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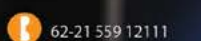
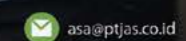
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Dear readers,

The 18th Asian Games have come to a close and we are a proud nation after successfully hosting the World's second-largest multi-sport event for the second time since 1962. Indonesian competitors were also able to carve out a new record by finishing fourth in the medal standings after winning 31 gold, 24 silver, and 43 bronze medals.

The success at the Asian Games was sadly not shared in by our national golfers but it was not for lack of effort. The players showed their fighting spirits and faced tough opposition from the players of 25 other countries who participated in this sport. The lesson to be drawn from this is that success will not occur in the blink of an eye and hard work is the way to achieve success. If it doesn't happen today, don't give up, it will happen later.

That "never give up" lesson was recently proven by Justin Rose. The 2018 FedEx Cup winner has experienced plenty of failures before he reached success. After years of ups and downs, Rose has finally achieved everything a professional player dreams of, including winning a major title, an Olympic gold medal, and reaching the World No. 1 spot. We will have an opportunity to see the golf superstar in person at this year's Indonesian Masters. Rose has confirmed that he will defend his title in Indonesia's most prestigious tournament at Royale Jakarta Golf Club on December 13-16.

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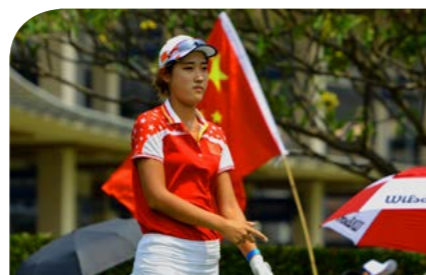
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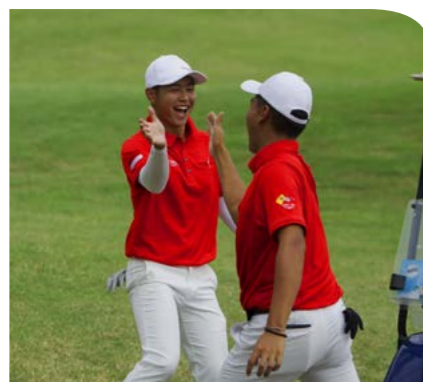
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JUSTIN ROSE TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

THE EXCITEMENT OF THE INDONESIA MASTERS WILL RESONATE THROUGH THE GOLF COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN IN DECEMBER. THE ANTICIPATION AROUND THE NATION'S PREEMINENT GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO HEAT UP AS JUSTIN ROSE HAS CONFIRMED HE WILL RETURN TO DEFEND HIS TITLE IN JAKARTA.



There were good results for England's Justin Rose in Philadelphia. The 38-year-old golfer reached the summit of his golf journey at the BMW Championship. Despite losing a playoff against American Keegan Bradley at Aronimink Golf Club, Newton Square, Rose climbed into the world's number one ranking above the American trio of Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, and Justin Thomas.

Good news also blew into Jakarta, as Rose confirmed he will return to the capital to defend his Indonesian Masters title. Last year, the Englishman rounded off a brilliant

2017 season by winning the Indonesian Masters.

"I am excited to be returning to defend my title especially so soon after topping the Official World Golf Ranking for the first time," said the Olympic gold medalist and the 2013 US Open champion to the Asian Tour. "It's an amazing achievement for me to reach world number one and it is something I am extraordinarily proud of. It is the stuff of boyhood dreams."

At last year's Indonesian Masters, Rose's magnificent score of 10-under-par (62) in the final round gave him an eight-

stroke advantage over runner-up Phachara Khongwatmai of Thailand. It was his second 62 after posting the same score on the opening day. The champion closed the competition with a winning total of 29-under-par (259) after what he described as a "dream week...of incredible golf."

"My win last year was immensely satisfying - it was the largest winning margin for me in a tournament," said Rose, who had arrived at the tournament with his confidence at an all-time high after winning the WGC-HSBC Champions and the Turkish Airlines Open back-to-back just over a month earlier.

This year, the eighth edition of the nation's most prestigious golf tournament will bring the curtain down on the 2018 Asian Tour season with the Habitat for Humanity (standings) champion being crowned at the tournament that will be played from December 13 to 16 at its home, Royale Jakarta Golf Club.

The Indonesian Masters is the third leg of the Panasonic Swing: an aggregate points race that spans five events across Thailand, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan in which Asian Tour players can earn a share of a lucrative bonus pool.

