE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 19TH PGA TOUR VICTORY

Scottie Scheffler entered the Procore Championship with a singular focus: to play his best golf. While much of the attention centred on the upcoming Ryder Cup, Scheffler stayed in the moment, blocking out distractions and concentrating on every shot. From the first tee to the 18th green, he approached the tournament with precision, patience, and determination; qualities that would carry him to another commanding victory.

On the first day, Scheffler opened with a 70, ending his streak of 21 consecutive rounds in the 60s. He improved with a 68 on the second day but still trailed second-round leader and Ryder Cup teammate Ben Griffin by eight shots. Scheffler stayed composed, analyzing his play and remaining patient.

On the third day, Scheffler fired a 64, including a double bogey, to set the stage for a dramatic final day. Playing in the penultimate group, he made key birdies on Nos. 3, 5, and 7, keeping pace with Griffin. The turning point came at the par-4 10th: an 82-yard approach from the rough stopped just short of the hole, setting up a tap-in birdie and a tie for the lead. A bogey on 11 did



little to disrupt him; he bounced back with a birdie on 12 and claimed his first solo lead after Griffin faltered on 14.

On the final day, Scheffler closed with pars on the last three holes to finish at 19-under, one shot ahead of Griffin. The victory marked his sixth win of the season, his third in five starts, and his 19th PGA TOUR title, placing him

alongside legends such as Ben Crenshaw, Ernie Els, and Tom Kite.

Reflecting on the win, Scheffler said, "I did my best to stay in my own world and keep making birdies. I did a good job staying patient and finished it off nice." Another victory underscored his dominance and poise on the PGA TOUR. **GP**

## KOSAIHIRA SECURES BREAKTHROUGH WITH ONE-SHOT VICTORY

**7** Yuwa Kosaihira sealed his breakthrough on the JGTO after carding a final round five-under-par 67 to pip Yusuke Sakamoto to the title by one-shot at the Sansan KBC Augusta Golf Tournament.

With his winning total of 18-under-par 270, Kosaihira also earned a measure of redemption after being denied his first win at the same event last year, where he lost in the playoff to Jinichiro Kozuma.

Sakamoto, who started the day with a share of the overnight lead, settled for solo second place after signing off with a 69 while Ren Yonezawa (66) and Zimbabwean Scott Vincent (70) ended their campaigns tied for third with their identical 273 total.

Kosaihira issued his statement of intent early by storming out of the blocks with three birdies in his first five holes. After reaching the turn in 33, he parred the next three holes before another birdie on 13 sparked a spectacular run where he would surge further ahead with three consecutive birdies.

"I stayed patient throughout the round. The birdie on the 13th hole was a turning point. From there, I focused on playing smart and trusting my game," said the 27-year-old.

He dropped his only shot on 16, but continued to remain composed to par his closing two



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holes to seal victory at the Keya Golf Club.

"I felt calmer this year, especially compared to last season. On the 18th tee, I was nervous, but I kept reminding myself to stay confident. I knew I could birdie any hole if I stayed focused."

I'm really happy with my first win on the

JGTO and look forward to producing more good results," said Kosaihira. **GP**

## NAGANO HOLDS NERVE TO CAPTURE LOPIA FUJISANKEI CLASSIC

**7** Taiga Nagano overcame a nervy start before producing a brilliant finish, firing three birdies in his last six holes to win the LOPIA Fujisankei Classic by one shot.

The 22-year-old clinched his maiden Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO) victory after closing with a two-under-par 68 for a winning total of 10-under-par 200 at the 54-hole tournament.

Inclement weather forced the cancellation of the second round, with the tournament subsequently shortened to three rounds.

Yuta Sugiura posted a 63 to finish outright second with his 201 total, while Taiga Semikawa was a further stroke back in third after a final round 68 at Fujizakura Country Club.

Nagano started the decisive round tied for the overnight lead but stumbled early with back-to-back bogeys on holes two and three after an opening par.

He steadied himself with four straight pars before picking up a birdie on the eighth to make the turn in 37.



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The back nine proved decisive. Nagano parred the first three holes after the turn before back-to-back birdies on 13 and 14 pulled him back into contention.

A crucial birdie on the 16th ultimately sealed his entry into the winner's circle for the first time.

"After the bogeys on two and three, I thought it might be tough, especially with Semikawa pulling away early. But around the seventh hole, I saw he had dropped shots, so I told my caddie, 'Let's fight back from here.' From there, I managed to reset myself and stay patient," said Nagano. **GP**

## KATSUMATA SEALS MAIDEN JGTO VICTORY WITH ONE-SHOT WIN

➤ Ryo Katsumata secured his maiden JGTO title with a one-shot victory over Takashi Ogiso and Mikumu Horikawa after signing off with a final round two-under-par 69 at the Panasonic Open Golf Championship.

Despite carding successive bogeys in his last four holes, Katsumata's four-day total of 20-under-par 264 was enough to push him across the finishing line at the Izumigaoka Country Club.

Katsumata looked in control for much of the day. He birdied his opening two holes, bogeyed seventh but picked up another gain at the ninth to make the turn in 34.

After offsetting a bogey at the 11th hole with a birdie at 12, he pulled three shots clear with a spectacular eagle at the short par-four 14th, hitting a wedge approach from 40 yards to perfection.

But the comfort of that cushion was short-lived. Admitting afterwards that he "relaxed a little too much," Katsumata faltered with back-to-back three-putt bogeys at the 15th and 16th, which suddenly tightened the contest.

He duly held firm with two closing pars, his final putt a delicate downhill effort that he later

described as "embarrassing" for leaving his birdie attempt short.

The embarrassment quickly gave way to emotion when he turned to see fellow players waiting with water bottles for the traditional victory splash. "That's when it really hit me that I had won. The tears just came on their own."

The victory was particularly sweet for Katsumata, who had watched many of his peers and juniors win on Tour over the past three years while he struggled to break through.

The triumph also carried symbolic weight, coming in the final year of his twenties.

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Katsumata had long targeted a win before turning 30, after repeated conversations with his coach about building a winning foundation for his thirties.

"This victory has definitely made me stronger mentally. All week I kept reminding myself to just do what I do. That's something I want to carry with me from now on." **GP**

## KANAYA DENIES ISHIKAWA WITH PLAYOFF TRIUMPH

➤ Takumi Kanaya held his nerve to edge out Ryo Ishikawa on the second playoff hole and capture his eighth JGTO title at the ANA Open.

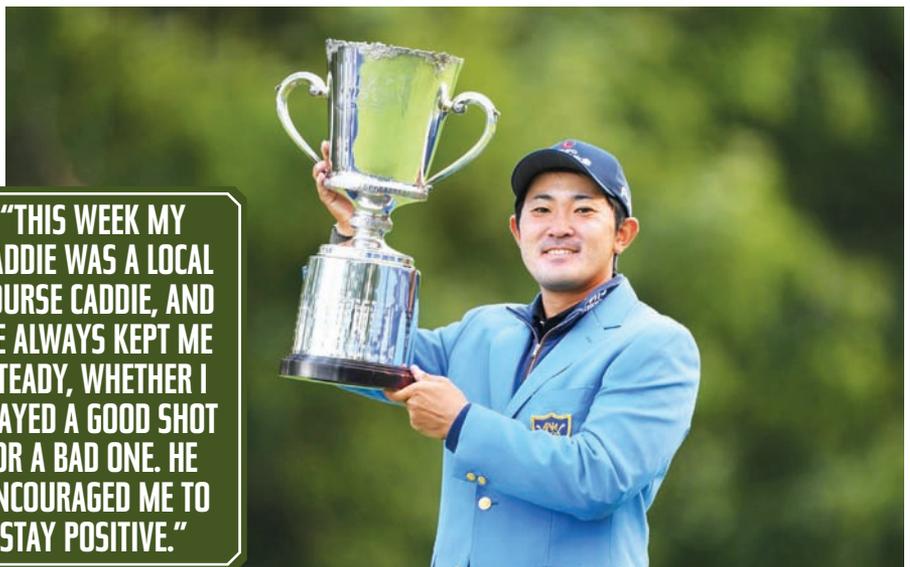
The reigning JGTO money ranking champion began the final round two shots back of leader Tomoharu Otsuki and got off to a rocky start with a bogey on the second hole.

But the 27-year-old quickly recovered, rattling off four successive birdies from the third at Sapporo Golf Club Wattsu Course.

Although he dropped another shot on the eighth, Kanaya responded with a birdie at the ninth to make the turn in 35. He added further birdies on 12 and 17 to sign for a three-under-par 69, forcing extra holes with Ishikawa with his four-day total of 17-under-par 271.

"On the second hole I ran into some trouble, so it wasn't the best start," Kanaya admitted. "But I was able to reset my mind and play well from the third hole. Even after making a double bogey, I stayed patient. From around the 14th hole onwards, I made some really good par putts and saves, and I think that's what ultimately led to the win."

Kanaya credited his composure in part to his local course caddie.



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"This week my caddie was a local course caddie, and he always kept me steady, whether I played a good shot or a bad one. He encouraged me to stay positive. Managing my emotions has often been a challenge for me, so this week was a big learning experience."

In the playoff, Kanaya and Ishikawa traded pars on the first extra hole, before Kanaya

prevailed with a steady par on the second while Ishikawa faltered. The champion was quick to pay tribute to Ishikawa.

"Ryo-san was playing a fantastic game. On the first playoff hole I thought his birdie putt was going to drop, and the outcome really came down to the smallest of margins" said Kanaya. **GP**

## TOWNSEND SEALS MAIDEN TITLE ON DRAMATIC FINAL DAY IN POLAND



Hugo Townsend captured his first HotelPlanner Tour victory after producing a composed finish during the GAC Rosa Challenge Tour at Rosa Golf Club in Poland. The Swede held a five-shot lead at one stage, saw it disappear by the tenth hole, but recovered with two late birdies to close on 15 under par and win by two shots over Germany's Anton Albers.

The result lifts Townsend into 10th place on the Road to Mallorca Rankings and marks a significant breakthrough in his professional career.

Townsend started strongly with birdies at the second and fifth holes to build a six-shot advantage. Errors at the sixth and seventh, however, opened the door for Albers and fellow Swede Tobias Jonsson, who both surged up the leaderboard. By the turn, Townsend was tied at the top with Jonsson.

He responded with maturity, holing decisive birdie putts at the 14th and 17th to regain control and secure the title. It was a measured recovery under pressure, reflecting both his resilience and growing experience.

The 26-year-old, son of former Ryder Cup player Peter Townsend, credited his golfing upbringing for the success. He said lessons from his father, focused on course management and developing a strong mindset,



played a major role in shaping his approach. Jonsson ultimately finished third on 12 under par. South Africa's Justin Walters fired a superb 63 to reach 11 under and take fourth place. His compatriots Bryce Easton and Jovan Rebula shared fifth on 10 under par.