With Rose in the line-up, spectators can look forward to a thrilling finale to the 2018 Asian Tour season. The winner of this year's US\$750,000 Indonesian Masters will also receive an added bonus: a spot in the World Golf Championships - FedEx St. Jude Invitational in July 2019.

"Indonesian Masters founder and Chairman of the Asian Tour, Jimmy Masrin, said, "The Indonesian Masters is truly honored to welcome back world number one Justin Rose. Justin was hugely impressive both on and off the course last year and is a great ambassador for the sport. The

Indonesian Masters is now one of the premier events in the region and to have him in the field is a further boost to its standing."

Rose was the fifth player to win the Indonesian Masters since its inaugural edition in 2011. England's Lee Westwood, a former world number one, has won the Indonesian Masters on three occasions - 2011, 2012 and 2015 - while Anirban Lahiri of India, who now plays primarily on the PGA Tour, claimed the title in 2014. ■

ROAD TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD

Justin Rose has been building his path to the world No. 1 position since he was a very young golfer. For more than two decades the English player has dedicated himself to learning, practicing, and trying to improve so that he could reach his ultimate goal.

A skinny 17-year-old amateur received a rousing cheer from the audience at the 1998 Open Championship. His name still unknown, Justin Rose had just holed-out his third shot from the left rough for a closing birdie that moved him into a tie for fourth place and helped him grab the silver medal for the Best Amateur at Royal Birkdale, Southport. With this great achievement, Sir Michael Bonallack, Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, labeled Rose "our very own Tiger Woods".

Twenty years later, Rose has given weight to those words. Despite losing a playoff at the 2018 BMW Championship, the now 38-year-old player moved up to the number one spot in the world rankings. Years of incredibly consistent hard work have finally paid off.

"That's an amazing achievement, something I'm extraordinarily proud of," said the Englishman after becoming the 22nd man to hold the top spot since the rankings began in 1986, as quoted by Reuters. Rose

commented that he would have loved to have got there by winning but added he was "delighted to be world number one. It's boyhood dreams."

Rose has travelled a long and bumpy road to becoming world number one. Rewinding to the moment at Royal Birkdale some 20 years ago, Rose turned pro the very next day. Unfortunately, his early days as a professional proved to be more difficult than expected. Most anticipated Rose would do remarkable things after his display at Birkdale, but he wasn't able to qualify for the weekend's play in the first 21 tournaments he entered as a pro.

"People get it wrong when they say I only turned professional straight after Birkdale because of my showing there," explained Rose when speaking to the Telegraph. "It wasn't like that. My idea all along was to turn pro, but to do it quietly, sneak in through the back door, if you like. I would be able to get some experience in pro events under my belt before trying to qualify through Tour school at the

end of the season. But then Birkdale came along and my expectations changed and probably everybody else's did as well. My game wasn't ready to deal with that."

It took Rose nearly four years before he won for the first time in Europe. He made that year, 2002, a memorable one by collecting four professional titles: the Dunhill Links Championship, the Nashua Nedtel Masters, the Crowns Tournament, and the Victor Chandler British Masters. And, by the end of the year, he'd jumped to 39th in the world from 165th.

By 2007, he had moved to 7th in the world, making his name in the golf world with two-second place finishes, a tied ninth, and a win at the Volvo Masters. His time in the Top 10 was short-lived; over the next two years, Rose faced a title drought and dropped back down the rankings to 70th.



Justin Rose collects his silver medal as best amateur at the 1998 Open Championship.



"To get to world No. 1 is unbelievable, and I can say now in my career I've been the best player in the world"

- Justin -

Rose's persistence paid off and in 2010 he began to re-emerge as a serious contender in tournaments. He secured at least one professional win each year, with two wins in 2010, 2014, and 2015, then three in 2017. Twelve years after turning pro in 1998, Rose won for the first time on the PGA Tour at the Memorial Tournament. Among the most memorable moments in his career must surely be winning the 2013 US Open and a gold medal in golf's return to the Olympics in 2016.

From the beginning of 2017, Rose has been at the top of his game, having had 25 Top 10 finishes including four titles and six second-places in 42 appearances worldwide. He's only missed the cut three times and now adds reaching the position of world number one to the year's achievements.

"To get to world No. 1 is unbelievable, and I can say now in my career I've been the best player in the world," said Rose after losing the playoff, as quoted by AP. "I've been to the top of the game, and that's definitely some consolation."

Rose is the fourth Englishman to become world number one after Sir Nick Faldo, Lee Westwood, and Luke Donald. "It's boyhood dreams," said Rose. "It's a dream that we've all thought about at some point in our lives or as young aspiring golfers thinking about it."

"I turned pro at 18 and it took me 20 odd years to get to world No. 1, but my advice would be to just dedicate yourself to improving, to learning, to trying to get better. That's what excites me, but the quest to get better is why I wake up in the morning."

On December 13-16, Jakarta will once again have the opportunity to see Justin Rose in action at the Indonesian Masters. ■

FIGHT UNTIL THE END

The Professional Golf of Malaysia team successfully fulfilled their promise to reclaim the trophy which remained in Indonesia after last year's win by the home team. Despite losing, the Indonesian Golf Tour team created a stiff resistance against Malaysia who struggled to win the PGM-IGT Championship.

The third edition of the PGM-IGT Championship was predicted to be a fierce contest with strong ambition from both two teams, the Indonesian Golf Tour and Professional Golf of Malaysia, to win the prestigious event held by the neighbouring countries. The event, which took place on August 1-3 at Tiara Melaka Golf Club, was eventually won by Malaysia by 15-13.

In the end, Malaysia needed a single point to win which they claimed in the 26th game of the 27 matches played during the three-day event. Malaysia's Mochammad Wafiyuddin defeated George Gandranata 1-up to help Malaysia cross the line to regain the trophy for a year.

It was not an easy ride for Malaysia; the Indonesian players brought their best game and with it plenty of cause for concern for the Malaysian team. The persistent IGT side chased points they had dropped in the first two days during the final games: the singles matches. The team needed seven points from 11 matches played but unfortunately only managed to secure five and a half.

"This year's game was amazing. We leave this trophy for Malaysia. Hopefully, we can take it again next year," said the IGT Chairman Jimmy Masrin.

Despite losing, Jimmy was pleased by the spirit demonstrated by the IGT players. "I think the IGT team this year is very solid,

and the teamwork is also good. Our team was unlucky this year, but Malaysia performed well so they could win the tournament this time. I hope our players will return next year, and we can regain the trophy."

Here's the full story of the battle between two neighbouring countries... ■



Daeng Abdul Rahman - Indra (L-R).



Almay.



Naraajie E.R. Putra and Kevin C. Akbar.

DAY 1

WEDNESDAY MATCHES

The three-day event opened with foursomes. Indonesia's duo, George Gandranata and Fajar Win Nuryanto, faced Malaysia's Sharifuddin Ariffin and R. Nachimuthu, to open the morning's play. Then, Benny Kasiadi and amateur's Almay Rayhan Y. challenged Malaysian pair Sukree Othman and Kemarol Baharin.

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The third match presented amateur's Jonathan Wijono and Rinaldi Adiyandono against Khor Kheng Hwai and Kim Leun Hwang. Amateurs Naraajie E.R. Putra and Kevin C. Akbar were the closing group in the morning foursomes, facing S. Sivachandhran dan Amir Nazrin.

Adrian Halimi, Elki Kow, Jordan S. Irawan and Indra Hermawan were sidelined in the morning session for Indonesia, while Kenneth De Silva, Daeng Abdul Rahman, Amir Nazrin, and M. Nazri Zain from the Malaysian team prepared for the next session.

Malaysia took a lead in the morning session of the PGM-IGT Championship with three of their four teams contributing points to beat Indonesia 3-1.

The host team grabbed their first two points through Hwai and Kwang and Sivachandran and Nazrin who beat their Indonesian opposition by 4&3. Indonesia stole a point after Benny and Almay somewhat surprisingly overthrew Malaysia's strong duo Othman and Baharin.

"I was nervous at the beginning. However, partnering with Benny, I can be more comfortable. We can play more solidly, even though the opponents we faced are strong," said Almay, who communicated with his fellow Javan Benny using Javanese.

Their success was not followed by George and Fajar who lost by a hole to Ariffin and Nachimuthu.

The event continued into the afternoon with the fourballs teeing off at 1 o'clock. While IGT Captain Jubilant "Teddy" Arda only

changed three pairs from the morning's session, PGM Captain M. Ramayah changed all of his pairs.

Elki Kow and Jordan Irawan headed out for the first match, facing Malaysian's Kenneth De Silva and Nazri Zain, while Naraajie and Kevin went up against Daeng Abdul Rahman and Mohd. Wafiyuddin. The third match presented Almay and Indra battling Kwang and Ariffin. George who was juxtaposed with his new partner, Jonathan, encountered Nachimuthu and Nazrin.