While the top nine in the Road to Mallorca Rankings remain unchanged, Scotland's David Law retains his position as Number

One. Jonsson's podium finish moves him up seven spots to 12th, while New Zealander Sam Jones currently holds the final promotion place in 20th.

Townsend's victory not only delivers his first professional title but also strengthens his position in the race for DP World Tour promotion, underlining his growing potential on the international stage. 

## RITCHIE PRODUCES BIRDIE BLITZ TO WIN IN PORTUGAL



JC Ritchie secured his second HotelPlanner Tour victory of the 2025 season with a stunning finish at the Open de Portugal, held at Royal Óbidos. The South African closed with a five-under-par 66 to reach 15 under overall, clinching a sixth career title on the circuit.

After dropping a shot at the demanding par-three 15th, Ritchie found himself among a crowded chasing pack. He responded immediately, making birdie at the 16th, then chipping in for another at the par-four 17th. Standing two shots ahead on the final tee, he laid up on the par-five closing hole before striking a precise approach that set up a third consecutive birdie and the winning total.

David Law, who had led earlier in the tournament, needed an eagle on the 18th to force a playoff but could not convert, leaving Ritchie free to celebrate a second triumph of the year.

The victory follows Ritchie's earlier success at the German Challenge supported by VcG and moves him into second place on the Road to Mallorca Rankings. With two titles now secured in Europe, he has strengthened his case to end the season as Number One and secure promotion to the DP World Tour.



The 31-year-old's four previous wins on the HotelPlanner Tour all came in his native South Africa, but recent results underline his progress on international soil. Consistency has been the product of renewed focus, with hard work translating into improved finishes across events outside his home country.

Scotland's David Law finished runner-up on 14 under par, while France's Julien Sale claimed

third on 13 under. Spain's Quim Vidal took fourth place at 12 under. Italian Stefano Mazzoli also made a significant move, climbing into 19th in the Rankings after finishing inside the top ten at Royal Óbidos.

Law remains the current leader of the Road to Mallorca Rankings, though Ritchie's surge to second place has set up a compelling battle for the top spot as the season progresses. 

## RORY MCILROY WINS TITLE AFTER TENSE PLAY-OFF

 Rory McIlroy captured his second Amgen Irish Open crown after defeating Sweden's Joakim Lagergren in a dramatic play-off at The K Club. The Masters champion, who had already made headlines earlier in the season with his career Grand Slam, added another major highlight with victory on home soil.

The final round developed into a five-way battle for the title. Lagergren surged into contention with a superb 66, highlighted by a 266-yard approach to five feet for eagle at the 16th. He then birdied the last to post 17 under par, setting a stern clubhouse target.

McIlroy needed something special at the closing hole and delivered, holing a 28-foot eagle putt to extend the contest to extra holes. Both players birdied the first play-off hole and matched each other again on the second. On the third attempt, Lagergren found water, and McIlroy held his nerve to seal the title with two steady putts, repeating his triumph at the same venue in 2016.

The Northern Irishman's win capped off a memorable season, adding his national open to the Masters triumph that completed his career Grand Slam. His performance under pressure once again reinforced his status as one of the game's great closers.

Spanish golfers filled much of the leaderboard.



**THE NORTHERN IRISHMAN'S WIN CAPPED OFF A MEMORABLE SEASON, ADDING HIS NATIONAL OPEN TO THE MASTERS TRIUMPH THAT COMPLETED HIS CAREER GRAND SLAM.**

Rafa Cabrera Bello, aided by a hole-in-one at the third, joined Ángel Hidalgo in third place, while Ángel Ayora took fifth. Hidalgo, who had dazzled with 12 birdies earlier in the tournament, produced another entertaining round but slipped back with bogeys.

McIlroy overcame an early setback with a bogey at the first, immediately rebounding with long birdie putts at the second and fifth. He remained in touch throughout, producing key par saves and timely birdies on the back nine to keep pace.

Lagergren, though disappointed after coming close to his first big breakthrough, acknowledged the quality of McIlroy's late surge. The duel left the home crowd with one of the most dramatic finishes in recent Irish Open history. **GP**

## MICHAEL KIM WINS AFTER THRILLING FINISH

 Michael Kim claimed his first DP World Tour title with a dramatic one-shot victory at the FedEx Open de France, producing a brilliant late surge and a clutch par save at the last hole to seal the trophy.

The American carded a flawless 65 to finish at 16 under par, edging out Australia's Elvis Smylie and home favourite Jeong weon Ko. His triumph marked a first worldwide win in over seven years, having last lifted a title at the 2018 John Deere Classic on the PGA TOUR.

Ko delighted the French galleries with two eagles on the way to a superb 65 and briefly held the clubhouse lead at 15 under. Smylie matched that total before Kim's late charge denied them both. Brooks Koepka, a five-time Major Champion, finished alone in fourth at 14 under.

Kim began the final round one shot back but quickly made progress, holing a long-range birdie at the second before adding further gains at the seventh and ninth. Another birdie at the tenth kept him firmly in the hunt as he reached the turn in 33.

A run of steady pars maintained his momentum, before a close-range birdie at the 16th brought



him level with Ko. He then rolled in another from seven feet at the 17th to take the outright lead heading to the final hole.

The closing par five produced high drama. Finding a greenside bunker, Kim needed an up-and-down to secure the win. His recovery left a 16-foot putt for par, which he holed under immense pressure to set an unbeatable target.

The victory capped a strong season for the 30-year-old, who has shown consistent form on the PGA TOUR and now adds a DP World Tour triumph to his record. It also highlighted his ability to deliver in decisive moments, with his finish at Saint-Nom-La-Bretèche sure to be remembered as one of the standout performances of the year. **GP**

## ALEX NOREN CLAIMS TITLE WITH PLAY-OFF TRIUMPH



Alex Noren captured his second BMW PGA Championship title after defeating Adrien Saddier in a play-off at Wentworth Club. The Swede, who first won the tournament in 2017, sealed his 12th DP World Tour crown with a birdie at the first extra hole, becoming the most successful Swedish player in the Tour's history.

Noren and Saddier began the final round tied for the lead and remained inseparable through a tense back nine. Noren struck early with birdies at the third and fourth to move two clear, only to give one back at the fifth. Saddier, steady through the front nine with nine consecutive pars, found his momentum after the turn with three birdies in five holes.

Noren responded with back-to-back birdies on the 12th and 13th before producing a crucial par save at the 14th. The Frenchman enjoyed a fortunate break at the 15th when his ball landed in a spectator's hood rather than out of bounds, allowing him to escape with par. Both players birdied the 17th and matched pars on the last to finish locked on 19 under par.

The play-off provided the decisive moment. Both players missed the green with their second shots, but Noren's delicate chip left him a simple birdie putt from three feet. Saddier could



**NOREN RESPONDED WITH BACK-TO-BACK BIRDIES ON THE 12TH AND 13TH BEFORE PRODUCING A CRUCIAL PAR SAVE AT THE 14TH.**

not convert his longer chance, leaving Noren to tap in and secure the title, adding to his earlier

season victory at the Betfred British Masters.

Saddier signed for a closing 68 to finish second, while home favourite Aaron Rai and American Patrick Reed shared third place on 16 under.

Noren's final-round 68, containing five birdies and a single bogey, capped off a determined display. The win also marked his third Rolex Series triumph, further underlining his consistency at the highest level of European golf. **GP**

## RITCHIE SECURES VICTORY IN ITALY



JC Ritchie sealed automatic promotion to the DP World Tour after claiming his third title of the season at the Italian Challenge Open at Golf Nazionale. The South African surged clear with a remarkable start, birdieing each of his opening seven holes, and eventually secured a two-shot victory over Sweden's Robin Petersson and Christofer Rahm.

The triumph followed closely on the heels of his win at the Open de Portugal and moved him to the top of the Road to Mallorca Rankings. It also marked his seventh career success on the HotelPlanner Tour, confirming his status as one of the season's standout performers.

Beginning the final round in a share of the lead, Ritchie's blistering birdie run gave him a commanding five-shot cushion by the turn. He added another gain at the 13th, offset a bogey at the 14th, and despite a triple bogey at the 18th, still finished comfortably ahead at 20 under par.

The 31-year-old highlighted the importance of his fast start, with accurate ball striking and a string of long-range putts setting the tone for the round. His ability to handle pressure and build an unassailable lead proved decisive, even as the closing hole produced late drama.

Behind him, Petersson and Rahm shared



second place on 18 under, while Steven Brown of England, Lars van der Vigt of the Netherlands, and American Brendon Kewalramani tied for fourth on 17 under. Denmark's Jeppe Kristian Andersen secured seventh place a shot further back.

Ritchie now moves into the Number One position in the Road to Mallorca Rankings, overtaking Scotland's David Law. France's

Oihan Guillaumondeguy, Italy's Filippo Celli, and Scotland's Daniel Young complete the current top five.

With three wins in a single campaign and promotion secured, Ritchie's season has underlined both his consistency and ability to deliver in high-pressure moments, setting him up for a return to the top level of European golf. **GP**

# IN CONVERSATION WITH ANIRBAN LAHIRI

From his breakout performance at the 2015 PGA Championship to representing India on golf's biggest stages, **Anirban Lahiri** has become one of the country's most recognizable sporting figures.



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**I**n an exclusive conversation with GolfPlus, Lahiri opens up about his partnership with Rolex.

**You became a Rolex Testimonee back in 2015. Looking back, how did joining the Rolex family change your journey as a golfer and how you represent Indian golf on the world stage?**

**Anirban Lahiri:** My journey with Rolex actually started long before I became a Testimonee. As a junior, much of my coaching was funded by a grant Rolex gave to the IGU for grassroots development. A lot of my early growth in golf was thanks to that support. Ten years later, becoming a Testimonee felt very natural. Knowing what Rolex has done for the game has been a huge privilege, and it's been an honour to be associated with them - it's been a fantastic journey so far.

**As a long-term partner, Rolex often supports growth pathways in golf. What initiatives would you like to see Rolex and others create to**

**develop the next generation in India?**

**AL:** Like I mentioned, Rolex has been doing a lot behind the scenes, growing the game in ways that aren't always visible. I'm myself a product, in part, of the very initiatives they've undertaken. They're supporting professional golf along with grassroots development, and their commitment to the sport has always been unwavering. It's amazing to see the work they're doing, and I believe many more stories of their impact will come to light as time passes.

**Rolex symbolizes timeless consistency. How do you bring that consistency into your preparation and performance across long seasons?**

**AL:** I spent a day and a half at the Rolex Watchmaking School, and it reminded me a lot of how we operate on the course. We both follow strict processes and protocols - pre-shot routines, gym sessions, mental preparation. All of these combine to create consistency. The way I approach my game mirrors how Rolex maintains its standards as a brand: discipline, precision, and professionalism. There's a strong symmetry between the two.

**How has your practice evolved from your early Asian Tour days to now?**

**AL:** Over the past 18 years as a professional, my practice has had to evolve constantly. In my early days in India, it was about establishing myself and learning the ropes. On the Asian Tour, I had to adapt to travel, jet lag, and different conditions. Europe brought another set of challenges, and the PGA Tour demanded further evolution - new grasses, game styles, and methodologies.

Even now, almost two decades in, I'm still evolving to keep pace with the game: biomechanics, equipment, speed of play - everything is changing, and I have to adapt. Change is the only constant, and staying ahead means continuously learning, adjusting, and improving.

**You've played across Asia, Europe, the U.S. and now LIV. What is the remarkable difference in preparation and competition across these environments?**

**AL:** The biggest difference is the level of



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competition. As you move up the ladder, conditions get tougher and the fields stronger, which demands constant learning. On the PGA Tour or LIV, you're up against world-class players every week - even on their off weeks, they still play at a world-class level. There's no room for average golf. You have to bring your best, stay focused, and maintain intensity and discipline week in and week out. The higher the level, the sharper you need to be.

### How does your mindset shift when you play for a country or team versus for yourself?

**AL:** On the course, my mindset doesn't change much unless I'm switching between stroke play and match play - the processes I've built for myself stay the same because they optimize my game. The real difference comes from representing something bigger than myself. Playing for India or for a team adds extra motivation and pride. You pause to see where you or your country stands, which can push you to raise your level.



Professional Golfer & Rolex Testimonee Anirban Lahiri at The Rolex Watchmaking School, Mumbai



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That said, consistency is key. Even when the stakes feel higher, I stick to my routines and processes - that's what brings out my best golf. There's no greater feeling than wearing the tricolour, but the way I approach each shot remains grounded in the same discipline.

### Golf is often described as a mental game. What do you tell yourself when standing over a putt that could define your week?

**AL:** This is where mental training comes in

- treating every shot the same. You've heard the clichés: the most important shot is the next one, or stay in the present. They're true, especially under pressure.

I go back to my routines and processes to stay focused on the shot in front of me. It keeps me in the moment and removes the result from the equation. Of course, I want to make the putt, but the mental discipline is what truly defines your performance.

### How do you want to be remembered within Indian sport, and what would you like your impact on the next generation to look like in 10 years?

**AL:** I want to be remembered for more than just my golf. The game has given me far more than I could have imagined, and I feel immense gratitude.

Over the next decades, my focus is on helping the next generation of Indian golfers reach higher levels. We haven't yet realized India's full potential in producing world-class players, and I want to contribute to that - especially at the grassroots level. I'm already mentoring young professionals and amateurs and will continue to do so.

I also hope to win a few more events, because every victory helps grow the game at home. I feel fortunate to be in a position to shape the future of Indian golf, and I carry that responsibility with pride and honour.

### If you could play a practice round with any three golfers, living or historical, who would they be?

**AL:** I get asked this question quite often, and my answers have changed over the years but to be completely honest, if I could, even though it's not possible right now, I would love to play a round with my father and, sometime in the future, my son and daughter, who are three and six. That would be a really special and fun day on the golf course for me.

### Non-golf passion you'd pursue if you weren't a professional golfer?

**AL:** If I weren't a professional golfer, a non-golf passion I'd pursue is watchmaking. I'm really intrigued and fascinated by it. I've done some watchmaking courses online, and I recently spent two days at the Rolex Watchmaking School in Mumbai, learning from the Dean and getting my hands dirty, so to speak. It was quite exhilarating. Who knows, maybe when I hang up my boots, I'll put on an eyeglass and get to work. **GP**

## SUTEEPAT RACES TO SEVEN-SHOT WIN IN JAKARTA WITH FINAL-ROUND 64

➤ Suteepat Prateeptienchai claimed his fourth Asian Tour title and first outside Taiwan with a commanding seven-shot victory at the US\$500,000 Mandiri Indonesia Open at Pondok Indah Golf Club. The 32-year-old Thai fired an eight-under-par 64, highlighted by two eagles, to finish well clear of the field on 23 under par.

The triumph added to his back-to-back successes at the Taiwan Glass Taifong Open in 2023 and 2024, along with victory at the 2024 Yeangder TPC. It also continued his winning connection with Indonesia, where he had previously collected three Asian Development Tour titles in 2022, earning him promotion to the main circuit.

Suteepat surged into control with an eagle on the par-five sixth, followed by a birdie on the difficult eighth. He closed in style with a 10-foot eagle putt on the 18th, underlining a dominant performance that left Hong Kong's Taichi Kho, who shot 66, as runner-up.

Kho, the reigning Asian Games champion, continued his consistent season with a fifth top-10 finish and his best Asian Tour result since finishing tied second at the 2023 Volvo China Open. Australia's Kevin Yuan (66) and Travis



Smyth (70) shared third on 16 under.

Malaysia's Shahriffuddin Ariffin, who began the day with a one-shot lead, slipped to tied fifth after back-to-back bogeys on the closing holes, finishing alongside Thailand's Pawin Ingkhapradit. Indonesia's Kevin Akbar delighted the home crowd with a career-best Asian Tour result, tying for seventh after a

bogey-free 66.

For Suteepat, the victory silenced suggestions that his success was limited to Taiwan and reaffirmed his reputation as one of Asia's most in-form players. His fast start and precise ball-striking left little opportunity for rivals to catch him, while his composed finish ensured one of the most emphatic wins of the season. **GP**

## SOLID HIGA GOES BACK-TO-BACK WITH TWO-SHOT WIN IN YEANGDER TPC

➤ Kazuki Higa continued his dominant form on the Asian Tour, capturing the US\$1 million Yeangder TPC at Linkou International Golf and Country Club for his second title in succession, following his earlier victory at the 41st Shinhan Donghae Open in Korea. The 30-year-old Okinawa native remained steady throughout the four rounds, closing with a bogey-free four-under-par 68 to finish on 17 under par, two shots ahead of a trio of runners-up.

American Charles Porter, the overnight leader, started strongly but added only one birdie after his initial gains to finish tied for second at 15 under alongside Wang Wei-hsuan of Chinese-Taipei and Thailand's Rattanon Wannasrichan. Porter's performance marked his best finish on the Asian Tour and boosted him to 32nd in the Order of Merit. Wang, despite two late bogeys, secured his best result in the tournament and the highest placing among players from Chinese-Taipei.

Higa took control with a series of key birdies, first drawing level with Porter on the 11th with a 20-foot putt. A crucial birdie on the par-four 15th gave him a decisive advantage, as Porter struggled from the same distance, dropping a shot after a tee miscue. Despite missing a birdie on the 14th and a close attempt on the



18th, Higa's composure ensured he held firm to the end.

Philippines' Miguel Tabuena and American Shotaro Ban shared fifth on 14 under after birdies at the final hole. India's Ajeetesh Sandhu and Viraj Madappa, Thailand's Suteepat Prateeptienchai, Australia's Travis Smyth, and local amateur Hsieh Cheng-wei rounded out the top ten. Hsieh's tied seventh

marked the best showing by an amateur in the event's history, adding to his record as the youngest player to make the cut in 2022.

With his precise ball-striking, steady putting, and ability to deliver under pressure, he demonstrated that his recent back-to-back wins are no coincidence and positioned himself strongly for the remaining International Series events this season. **GP**



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## MIKE LORENZO-VERA

### ‘Better body positions have made me longer and straighter’

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





1

**Better posture helps me use my legs**

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



2

**Loaded right leg and shallower plane**

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



3

**Fire the muscles in the correct sequence**

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



4

**Clubface squarer for longer through impact**

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



# PETER HANSON 'Always keep your head steady when pitching'

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

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

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

amateurs. Tiger Woods, Lee Westwood, Martin Kaymer and myself have all had similar issues because of injuries. [GP](#)



## Shaft against your head

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

## Consistent contact

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



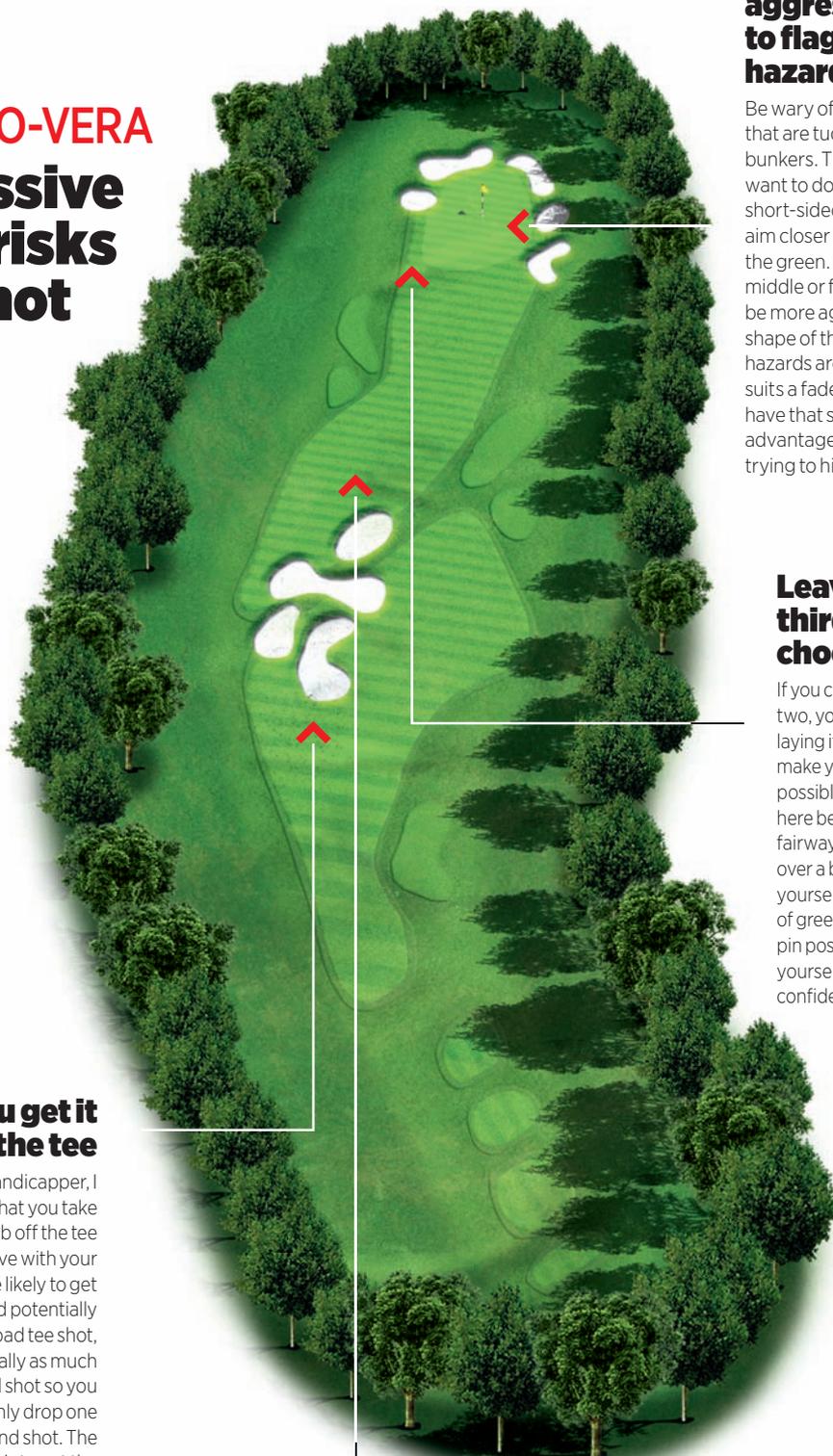
**MIKE LORENZO-VERA**

**‘Be aggressive when the risks of a bad shot are lower’**

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

**Make sure you get it in play off the tee**

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



**Be less aggressive to flags near hazards**

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

**Leave an easy third if you choose to lay up**

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

**Carry the bunkers if you realistically can**

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

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Get golf fit

# PUTTING STABILITY

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

## HOLDING SWAY: SEPARATION

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

## LOCKED IN

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



## ON THE MOVE

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



## CHALLENGE STABILITY TO IMPROVE IT

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

### DRILL 1: ONE-LEG TORSO TURNS

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



#### ROCK SOLID

Now repeat the same trick on the follow-through. Turn your chest through to the finish of the "stroke".