The changes seemed to have a positive impact on the Indonesian team. Three Indonesian pairs – Elki and Jordan, Naraajie and Kevin, and Almay and Indra – earned three

out of four possible points from the Wednesday afternoon fourballs. The only point Indonesia failed to claim went to Nachimuthu and Nazrin who defeated Jonathan and George by 1-up.

"Today's match is quite interesting. Our players in the morning session play quite tense so we lose 1-3. That's why I changed the composition of the players for the afternoon session, and this gave great results," said Teddy.

At the close of the first day, Indonesia and Malaysia both had the same points: 4-4. The player's retreated to their rooms to rest ahead of day two's foursome and afternoon fourball. ■

**MORNING FOURSOME
AUGUST 1ST, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	1	3	
George Gandranata Fajar Winnuryanto	1 up		Shahriffuddin Ariffin R. Nachimuthu
Benny Kasiadi Almay R. Yagutah	2&1		Sukree Othman Kemarol Baharin
Jonathan Wijono Rinaldi A.	4&3		Khor Kheng Hwai Kim Leun Kwang
Naraajie E. R. Putra Kevin C. Akbar	4&3		S. Sivachandran Amir Nazrin

**AFTERNOON FOUR-BALL
AUGUST 1ST, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	3	1	
Elki Kow Jordan Irawan	1 up		Keneth De Silva Nazri Zain
Naraajie E. R. Putra Kevin C. Akbar	1 up		Daeng Abdul Rahman Mohd. Wafiyuddin
Almay Rayhan Y. Indra Hermawan	5&4		Kim Leun Kwang Shahriffuddin Ariffin
George Gandranata Fajar Winnuryanto	1 up		Nachimuthu Nazrin

**FINAL RESULT DAY 1
AUGUST 1ST, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	4	4	



Elki Kow - Jordan Irawan.



George Gandranata - Jonathan.

DAY 2

THURSDAY MATCHES

Behind by two points, Indonesia knew they needed more points to ease the fight in day three's singles matches to follow. Because of this, Captain Teddy dispatched his old pairing of Rinaldi and Adrian, who contributed two points in the morning foursomes last year. Along with them, Elki and Jordan, Benny and Almay, and George and Fajar, were still trusted to get their points in the morning session.

Photography: YM

But Malaysia had other ideas and it wasn't to lose points. Building on their success in the Wednesday morning foursomes Captain Ramayah retained two of his pairs: Hwai and Hwang and Sivachandran and Nazrin. To support those duos, they also prepared a duet between Wafiyuddin and Abdul Rahman, who defeated their Indonesian counterparts with a landslide score. De Silva and Baharin, who came from two losing pairs the day prior, were combined for the morning session this time.

Indonesia was again only able to grab one point in the morning foursomes. The strong Malaysian pairs, Hwai and Hwang and Sivachandran and Nazrin, took two important

points. Another point was added by the pair Wafiyuddin and Abdul Rahman who successfully overthrew Benny and Almay 3&1. Elki and Jordan managed to secure a point for the Indonesian team by beating Baharin and De Silva 1-up.

In the afternoon fourballs, Teddy prepared three new pairings and kept the duo of Naraajie and Kevin, hoping to get more points after being left behind by 7 to 5 by Malaysia. Of course, Malaysia was also still out to add more points to their tally. Retaining just one pair who played in the morning foursomes, Baharin and De Silva, Malaysia changed the player composition of the other three teams.

Particularly important ahead of the final matches, both teams were determined to

get more points to secure themselves the advantage. Therefore, each match presented extremely fierce battles which were all contested until the final hole. Both teams finally shared the points, taking two each from the four matches played.

"We lost a lot of points in these two days. I also didn't expect Malaysia to take a lot of points today. Our chances are a little heavier, but I am optimistic that our players can make surprises in the matches tomorrow," said Teddy.

The host team still held the lead with 9-7 over the Indonesian team. They would need 5 1/2 points to secure their second international team championship victory, while Indonesia needed 7 1/2 points to retain the trophy. ■

**MORNING FOURSOMES
AUGUST 2ND, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	3	1	
Rinaldi Adrian Halimi	2&1		Khor Kheng Hwai Kim Leun Hwang
Elki Jordan	1 up		Kemarol Baharin Kenneth De Silva
Benny Kasiadi Almay	3&1		Mohd Wafiyuddin Daeng Abdul Rahman
George Fajar	5&4		Sivachandran Amir Nazrin