Again, this challenges your lower half to retain its position while you turn. Rotate back and forth like this five times, before switching to the other leg and repeating the drill.

### DRILL 2: NOODLE DRILL

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



#### POISE PRIMED

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

Play smart

# TOUGH PAR-3 TEE SHOT

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

## 1. SEVERE PENALTY

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

## 2. RISK v REWARD

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



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

### 3. OPEN SPACE

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

### 4. STICK TO YOUR ROUTINE

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

### 5. PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

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



## TEAM KOUSKOVA TRIUMPHS AS CIGANDA SHINES IN HOUSTON

**7** Team Kouskova etched their name on the Aramco Houston Championship trophy with a nail-biting one-stroke victory, finishing 32 under par at Golfcrest Country Club. Led by captain Sara Kouskova, the Czech quartet joined by Sofie Kibsgaard Nielsen, April Angurasarane, and Ana Belac turned a shared fourth-place start into a finely orchestrated display of team brilliance.

The front nine saw steady, confident play, with birdies flowing at just the right moments. On the back nine, the team's momentum peaked as Angurasarane drained a 24-foot putt on the 18th, a perfect exclamation mark to a round defined by composure, precision, and teamwork. For Kouskova, this marked a third team victory as captain, adding to her previous success at the Aramco Korea Championship, reinforcing her reputation as both a strategic leader and a calm presence under pressure.

The leaderboard was tight. Team Rhodes and Team Boutier finished just behind on 31 under, while Team Alexander and Team Gainer tied for fourth on 30 under. Every shot counted, and Team Kouskova's unity proved decisive.

Individually, Spain's Carlota Ciganda blazed a trail with an electrifying 64, including four consecutive birdies, to lead at 10 under. Nuria Iturrioz stayed hot on her heels with a 67, while England's LET Order of Merit



L-R Sofie Kibsgaard Nielsen, April Angurasarane, Ana Belac, Sara Kouskova  
(Credit: Mark Runnacles LET)

leader Mimi Rhodes posted a solid 70 to hold third. Czech Kristyna Napoleova and Thailand's Angurasarane shared fourth on seven under, with six other top performers including Celine Boutier, Charley Hull, and Luna Sobron Galmes completing the top 10 at six under.

This championship showcased the dual thrill

of team strategy and individual mastery. Team Kouskova combined precision, nerves of steel, and synergy, while Ciganda's flawless execution reminded everyone why she remains one of the LET's most formidable competitors. Houston witnessed both tactical brilliance and individual artistry, a weekend where the game's finest came to the fore. **GP**

## FALCHER SECURES MAIDEN VICTORY

**7** France's Emma Falcher secured an impressive five shot victory at the Rose Ladies Open after firing a final round of 69 (-3) to finish on eleven-under-par for the week.

It was a steady start for the rookie with eight consecutive pars and one bogey on the front nine. At the turn the overnight leader gathered momentum to card four more birdies, impressively three consecutively on holes 11,12 and 13.

Speaking about what it means to win, Falcher said: "It feels so good. It's been an amazing rookie year, and I have learnt so much.

"I have no words. I will celebrate with my parents; family first and then celebrate with all my friends."

Prior to entering this tournament Falcher's highest finish was tied 14th at the Allegrria Ladies Open. Back in 2022, Falcher played in the Rose Ladies Open as an amateur and missed the cut. A lot has changed two years later.



Emma Falcher  
(Credit: Luke Walker Rose Ladies Open)

It's not just the trophy Falcher has secured but also her first car, as the 20-year-old won a bet with her father, Dominique, who has caddied for her throughout the year.

To make this victory even more of a fairytale, it was Falcher's first tournament back from a shoulder injury which put her out of action for a month. **GP**



## ITURRIOZ SECURES TWO-STROKE VICTORY

**7** Spain's Nuria Iturrioz fired a final round of 68 (-4) to secure her fifth Ladies European Tour (LET) title and win the 2025 Aramco Houston Championship by two strokes.

The Spanish star began the day in second place just one shot behind compatriot Carlota Ciganda at Golfcrest Country Club.

Three birdies in her final five holes saw Iturrioz surge ahead of Ciganda and England's Charley Hull to secure her first victory since 2023.

Iturrioz made her first birdie on the day on the third and added another on the fifth before dropping a shot on the sixth after going into the water.

The 29-year-old made a birdie on 11, but made a bogey on 13; however, she found her momentum to finish in style with birdies on 14, 15 and 17 to win with a score of 13-under-par.

Iturrioz had caddie David Floyd on the bag and thanked him after the victory for the hard work he's put in to helping her out on the golf course.

England's Hull and Spain's Ciganda ended the week in a tie for second place on 11-under-par in Houston.

Four-time LET winner Hull started off the day strong with three birdies in a row on the first, second and third holes.



Nuria Iturrioz  
(Credit: Mark Runnacles LET)

She made further birdies on 10 and 14 to seal a flawless final round of 67 (-5) to finish T2 in her comeback following her ankle injury.

Ciganda carded a round of 71 (-1) on the final day, which included four birdies, a bogey, and a double bogey to finish on 11-under.

Singapore's Shannon Tan finished in solo fourth place on 10-under-par after a final round of 64 (-8), which included an eagle,

eight birdies and two bogeys.

A trio of Frenchwoman were in a share of fifth place with Celine Boutier, Perrine Delacour, and Nastasia Nadaud all on nine-under-par.

Four players were one shot further back in T8 with Switzerland's Chiara Tamburlini, Wales' Darcey Harry, South Africa's Casandra Alexander and England's Mimi Rhodes all on eight-under-par. **GP**

## LIRA SECURES PLAYOFF WIN AFTER FINAL ROUND IN FRANCE IS CANCELLED

**7** Mexico's Fernanda Lira showcased grit and composure to claim her third victory of the season, prevailing in a tense playoff against Iceland's Ragga Kristinsdottir at the Hauts de France Pas de Calais Golf Open. The final round had been abandoned due to thunderstorms at Golf Saint-Omer, reducing the tournament to 36 holes and forcing the duel to a sudden-death playoff.

The playoff was contested over the par-five ninth, with both players locked in a battle of nerves under punishing weather conditions. It took three holes for Lira to finally clinch victory, sinking a decisive par putt while Kristinsdottir fell just short. The win was particularly significant for Lira, who managed the triumph without her usual caddy and husband, Ryan Shuttleworth. She relied instead on fellow LETAS competitor Annika Borrelli, whose calm support and handling of the wet clubs proved crucial in the playoff.

"This win feels very special," Lira said. "I wanted to prove I can do it on my own."

Winning in these conditions - wind, rain, and cold - shows I can perform anywhere." England's Gemma Clews, who carried Kristinsdottir's bag through the downpour, epitomized the camaraderie and solidarity that define the LETAS circuit.

Lira's victory moves her to second in the season rankings, just one point behind Clews. With Lira heading to next week's La Sella Open, the race for the top spot promises to remain fierce, though her return to the LET next year is now secure.

Meanwhile, on the Alps Tour, France's Quentin Debove captured his first professional title at the same venue, finishing at three under par across the two-day event. The 23-year-old, entering the week third on the Alps Tour Order of Merit, demonstrated patience and precision to seize his breakthrough win, climbing into second place in the standings ahead of the season's final regular event in October.

In both cases, the Hauts de France course tested every ounce of skill and determination. Lira's



Fernanda Lira  
(Credit: Alps Tour Golf Raffaele Canepa)

triumph highlighted resilience in adversity, while Debove's maiden title underscored a rising talent finding his stride - a weekend of defining moments for emerging stars on European tours. **GP**



## HEWSON DEFENDS SWISS CROWN IN STYLE, CLAIMS THIRD LET TITLE

**7** Alice Hewson proved once again why she's one of the LET's most composed competitors, defending her VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open title with a masterful 67 at Golfpark Holzhausen to claim her third career win. Starting the day with a two-shot lead, the English star held her nerve, posting five birdies - including a stunning run of three in a row to close - while dropping just one shot, finishing five clear of the field.

"It's an absolute dream," Hewson reflected. "I tried to stay in the moment and focus on my game, rather than the leaderboard. That approach really paid off."

The 28-year-old's victory underscores a remarkable progression. Her first win came at the 2020 Investec South African Women's Open, with a four-year gap before her second triumph in Switzerland last season. Building on recent top-10 finishes at the PIF London Championship and Hills Open, Hewson's form has been increasingly solid, blending precision off the tee with sharp putting.

Switzerland's Chiara Tamburlini, Sweden's Kajsa Arwefjall, and Ireland's Lauren Walsh all tied for second on eight under, keeping the pressure on throughout. Tamburlini, paired with 17-year-old Swiss amateur Axelle Martin, impressed with a near-flawless round, dropping just one shot while landing five birdies. "The support here is incredible," said Tamburlini.



Alice Hewson  
(Credit : Tristan Jones LET)

"Swiss golf has come a long way, and playing in front of this crowd makes it very special."

Arwefjall's 66, featuring three consecutive birdies on 13, 14, and 15, marked her best LET finish, a clear statement from the rookie. Walsh mounted a late surge with a birdie on 16 and an eagle on 17 to join the chase. England's Amy Taylor, Ireland's Sara Byrne, and a host of other top contenders kept the leaderboard competitive, including America's Brianna Navarrosa, who closed with four straight

birdies to cap a 66.

The tournament also highlighted rising talent, with Martin finishing as the leading amateur in a tie for 17th. On the LET Order of Merit, Hewson jumps to eighth with 1,177.77 points, while Tamburlini rises to sixth after her strong showing.

Hewson's triumph in Switzerland was a study in patience, focus, and execution - a reminder of why she's quickly become one of Europe's most reliable champions. **GP**

## HUANG SECURES WIRE-TO-WIRE VICTORY

**7** Canada's Anna Huang stormed to her maiden Ladies European Tour (LET) title at the 2025 La Sella Open winning with a total of 20-under-par at La Sella Golf Resort.

Huang has been in total control completing a wire-to-wire victory to win the tournament at the age of 16 years, 10 months and 22 days.

The 16-year-old produced rounds of 64-66-69-69 to become the youngest winner on the LET in 2025 and win by seven strokes.

Huang becomes the second Canadian to win on the LET and the first to win outside of majors with Brooke Henderson's victory at the 2022 Amundi Evian Championship the first on Tour.

On the final day, the LET rookie made her first birdie on the third before rolling in another on the ninth in Spain.

The teenager had a more adventurous back nine dropping a shot on 13 before bouncing back with a birdie at the next hole, she dropped another shot on 15 but rolled in a birdie on 16.

Huang finished in style with a birdie at the last to seal a final round of 69 (-3) and get her hands on her first trophy as a professional with her dad Alex by her side.

France's Nastasia Nadaud finished in outright second place on -under-par after a final round of 73 (+1) in Spain.

Australia's Maddison Hinson-Tolchard recorded her best-ever finish on the LET with a solo third place on 12-under-par.

Singapore's Shannon Tan finished fourth on 11-under-par with Ireland's Lauren Walsh one shot further back in fifth.



Anna Huang  
(Credit : Tristan Jones LET)

Switzerland's Chiara Tamburlini produced her ninth top-10 finish of the season with a solo sixth place finish; meanwhile, Czechia's Jana Melichova was seventh on eight-under-par in her first tournament since taking one year off from a back injury.

Spain's Nuria Iturrioz, Australia's Kirsten Rudgeley and Italy's Alessandra Fanali rounded out the top 10 in T8 on seven-under-par. **GP**



# MACKOVA SECURES FIRST PROFESSIONAL WIN

**7** Czech Republic's Patricie Mackova fired a phenomenal final round of 67 (-5) to clinch a three-stroke victory at the Lavaux Ladies Open. The win has been some time coming for Mackova who has had a fantastic season on LETAS carding seven consecutive top 10 finishes up until August.

Mackova had a steady start to final day with six pars in a row before dropping her first birdie on the par three seventh hole. However, a bogey on the ninth set her back.

At the turn something switched and Mackova fired seven birdies and one more bogey to clinch her first professional victory. This win marks Mackova's return to fine form. It's been a testing month for the 24-year-old from Prague, who after the Ladies Slovak Golf Open slipped into seventh on the LETAS Order of Merit.

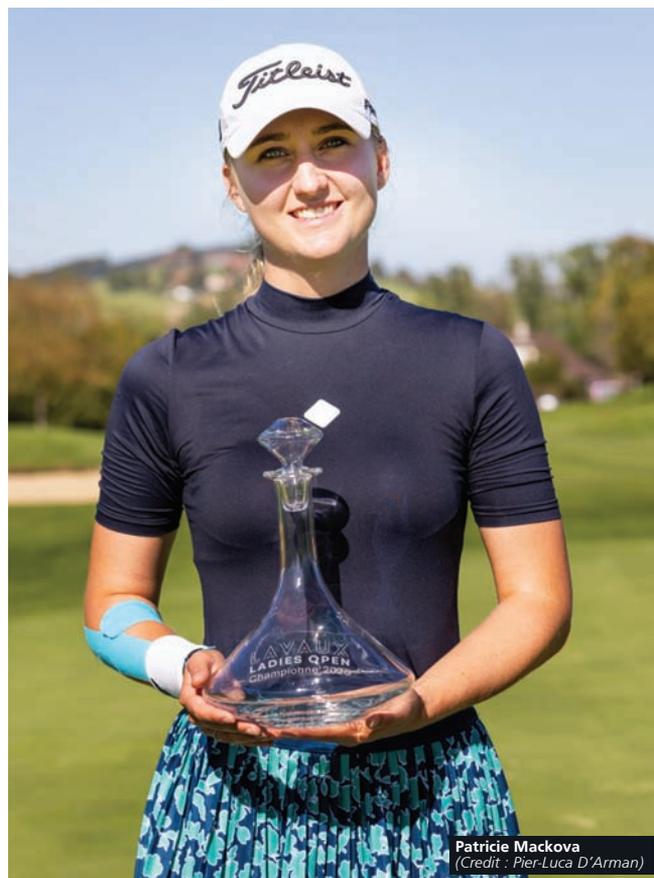
Mackova injured her wrist after colliding with a cyclist when running. This injury forced the 24-year-old from Prague to withdraw from the Women's Irish Challenge and threatened her chance to earn an automatic spot to the LET.

Undeterred, Mackova has fought through the injury and even had her grandparents out here this week who drove over eight hours to support her. With this win, Mackova follows in the footsteps of her idol and friend Sara Kouskova who clinched the trophy in 2022. The same year she won both the LETAS Order of Merit and Rookie of the year trophies.

Australia's Justice Bosio finished solo second on eight-under-par. This was Bosio's last event, and she fought till the end to secure the win which would mean a last chance to reach the top seven to earn an LET card.

However, Bosio sees out a fantastic rookie year in eighth position on the Order of Merit rankings. The Australian recorded six top 10s including three runner up finishes.

England's Charlotte Heath finished the tournament tied third with



Patricie Mackova  
(Credit: Pier-Luca D'Arman)

Switzerland's Anais Maggetti on seven-under-par. The latter wins the best Swiss award. **GP**

# HUANG CLINCHES BACK-TO-BACK LET VICTORIES

**7** Canada's Anna Huang can now call herself a two-time Ladies European Tour (LET) winner after she secured a two-stroke victory at the Lacoste Ladies Open de France.

The 16-year-old rookie won the La Sella Open and fired a final round of 65 (-6) at Golf Barrière to clinch her second victory on Tour.

Huang becomes the third player to win back-to-back in 2025 following in the footsteps of England's Mimi Rhodes and Czechia's Sara Kouskova.

The Canadian star began the day in the lead and started well with birdies at the first and second holes, before making her only bogey of the day on the fourth.

Huang rolled in her next birdie on five, adding two more on the eighth and 10th holes but Germany's Helen Briem made birdies of her own to draw level and put on the pressure.

However, the LET rookie finished with a



Anna Huang  
(Credit: Tristan Jones LET)

flourish making birdies on 16 and 18 to win with a score of 16-under-par and become the first Canadian to win twice on the LET.

South Africa's Casandra Alexander and Germany's Briem shared second place on 14-under-par after they both produced rounds

of 66 (-5) on the final day in France.

Briem had one bogey and seven birdies on her scorecard as she put the pressure on Huang, and although it wasn't enough to win the 20-year-old was still proud of herself.

LET rookie Brianna Navarrosa fired the joint-best round of the week carding a 63 (-8) on the final day in France.

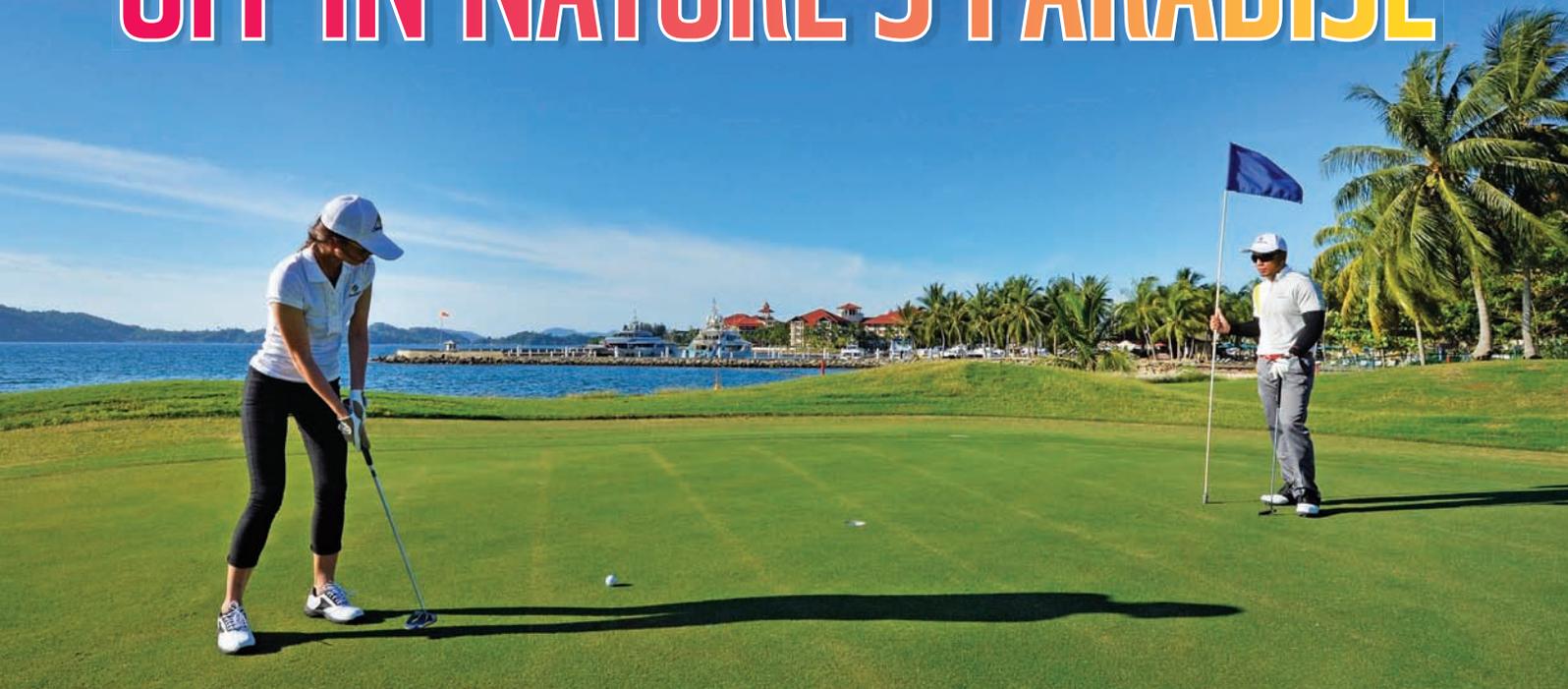
The American made an eagle on her second hole before adding birdies on the fourth, seventh, ninth and 10th holes.

She dropped a shot on 11 but bounced back with birdies on 13, 15 and 16 to finish in solo fourth place on 11-under-par.