**AFTERNOON FOUR-BALL
AUGUST 2ND, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	2	2	
Naraajie E. R. Putra Kevin C. Akbar	2 up		Shahriffuddin Ariffin Sukree Othman
Jonathan George Gandranata	1 up		Mohd Nazri Zain Sivachandran
Jordan Indra	1 up		Kemarol Baharin Kenneth De Silva
Elki Fajar Winnuryanto	1 up		R. Nachimuthu Amir Nazrin

**FINAL RESULT DAY 2
AUGUST 2ND, 2018**

INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	7	9	



DAY 3

FRIDAY SINGLES MATCHES

The singles matches, initially set to comprise of 12 players from each country, presented only 11 matches after Indonesian's Adrian Halimi had to withdraw due to a hand injury. Both teams were awarded half a point meaning Malaysia only needed five points, while Indonesia needed seven, from a total of 11 points available to win the trophy.

"I had hoped that Elki and Naraajie could reach the points from the singles matches, but apparently they were free from their grasp. Jordan, which I didn't predict, won from Nachimutu, who was hard to beat"

-Teddy-

Kevin, who opened the singles matches against Hwai surprisingly beat the 28-year-old on the 16th hole putting an end to the match with 3&2. Malaysia then secured a point after Kwang beat Elki 3&2, followed by Ariffin who won over Naraajie 3&2, and Nazrin who faced Benny's ambition to continue the match but eventually defeated him 5&4.

So far, Malaysia led by 12 1/2-8 1/2 over Indonesia.

While Indonesian supporters watched the battle between Almay and Sivachandran on the 18th green with tense feelings, there was good news from hole 15, Jonathan claimed a point for Indonesia by winning over Othman 3&1.

Almay must have felt the good vibes. He sank his putt for birdie, while Siva two-putted to make par. The Asian Games athlete won the match 1-up. Indonesia's Jordan and Indra both secured a point each, while Malaysia's Baharin claimed a point for his side.

The gap was small between Indonesia and Malaysia with 12 1/2-13 1/2. There were just two matches still to finish. George was playing against Wafiyuddin and Rinaldi faced De Silva. George and Wafiyuddin were still all square, while Rinaldi led 1-up.

Referring to the rules which state that, "if both teams have the same 14 points, the winning team of the previous Championship shall retain the trophy" Indonesia needed just 1 1/2 points to take the trophy home.

However, golf says things differently. Wafiyuddin beat George on the last hole, while Rinaldi and De Silva became all square after De Silva won the last hole. Despite Indonesia's best efforts, Malaysia won the 2018 PGM-IGT Championship in the end with 15-13.

"I had hoped that Elki and Naraajie could reach the points from the singles matches, but apparently they were free from their grasp. Jordan, which I didn't predict, won from Nachimutu, who was hard to beat," said Teddy.

With their success, the Malaysian team received prize money of RM130,000 from the total purse of RM200,000. Indonesia taking home their share, RM70,000. The three-day event at Melaka provided a valuable lesson for the Indonesian team and they are sure to return for next year's event stronger than ever. ■