Three players finished in a tie for fifth place with India's Pranavi Urs, Australia's Kirsten Rudgeley and Italy's Alessia Nobilio all on 10-under-par.

One shot further back was Spain's Luna Sobron Galmes in eighth with five players rounding out the top 10 on eight-under-par. **GP**

# GOLFING IN SABAH: TEEING OFF IN NATURE'S PARADISE



**W**hen travellers think of Sabah, the eastern gem of Malaysian Borneo, images of towering mountains, lush jungles, and turquoise seas often spring to mind. It is a land where nature takes centre stage, offering unforgettable experiences that range from trekking Mount Kinabalu to diving in Sipadan. Yet, for those who seek both relaxation and a rewarding challenge, Sabah has another treasure waiting to be discovered: its exceptional golf courses. Sabah's unique geography makes it one of Asia's most captivating golf destinations. The

state's tropical climate allows year-round play, while its terrain provides an astonishing variety of settings. Highland courses in cool mountain air, coastal courses by the South China Sea, and courses that weave through rainforests or wetlands—all add to the allure of golfing here. This diversity is what makes Sabah special. Few places in the world offer golfers the chance to tee off with a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the backdrop one day, and the sound of waves lapping on the shore the next. Every round is not just about scorecards; it is about experiencing Sabah's natural beauty in a new and unforgettable way.

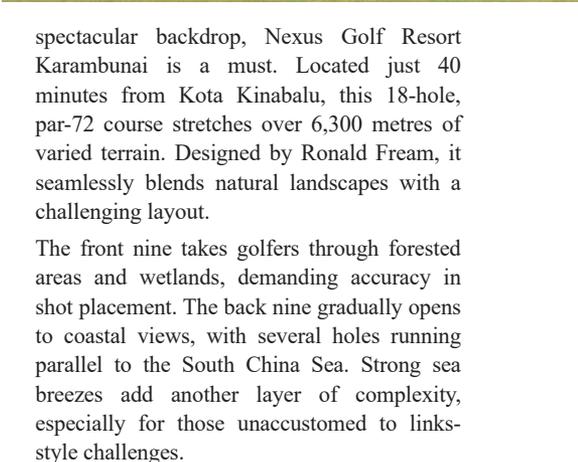
## Championship Greens with Scenic Backdrops

### Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club: Where City Meets Sea

Few courses capture Sabah's urban charm and coastal splendour as well as Sutera Harbour Golf & Country Club. Designed by renowned Australian golfer and architect Graham Marsh, this 27-hole course is just minutes away from Kota Kinabalu's bustling centre. The course is divided into three nines—Lake, Heritage, and Garden—each offering its own character. The Lake nine challenges golfers



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with water hazards and lush greenery, while the Heritage nine presents rolling fairways framed by mature trees. The Garden nine, with its open layout, treats golfers to sweeping views of the South China Sea.

What sets Sutera Harbour apart is its accessibility and versatility. It is one of the few courses in the region that offers night golfing under floodlights, allowing players to tee off at sunset and continue their round under the stars. Imagine the city lights twinkling to one side, the ocean stretching out on the other, and the quiet focus of your game illuminated against the night sky-it is an experience that stays with you long after the final putt.

For leisure travellers, Sutera Harbour is integrated with a five-star resort and marina, offering luxury accommodations, fine dining, and recreational facilities. Families can enjoy island-hopping to nearby Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park or indulge in spa treatments while golfers test their skills on the course.

**Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club: Golf in the Wild**

An hour's drive north of Kota Kinabalu lies a course that blends luxury with wilderness-Dalit Bay Golf & Country Club. Part of the Shangri-La Rasa Ria Resort, this 18-hole, par-72 championship course was designed by Ted Parslow to highlight the natural environment of Tuaran.

The layout winds through mangroves, wetlands, and riverbanks, offering golfers a

game immersed in nature. Wide fairways allow players some forgiveness off the tee, but water hazards and strategic bunkers demand focus and precision. Mount Kinabalu, towering in the background, provides a majestic frame for several holes.

What makes Dalit Bay unforgettable is its wildlife. Birdwatchers will delight in spotting egrets, herons, and kingfishers, while the occasional monitor lizard or macaque adds a wild surprise to the game. Playing here feels less like stepping onto a manicured course and more like entering a natural sanctuary where golf harmonises with the environment.

Off the course, guests at Shangri-La Rasa Ria can enjoy world-class hospitality. The resort is famous for its beachfront sunsets, eco-activities, and cultural showcases. After a round, golfers can unwind with fresh seafood at one of the restaurants or rejuvenate at the spa. Dalit Bay offers not just golf, but a complete retreat.

**Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai: Beauty by the Coast**

For golfers seeking a test of skill against a

spectacular backdrop, Nexus Golf Resort Karambunai is a must. Located just 40 minutes from Kota Kinabalu, this 18-hole, par-72 course stretches over 6,300 metres of varied terrain. Designed by Ronald Fream, it seamlessly blends natural landscapes with a challenging layout.

The front nine takes golfers through forested areas and wetlands, demanding accuracy in shot placement. The back nine gradually opens to coastal views, with several holes running parallel to the South China Sea. Strong sea breezes add another layer of complexity, especially for those unaccustomed to links-style challenges.

Every round at Karambunai is an adventure. The fairways curve around water bodies, the greens are guarded by cleverly placed bunkers, and the scenery shifts dramatically from jungle to beach. It is a course that tests patience, precision, and adaptability-all while rewarding players with breathtaking views.

The resort itself offers more than just golf. With a private beach, spa facilities, and diverse dining options, it caters to golfers and non-golfers alike. Families can enjoy water sports, explore nature trails, or simply relax by the sea, making Karambunai a well-rounded destination for leisure travel.

**Why Choose Sabah for Golf?**

In many destinations, golf is about precision, patience, and performance. In Sabah, it is all that and more. Here, every course tells a story-of the sea, the forest, the mountains, and the people who care for them. Playing golf in Sabah is an opportunity to experience a unique blend of challenge and wonder, where the natural environment is as much a part of the game as the clubs in your bag.

Whether you are a seasoned golfer looking for your next great challenge, or a leisure traveller eager to combine sport with relaxation, Sutera Harbour, Dalit Bay, and Karambunai offer the best of both worlds. Together, they make Sabah not just a stop for golf, but a destination worth travelling for.

Sabah is a land that inspires awe at every turn, and its golf courses are no exception. **GP**



# GOLF IS WHAT YOU PLAY, NOT WHO YOU ARE



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For very passionate and competitive players, there is a big potential risk involved in golf: when the game stops being a pastime and begins to define your entire identity.

**H**andicaps, scores and tournament results should measure progress, not self-worth. But when they become the sole benchmark of value, golfers step onto shaky ground. Every missed putt feels like failure, every poor hole or golf round like a personal rejection. That mindset doesn't just damage your game—it also affects your wellbeing in daily life.

## A cautionary tale

For example, there was a young and talented golfer who, after a string of disappointing rounds, reached a heartbreaking conclusion: "I am worthless." Golf had consumed his identity completely, every poor score eroded his confidence—not just on the course, but also in daily life. The joy of the game was replaced by anxiety, sadness and isolation.

The turning point came when he finally set his clubs aside. By reconnecting with family, friends and long-neglected hobbies and activities, he began to rebuild balance. When he eventually returned to the game, it was with lighter shoulders. Golf was no longer a verdict on his worth, but simply one meaningful part of a richer life.

## Lessons for everyday living

This story highlights a universal truth: tying our identity too tightly to one role—be it athlete, entrepreneur/employee, parent, ...—makes us vulnerable. When things go wrong in that area, our entire sense of self wobbles. But those who spread their identity across different roles and activities cope better, both on the course and in everyday challenges.

In daily life, this might mean remembering that a setback at work does not define you or that a difficult phase in one life domain doesn't diminish your worth. Golf teaches us the same: one round or one season never tells the full story.

## The wellbeing connection

Golfers who maintain perspective will experience benefits that echo far beyond the fairway:

- **Resilience:** Just as a bad round can be shrugged off, daily disappointments become easier to handle.
- **Balance:** By keeping space for relationships, rest and varied interests, life feels fuller and less pressured.
- **Joy:** Whether on the course or at work, you reconnect with the simple pleasure

of the activity and life itself, rather than seeing it as a test.

- **Performance:** Ironically, reducing pressure often leads to better results, both in golf and in life.

## How to keep perspective

Practical steps help. Remind yourself you are more than your scorecard—or your job title. Schedule genuine recovery: sleep, rest and time outdoors and with friends and family. Measure progress not only in outcomes but also in learning and growth. And don't forget to notice the beauty of your environment and your relations: those are as nourishing in daily life as they are on the golf course.

## The bigger picture

Golf is at its best when it's in balance with life. The game can sharpen focus, bring joy and teach resilience—but only if it remains part of who you are, not all of it. That same principle sustains wellbeing off the course: embracing the many roles and experiences that make you whole. 

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# INDIAN CLASSIC BANGKOK

THE INDIAN CLASSIC 2025 TEED OFF IN BANGKOK ON SEPTEMBER 18TH WITH REMARKABLE ENTHUSIASM, BRINGING TOGETHER 80 GOLFERS FOR A MEMORABLE SPORTING AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE.



➔ The following morning, excitement filled the air as players gathered early for breakfast before transferring to the prestigious RG City Golf Club. The RG City Golf Club, with its sweeping fairways and immaculate greens, offered a stage where every swing feels elevated by the beauty of its setting. It is a course that blends elegance and challenge, leaving golfers with an experience as memorable as the game itself.

After submitting their scorecards, participants relaxed over a delightful lunch with refreshing drinks, sharing stories and highlights from the course. Prizes for the best player in each group added a touch of healthy rivalry. For many, however, the experience extended beyond the fairways. Evenings were left free for attendees to explore Bangkok's vibrant city life, whether that meant savouring its cuisine, shopping, or simply unwinding. This blend of sport and leisure turned the tour into

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more than just a competition; it became a celebration of golf and friendship in one of Asia's most exciting destinations.

With the participants enjoying every moment, the Tour left an indelible mark, proving once again that golf is as much about community and experiences as it is about the game itself. **GP**



# ASEAN MALAYSIA 2025



The ASEAN Malaysia 2025 Golf Event transformed the greens of Qutub Golf Club, New Delhi into a stage where sport met diplomacy. Far beyond competition, the event celebrated inclusivity, sustainability, and the timeless ability of golf to bring people together. The day was graced by distinguished dignitaries whose presence underscored

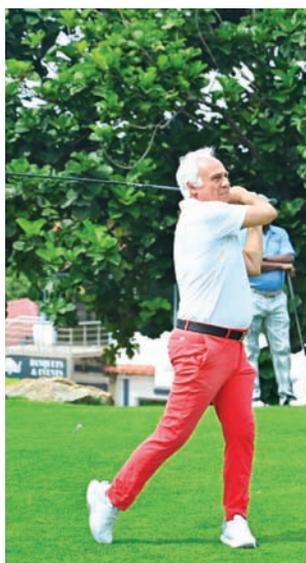
its significance: H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa, High Commissioner of Malaysia to India; H.E. Mr. Zaw Oo, Ambassador of Myanmar; H.E. Juan Antonio March Pujol, Ambassador of Spain; H.E. Mr. Lee Seong-ho, Ambassador of South Korea; and H.E. Peter Munyiri, Ambassador of Kenya. Together, they embodied the values of dialogue, partnership, and global

harmony that the ASEAN spirit represents. Laughter, conversations, and shared moments on the fairways highlighted how golf transcends borders. The event stood as a reminder that the sport is not only about precision and skill, but also about building bridges, fostering understanding, and strengthening international friendships. 



**RESULTS:**

- Monish Bindra**- Winner Overall Gross
- Sharizal Bin Md. Kamal**- Winner Gross, ASEAN Diplomat Category
- Tung Nguyen**- Winner Nett, ASEAN Diplomat Category
- Mahaveer Singhvi**- Winner Gross, Invitee Diplomat Category
- Peter Munyiri**- Winner Nett, Invitee Diplomat Category
- Max Chen**- Winner Gross, Expat Category
- Manisha**- Winner Ladies
- J C Pegu**- Winner Gross, Indian Category (Below 9 H'cap)
- Bharat Bhushan**- Winner Nett, Indian Category (Below 9 H'cap)
- Ambani Shanker**- Winner Gross, Indian Category (Above 9 H'cap)
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- Max Chen**- Longest Drive
- Vinay Agarwal**- Closest to the Pin





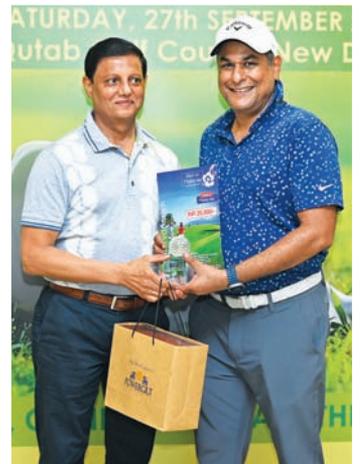
# SWINGING BEYOND BUSINESS!

➔ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) hosted its annual golf tournament at the picturesque Qutab Golf Course in Delhi. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout of 70 players, bringing together corporate leaders, industry professionals, diplomats, and golf enthusiasts for a day of competition and camaraderie.

After hours of spirited play, participants gathered for a hearty brunch and prize distribution ceremony.

Beyond the competition, the day provided a unique networking platform for business leaders and dignitaries. With its mix of sport, diplomacy, and fellowship, the 2025 edition of the CII Golf Tournament successfully strengthened bonds across communities-leaving participants eager for the next round.

The tournament was partnered by BLS International, Salesforce, HDFC Bank, Power Gilt, Tourism Malaysia, Aditya Birla Group and GolfPlus Monthly. **GP**



# GULMOHAR STROKE PLAY 2025

**G**ulmohar Stroke Play 2025 took place from 23rd to 28th August as part of the Bimavale-GO GOLF 2025 calendar.

39 golfers participated in the event.

Total 19 Golfers from 2 categories earned Reward Points. **GP**

GOLMOHAR STROKE PLAY AUGUST 2025					
#	CATEGORY	PRIZES	NAME	GROSS	NET
1	Category - 1	WINNER	AVTAR SINGH	85	74
2	H'cap 0-15	RUNNER-UP	JUHI MAVANI	90	75
3	Category - 2	WINNER	SURESH PANWAR	85	69
4	H'cap 16-30	RUNNER-UP	NAVJOT SINGH BHAMRA	91	70
SKILL COMPETITIONS					
5	Longest Drive - Hole # 1		RAVINDER KUMAR	225 YARDS	OVERALL
6	Closest to Pin - Hole # 3		XXX	XXX	
7	2nd Shot Closest to Pin - Hole # 9		YASH SHAH	20 ft	



Avtar Singh



Suresh Panwar

# GO GOLF 2025

**T**he 8th Gulmohar Golfer of the Year 2025 took place from 30th to 31st August as part of the Bimavale-Go Golf 2025 calendar.

60 golfers participated in the event fighting for the Gulmohar-Claret Jug.

Total 29 Golfers from 4 categories earned Reward Points. **GP**



Ansh Jobanputra



Hemant Vaidya



Noel Marantan



Juhi Mavani

8/11 G G O Y - AUGUST 2025 - SUMMARY					
#	CATEGORY	PRIZES	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Category - 1	WINNER	ANSH JOBANPUTRA	71	42
2	H'cap 0-14	RUNNER UP	MICHAEL WEIR	87	35
3	Category - 2	WINNER	NOEL	90	41
4	H'cap 15-23	RUNNER UP	HIREN THAKKAR	89	40
5	Category - 3	WINNER	HEMANT VAIDYA	94	38
6	H'cap 24-36	RUNNER UP	GILBERT SATERA	104	35
5	Category - 4	WINNER	JUHI MAVANI	87	36
6	JUNIOR	RUNNER UP	SHARVIN PATEL	109	35
SKILL COMPETITIONS					
7	Longest Drive - Hole # 1		MIHIR SHETH	220 YARDS	OVER ALL
8	Closest to Pin - Hole # 3		BHAVIN VADGAMA	9'2" FT	
	2nd Shot Closest to Pin - Hole # 9		SANJEEV NIKAM	13'10" FT	

# GO GOLF 2025

The 9th Gulmohar Golfer of the Year 2025 took 13th to 14th September as part of the Bimavale-Go Golf 2025 calendar.

52 golfers participated in the event fighting for the Gulmohar-Claret Jug.

Total 26 Golfers from 4 categories earned Reward Points. **GP**

9/11 G G O Y - SEPTEMBER 2025 - SUMMARY					
#	CATEGORY	PRIZES	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Category - 1	WINNER	RUTVIK THAKKAR	85	33 (B9-18)
2	H'cap 0-14	RUNNER UP	MICHAEL WEIR	89	33 (B9-17)
3	Category - 2	WINNER	PRANAY PARIKH	89	38
4	H'cap 15-23	RUNNER UP	NAVJOT SINGH BHAMRA	93	36
5	Category - 3	WINNER	GILBERT SATERA	98	39
6	H'cap 24-36	RUNNER UP	CLEMENCE IGNACIA	105	36
5	Category - 4	WINNER	JUHI MAVANI	88	35 (B9-17)
6	JUNIOR	RUNNER UP	DEVJEET SINGH	85	35 (B9-15)

SKILL COMPETITIONS				
7	Longest Drive - Hole # 1	JEM JOSE	236 YARDS	OVER ALL
8	Closest to Pin - Hole # 3	RAJINDER CHAUHAN	33"10ft	
	2nd Shot Closest to Pin - Hole # 9	JY KIM	17"3ft	



Juhi Mavani



Pranay Parikh



Rutvik Thakkar

# GULMOHAR GREENS - STABLEFORD



HS Bhamra



Sanjay Kumar Gogoi

Gulmohar Greens - Stableford took place on 20th & 21st of September as part of the Bimavale-Go Golf 2025 calendar.

50 golfers participated in the event.

Total 25 Golfers from 2 categories earned Reward Points. **GP**

GULMOHAR STABLEFORD - SEPTEMBER 2025					
#	CATEGORY	PRIZES	NAME	GROSS	POINTS
1	Category - 1	Winner	HS BHAMRA	82	17
2	H'cap 0-15	Runner up	NIRAV SONI	85	16
3	Category - 2	Winner	SANJAY KUMAR GOGOI	95	18
4	H'cap 16-30	Runner up	SANJEEV NIKAM	87	17
5	Straightest Drive- hole # 4	DHARMENDRA ZAVERI	0.2"inch	OVERALL	
6	2nd Shot Closest to Pin - Hole # 9	HIREN THAKKAR	21'.5"ft		

# HURRICANE JUNIOR GOLF TOUR



**T**he 8th Hurricane Junior Golf Tour, an inaugural event at Aravali Golf Club, Faridabad, saw an excellent turnout with girls outnumbering the boys. Shan Alvi of Delhi Golf Club won the best player of the tournament. In the 9 & under division a playoff between Samar & Lakshit, resulted in Lakshit winning in that category. **GP**



## RESULTS

### 9 & Under Boys

1- Lakshit Deswal 2- Samar Singh

### 9 & under Girls

1- Tanvi 2- Rehat Bindra

**10-11 Boys:** 1st: Shan Alvi

**13 & under Girls:** 1 st: Vedika Loyalka

**14-15 Boys:** 1 st: Vivaan Sachdeva

**14-18 Girls:** 1st: Nyra Singh

# PAR 3 INTER-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT



**T**he first-ever Par 3 Inter-School Tournament, hosted by Little Master Junior Tour & Godrej Golf Links on Sept 29, brought together teams from Lotus Valley International (Noida), Modern School Barakhamba Road (Delhi), Pathways World School (Gurgaon), and Genesis Global (Noida). **GP**

### Highlights:

- **Winners:** Arihaan & Ranveer Beri (Lotus Valley, Noida)
- **Best Boys Score:** Arihaan Beri (Lotus Valley, Noida)
- **Best Girls Score:** Aaradhya Bhatnagar (Genesis Global, Noida)

### Team Results:

1. Arihaan & Ranveer Beri - Lotus Valley, Noida

2. Arul Jha & Ebrahim Zahidi - Lotus Valley, Noida
3. Sarthak Ranganadhan & Sahira Jain - Modern School, Delhi

### Individual Winners:

- **5-8 yrs:** 1. Ranveer Beri
- **9-10 yrs:** 1. Varnit Malik, 2. Aaradhya Bhatnagar
- **11-12 yrs:** 1. Reyansh Dugar, 2. Zac Laroia, 3. Jaiveer Ahuja
- **13-18 yrs:** 1. Arihaan Beri, 2. Sarthak Ranganadhan, 3. Ebrahim Zahidi



# N THANGARAJA TRIUMPHS WITH HARD-FOUGHT 73 ON FINAL DAY OF CHENNAI OPEN 2025 POWERED BY CPCL



Champion N Thangaraja (3rd from left) receives the trophy and cheque from Mr. H Shankar, Managing Director, CPCL (4th from left)



N Thangaraja - Winner

**S**ri Lankan N Thangaraja triumphed with a hard-fought one-over 73 on the final day of the Chennai Open 2025 Powered by CPCL, an INR 1 crore event, played at the Cosmo TNGF Golf Course in Chennai.

N Thangaraja (69-66-63-73), the overnight leader by one shot, came through by one stroke on a high-scoring last day as he totaled 17-under 271 for the week.