FINAL RESULT DAY 3 AUGUST 3RD, 2018

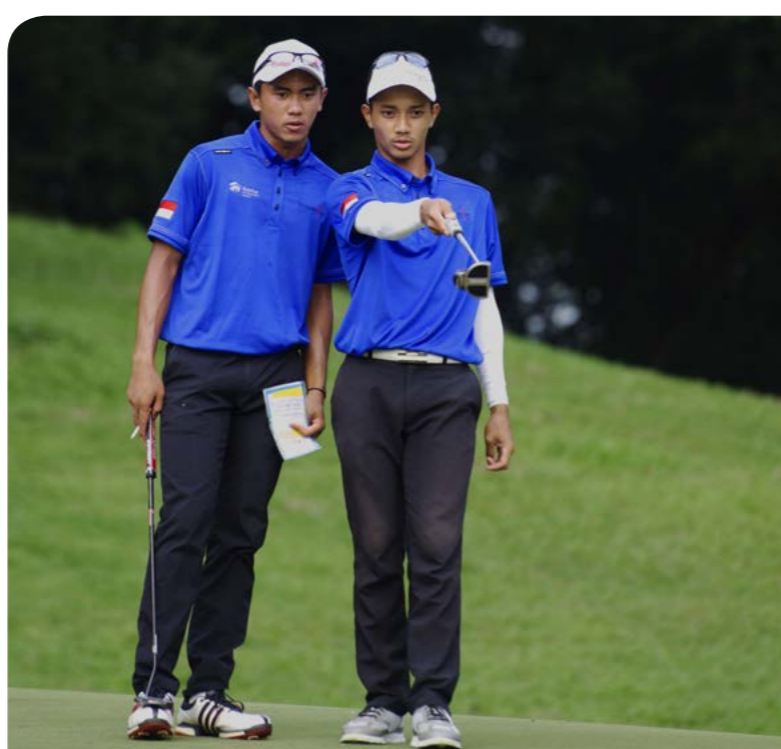
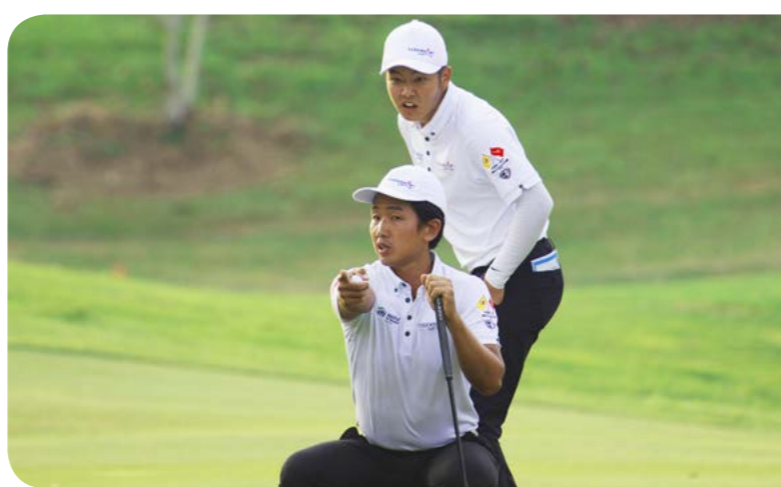
INDONESIA	SCORE		MALAYSIA
	14 1/2	8 1/2	
Kevin C. Akbar	3&2		Khor Kheng Hwai
Elki Kow		3&2	Kim Leun Hwang
Almay	1 up		S. Sivachandran
Naraajie E. R. Putra		3&2	Shahriffuddin Ariffin
Jonathan	3&1		Sukree Othman
Jordan	1 up		R. Nachimutu
Indra	1 up		Daeng Abdul Rahman
George Gandranata		1up	Mohd Wafiyuddin
Benny Kasiadi	5&4		Amir Nazrin
Fajar Winnuryanto	2&1		Kemarol Baharin
Rinaldi	AS	AS	Kenneth De Silva
Adrian Halimi	AS	AS	Mohd Nazri Zain

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THE CIPUTRA GOLFPRENEUR TOURNAMENT

SURVIVING AN EPIC PLAYOFF BATTLE

The Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament presented the longest playoff in Asian Development Tour history with an Argentinean for the first time taking home an ADT title.



Miguel Carballo.

Photography: YM



Poom Pattaropong.

Winning an international event is a milestone in every professional player's journey. However, for Miguel Carballo of Argentina, claiming the trophy at the Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament presented by Panasonic as his maiden Asian Development Tour (ADT) title will not be all he remembers about the experience. Carballo is not likely to forget the long battle he fought to secure it.

Saturday, August 25, is sure to be the best day in Carballo's golf career so far. The 39-year-old, who is playing his first year in Asia after coming through Qualifying School in January, pursued a six-shot deficit by carding eight birdies against no bogey to score 64 (8-under) at the BSD Course by Damai Indah Golf.

Finishing the last round, Carballo shared the lead with two young guns, Amir Nazrin of Malaysia and Poom Pattaropong of Thailand. The trio was tied on 16-under-par, 272, in regulation play at the US\$110,000 ADT event, so had to proceed to a playoff to determine the winner.

After Nazrin was eliminated on the first playoff hole on the par-five 18th, Carballo and Poom continued their battle over six more holes. It was only on the seventh hole of the playoff that Carballo was able to eventually stop Poom's bid for the title by holing his third putt while Poom missed a 10-footer.

This playoff is the longest of its kind in ADT history since the secondary circuit was

inaugurated in 2010. The lengthy playoff also matches the longest record set on the premier Asian Tour in 2001.

"I am very happy. I came close a lot of times this year and I am glad I finally did it. I guess the experiences from the last few near-misses have helped," said Carballo, who missed only one green in regulation in his closing 64, to Asian Tour.

"To be honest, I was very nervous, especially on the first few playoff holes. But I

managed to stay composed after that. I wasn't feeling tired. I was just getting a massive adrenaline rush which kept me going out there. Poom and Amir played really well too," added Carballo.