The forty-four-year-old Colombo resident Thangaraja's sixth PGTI win and second victory of the season saw him collect the winning prize of INR 15 lakh that lifted him from 12th to sixth position in the 2025 PGTI Order of Merit.

The trio of Noida's Amardeep Malik (68-71-67-66), who closed the day with an eagle, Delhi's Shaurya Bhattacharya (67-65-69-71) and Gurugram's Manu Gandas (66-68-65-73), finished joint runners-up at a total of 16-under 272.

N Thangaraja made a slow start to the day with five pars followed by a bogey on the sixth hole even as his nearest rivals Shaurya Bhattacharya and Manu Gandas made early



Amardeep Malik - Joint Runner-Up



Manu Gandas - Joint Runner-Up

gains. Thanga, however, was quite consistent thereafter despite the tough pin positions, as he kept hitting the middle of the greens and making pars all the way till the 14th.

While his closest rivals lost momentum towards the end, Thanga made a birdie and bogey on the 15th and 16th followed by the all-important six-foot par putt for victory on the 18th hole.

Thangaraja said, "I'm happy that I could finally win at one of my favourite courses where I had come close to winning three years back. After the birdie on the 15th, I gained in confidence and somehow knew that it would be my day. Now with two wins under my



Shaurya Bhattacharya - Joint Runner-Up

belt this year, I'm setting myself even bigger targets for the remainder of the season." **GP**

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Champion Jamal Hossain (2nd from right) receives the trophy and cheque from Shri Jupally Krishna Rao, Honourable Minister for Tourism and Culture, Govt. of Telangana (3rd from right). The other dignitaries seen in the picture are Mr. B V K Raju, President, HGA (3rd from left), Ms. Megha Vijay, DGM, Marketing & Branding, NSL Luxe (extreme right), Mr. Deeppreet Bindra, GM, The Westin Mindspace Hyderabad (2nd from left) and Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO, PGTI (extreme left)

# JAMAL HOSSAIN BAGS NSL LUXE PRESENTS TELANGANA GOLCONDA MASTERS 2025 TITLE

## CHANDARJEET YADAV FIRES FIRST-EVER HOLE-IN-ONE ON A PAR-4 IN PGTI HISTORY

➔ Bangladesh's Jamal Hossain was declared the winner of the INR 1 crore NSL Luxe presents Telangana Golconda Masters 2025 after heavy rain forced abandonment of the final round at the Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA).

The tournament result was declared on the basis of the total scores after 54 holes as no play was possible in the fourth round due to the inclement weather.

Jamal Hossain (61-62-64), who led the field by four shots after round three thanks to his 54-hole tally of 23-under 187, thus lifted his sixth title. As a result, the 40-year-old from Dhaka, collected the winning purse of INR 15 lakh that propelled him from 14th place to 10th position in the 2025 PGTI Order of Merit. Chandigarh's Akshay Sharma (62-64-65) claimed the runner-up spot as he totaled 19-under 291 after three rounds.

Jamal Hossain capped a wonderful week as he dominated all three rounds leading from the start till the finish. Jamal, who enjoyed a



one-shot lead after the first round thanks to his tournament low of 61, extended his lead to three shots at the halfway stage following his second-round effort of 62. Hossain then stretched his lead to four shots after his 64 in round three. He dropped just one bogey over 54 holes.

Jamal said, "I'm elated to have finally won this season after having come close on a couple of occasions earlier this year. I feel I was quite consistent through the week thanks to my

driving and putting. The first round of 61 just set up the tournament for me.

"My next big goal is to perform well and make a mark in the DP World India Championship in Delhi next month. I feel my form is building up well leading into that event."

Earlier in round two, Chandimandir-based Chandarjeet Yadav made the first-ever hole-in-one on a Par-4 in PGTI history. Chandarjeet's drive found the hole on the 369-yard-long Par-4 14th. **GP**





# ARJUN PRASAD ENDS LONG WAIT FOR MAIDEN TITLE WITH FOUR-STROKE TRIUMPH AT TAMIL NADU OPEN 2025 PRESENTED BY SIPCOT & TANCEM



Champion Arjun Prasad (centre) receives the trophy and cheque from Mr. R Gopinath, President, Coimbatore Golf Club (left) and Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO, PGTI (right)



Arjun Prasad - Winner

**A**rjun Prasad ended a long wait for his maiden title with a four-stroke triumph at the INR 1 crore Tamil Nadu Open 2025 Presented by SIPCOT & TANCEM played at the Coimbatore Golf Club.

The 26-year-old Arjun (70-70-68-72), the leader since round two, who began the final round with an imposing six-shot lead, produced a steady even-par 72 on the last day to join the winner's circle with a total score of eight-under 280.

Delhi-based Prasad, a professional since 2017 and the only player to not shoot an over-par round during the week, thus picked up the winning cheque worth INR 15 lakh that saw him consolidate himself in second position on the PGTI Order of Merit with season's earnings of INR 84,71,599.

Arjun, who has been among the most consistent performers this season with 10 previous top-10 finishes including two runner-up results, has now closed the gap with PGTI money list leader Yuvraj Sandhu to less than INR 4 lakh.

Chandigarh's Jairaj Singh Sandhu (75-71-70-68) fired the fourth round's joint lowest score of 68 to finish tied second at four-under 284.

Sri Lankan N Thangaraja (72-73-69-70) delivered a last round of 70 to share the



Jairaj Singh Sandhu - Joint Runner-Up



N Thangaraja - Joint Runner-Up

runner-up spot with Jairaj.

Arjun Prasad, enjoying a commanding lead at the start of the day, had some early jitters on the front-nine where he conceded two bogeys in exchange for a birdie. However, a great par-save thanks to a top-class up and down on the 10th set the stage for Arjun's march to victory. Thereafter, Prasad scored two birdies and a bogey as his nearest rivals could not catch up with him.

A beaming Arjun said, "I'm delighted to have finally crossed the line today. Importantly, I

stayed in the moment and was very focused throughout the day.

"Now, sealing my spot at the DP World India Championship, happening two weeks later at Delhi Golf Club, is a huge boost as that was one of my goals as soon as the tournament was announced. Playing alongside a field consisting of Rory McIlroy and Tommy Fleetwood is a dream come true. I really look forward to playing alongside Tommy once again who was my playing partner at the 2016 Indian Open when I competed as an amateur." **GP**





# AMRIT LAL EDGES OUT SANJEEV KUMAR AND LAKSHYA NAGAR IN THREE-WAY PLAYOFF TO WIN FIRST TITLE AT PGTI NEXGEN HOSTED BY PATNA GOLF CLUB



Champion Amrit Lal (centre) receives the trophy and cheque from Mr. Arvind Singh, Secretary, Patna Golf Club (left) and Mr. Amandeep Johl, CEO, PGTI (right)



Amrit Lal - Winner

All departments of my game were quite sharp this week. I drove, chipped and putted really well.

**C**handigarh's Amrit Lal edged out Lucknow golfer Sanjeev Kumar and Noida's Lakshya Nagar in a three-way playoff to register his first professional win at the PGTI NEXGEN 2025 Hosted by Patna Golf Club.

The 25-year-old Amrit Lal (70-70-74), the overnight joint leader, fired a final round of two-over 74 to end the regulation 54 holes tied at the top of the leaderboard along with Sanjeev Kumar (72-70-72) and Lakshya Nagar (68-72-74) at a total score of two-under 214.

In the three-way playoff, Lakshya crashed out of the contest after making a bogey on the first extra hole. Thereafter, on the second extra hole, Amrit's consistency helped him prevail as he made par once again while Sanjeev conceded a bogey to fall short.

Amrit Lal picked up the winning cheque worth INR 2,54,300, which moved him up 13 spots from 17th to fourth position in the 2025 PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit.

Amrit Lal, whose previous best on the NEXGEN was a fourth-place finish, began the day with a two-shot lead along with overnight



Lakshya Nagar - Joint Runner-Up

co-leader Lakshya Nagar. Amrit was steady over the first 10 holes, making one birdie and not dropping any shot.

Amrit then endured a few stutters after some erratic shots resulted in four bogeys for him on the back-nine. He managed just one birdie on the back-nine.

Finally, Amrit kept his composure on the two playoff holes to come home the champion



Sanjeev Kumar - Joint Runner-Up

even as his rivals Lakshya and Sanjeev dropped bogeys to finish joint runners-up.

Amrit said, "All departments of my game were quite sharp this week. I drove, chipped and putted really well. Importantly, I was mentally strong during the playoff and that helped me close out the match. I was encouraged by making the cut on the main tour a couple of weeks back after a long injury-affected spell." **GP**





# SANJEEV KUMAR REGISTERS MAIDEN VICTORY WITH FINAL ROUND 65 ON HOME TURF, EMERGES NEXGEN ORDER OF MERIT LEADER



Champion Sanjeev Kumar (3rd from right), seen standing along with his nephew, receives the trophy and cheque from Dr. Rajeshwar Singh, MLA (3rd from left).

**L**ucknow's Sanjeev Kumar registered his maiden victory after shooting a terrific five-under 65 at his home course, the Lucknow Golf Club, in the third and final round of the PGTI NEXGEN's seventh event of the season.

The 33-year-old Sanjeev Kumar (68-70-65), who was three shots off the lead in second place after round two, totaled seven-under 203 for the week to record a two-shot triumph. Sanjeev's spectacular come-from-behind victory resulted in him bagging the winning cheque worth INR 2,54,300 that saw him rise from third to first position in the 2025 PGTI NEXGEN Order of Merit as his season's earnings moved to INR 7,08,740.

Chandimandir-based Umed Kumar (67-68-70), the overnight leader by three shots, carded an even-par 70 on day three to drop one spot and finish runner-up at a total of five-under 205. Umed's second-place finish helped him climb from eighth to second position in the PGTI NEXGEN merit list.

The winner of this year's NEXGEN Order of Merit will earn an exemption on the main tour

(PGTI) for the 2026 season. The NEXGEN takes a break now with the next event scheduled in Bhubaneswar in the first week of November.

Sanjeev Kumar used all his local knowledge to his advantage in the last round as he produced the day's best effort, a bogey-free 65. Sanjeev's hot putter also did the trick as he sank four birdies from a range of 10 to 20 feet between the first and the 11th hole. Sanjeev drained his fifth birdie of the day on the 12th hole. He then made pars till the end to prevail over nearest rival Umed Kumar by two shots.

Sanjeev, a professional since 2011 who had posted several runners-up finishes on the PGTI previously, said, "Importantly, I treated the final round like any other round that I play at my home course during the off-season. Playing on my home turf I had the advantage of knowing where to land my shots.

"I've waited a long time for my first title. I had come close to winning on several occasions in the past. Winning in front of my family and friends on my home ground was really special. I would like to thank the Lucknow Golf Club and its members for all their support." **GP**



Sanjeev Kumar - Winner



Umed Kumar - Runner-Up



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