Carballo becomes the first Argentinean to win on the ADT following his breakthrough victory. He takes home a winner's prize purse of US\$19,250 and receives six Official World Golf Ranking points. ■

**Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament
Damai Indah Golf-BSD Course
Final Results**

Pos	Name	Country	Total	To Par
1	Miguel Carballo	Argentina	272	-16
	Poom Pattaropong	Thailand	272	-16
	Amir Nazrin	Malaysia	272	-16
T4	Danny Masrin	Indonesia	273	-15
	Suttijet Kooratanapisan	Thailand	273	-15
	Nirun Sae-Ueng	Thailand	273	-15
	David Gleeson	Australia	273	-15
8	Sam Gillis	USA	274	-14
T9	Janne Kaske	Finlandia	275	-13
	Josh Salah	USA	275	-13
	Nattawat Suvajanakorn	Thailand	275	-13



THE 2018 CIPUTRA GOLFPRENEUR TOURNAMENT

DANNY READY TO CONQUER JAPAN

Danny Masrin made history by being the first person to claim back-to-back titles of the Best Indonesian Professional Player at the 2017 Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament presented by Panasonic. The 24-year-old scored a total of 227 (11-under) and placed at T19

With this victory, Danny goes on to play at the Panasonic Open 2018, one of the Asian Tour events.

It's a repeat achievement by Danny who took home the same title in last year's event after scoring 9-under-par (279). However, a back injury he sustained before heading to Japan prevented him performing optimally in the Panasonic Open 2017 and as a result, he missed the cut.

"There is no special preparation for the Panasonic Open 2018. I will practice

as usual. However, I certainly will be better prepared," said Danny, who won the Indonesian Golf Tour player of the year in 2016.

Danny was one of seven Indonesian golfers - six professionals and one amateur - who made the cut at the US\$110,000 Ciputra Golfpreneur event. Dominikus Glen was the only amateur player who qualified to play in the third round. He took home the Low Amateur title for the first time. ■

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Yuka Saso.

THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES

UNEXPECTED RESULTS

The Philippines took home two gold medals from the women's individual and team categories. The victories were unexpected for the team, including Yuka Saso, the athlete who proved key to The Philippines' success in overthrowing the Asian golf giants.

"I had no doubt on what [club] I wanted to hit. I didn't have second thoughts taking the kind of shot I needed to"

- Saso -

On Sunday, August 26, the 18th Asian Games presented the final day of the tournaments golf event. On the final hole, the last group of women - Yuka Saso, Wenbo Liu, and Heejong Lim, battled for the women's individual gold medal.

Attempting her second shot, Saso had 210 yards to reach the par-5 18th green. Briefly thinking about the distance and which club to play, the 17-year-old Filipina-Japanese player didn't hesitate as she stepped up to play her shot with her 4-iron.

This second shot proved to be a defining moment in her young career, helping her gain a great achievement in the second-largest multi-sport event. On the green, Saso managed to hole the ball with one putt giving her an eagle that delivered her the title. Not only that, Saso who teamed up with Bianca Pagdanganan and Louis Kay Go for the team event, claimed the team title to go alongside another medal: an individual bronze courtesy of Bianca. It was a euphoric day for The Philippines.

"I had no doubt on what [club] I wanted to hit. I didn't have second thoughts taking the kind of shot I needed to," said Saso, who finished a 6-under (66) to seal the Philippines' golden sweep of women's golf at Pondok Indah Golf Course.

The team had not anticipated grabbing two gold medals at once. "Unbelievable," said Rick Gibson, The Philippines' team coach, as quoted by businessmirror.com. "Wow, these girls!"

Despite still being in their teens, Gibson remarked that Saso and her teammates already possess the experience to excel under pressure and win major tournaments. He went on to confide that it was only Pagdanganan and Go who walked the course ahead of the Games.

"Yuka? She didn't join the two girls. But she knows the course, she played there three years ago," he said.

Saso certainly showed her astute level of play during the final round. Starting the final day four strokes behind overnight leader Wenbo Liu of China who was on 11-under par, Saso managed to shave off shots to share the lead with Liu on 13-under. However, Saso faced a disaster on the par-3 17th when she made a double-bogey. Worse for her, Liu made a birdie to give her a three-stroke lead.

Then, on the final hole, Saso made her remarkable shot. From 210 yards away, her ball landed just 10 feet from the hole. Holding her nerve, Saso made an eagle, while Liu collapsed, making a quadruple bogey on the same hole.

"I just never lost faith in myself and I never doubted this team from the beginning," said Saso. "We are all fighters and we really fought hard for our country."

Bianca Pagdanganan completed The Philippines' domination in the women's category. She clinched a bronze medal by beating Ayako Furue of Japan in a one-hole playoff.

Pagdanganan said winning the group category was unexpected given that their opponent was China, who are considered the powerhouse in golf events.

"It was really hard because we know that China is a strong team, but we didn't think of the score difference, we just really tried to lift our game," said Pagdanganan, as quoted by CNN Philippines.

The two gold medals were the first for The Philippines in the golf competition of the Asian Games since Ramon Brobio won the men's individual gold at the 1986 games in Seoul. ■

Women's Individual



Name : Yuka Saso
Total : 275
To par : -13



Name : Wenbo Liu
Total : 278
To par : -10



Name : Bianca Pagdanganan
Total : 279
To par : -9

Women's Team



Total : 132
To par : -22



Total : 137
To par : -19



Total : 145
To par : 145

THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES

JAPAN DOMINATE MEN'S CATEGORY

While The Philippines dominated in the women's golf, taking both the team and individual gold medals, Japan was the prominent force in the men's category. Keita Nakajima was the standout member of the Japanese team.

There were no surprises in the men's category at the 2018 Asian Games. Keita Nakajima completed a wire-to-wire win in men's golf, leading the field for all four days and finishing on a total of 11-under par. The 18-year-old Japanese player won by a stroke over his challenger Oh Seung-taek of South Korea.

At Pondok Indah Golf Course, Nakajima, who is recognized as one of Japan's most promising amateurs, was able to uphold his reputation. Despite leading the race for the men's individual gold medal, Nakajima had to work hard on the final day to keep his place at the top of the leaderboard. Starting the day with a three-shot lead, his advantage was reduced to just one shot after he bogeyed the 15th. He then needed to a clinch a par putt on the 18th after missing the fairway from the tee as opponent Oh Seung-taek piled the pressure on by draining a birdie putt to trim the margin to one.

"This was made possible through the good graces of my older teammates," said Nakajima, who finished with 71 (1-under) in the final round, as quoted by the Japan Times. "Compared to yesterday, I started play composed, without any nerves. I was able to play my round without making any big mistakes."


"But when I made a mistake on 15, all of a sudden it was very intense and I had to make pars on the last three holes and when I sank the putt on the last, I was quite relieved," added Nakajima.

Japan also won the men's team event for the first time in 20 years at the Asian Games with Nakajima combining with Ren Yonezawa, Daiki Imano and Takumi Kanaya for an aggregate of 28-under. ■






Keita Nakajima.

Men's Individual

	Name : Keita Nakajima Total : 277 To par : -11
	Name : Seungtaek Oh Total : 278 To par : -10
	Name : Cheng Jin Total : 279 To par : -9

Men's Team

	Total : 210 To par : -28
	Total : 209 To par : -21
	Total : 214 To par : -19



GUNUNG GEULIS COUNTRY CLUB

The Gunung Geulis Country Club is located in the regency of Ciawi-Bogor, mere 45 minutes drive along the Jagorawi Highway, about 50 km from the business center of Jakarta. The sprawling 450 ha of mountain terrain blends naturally into the golf complex giving you a sweeping vista and fresh mountain air.

The ambience is both tranquil and rewarding. Thomson, Wolveridge & Perret, the world famous golf course designers, have combined the beautiful surrounding with modern innovation to create an impressive golf course. In fact, the first hole of the West Course is considered to be the most fascinating opening hole in Asia.

The newly renovated East Course is designed by the famous Australian Architect Thomson Perrett, offers beautiful contours that play off the mountain slopes. It features brand new tees, greens, bunkers, and re-grassed fairways.

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AN INNOVATION IN THE NEXT FEDEX CUP SEASON

The PGA Tour announced their innovations for the next season which will elevate the entire FedExCup season from the Regular Season through the FedExCup. These changes include a simplified scoring system at the TOUR Championship that will determine the FedExCup Champion and a new US\$10 million program for the FedExCup Regular Season sponsored by Wyndham Rewards: the "Wyndham Rewards Top 10."



The FedExCup Playoffs, which have been reduced from four to three events beginning next season, will feature fields of 125 players for the Northern Trust, 70 for the BMW Championship, and 30 for the TOUR Championship, where the FedExCup Champion will be determined. While the points structure for the first two events will remain the same (awarding quadruple points compared to FedExCup Regular Season events), there will be a significant change to the format for the TOUR Championship.

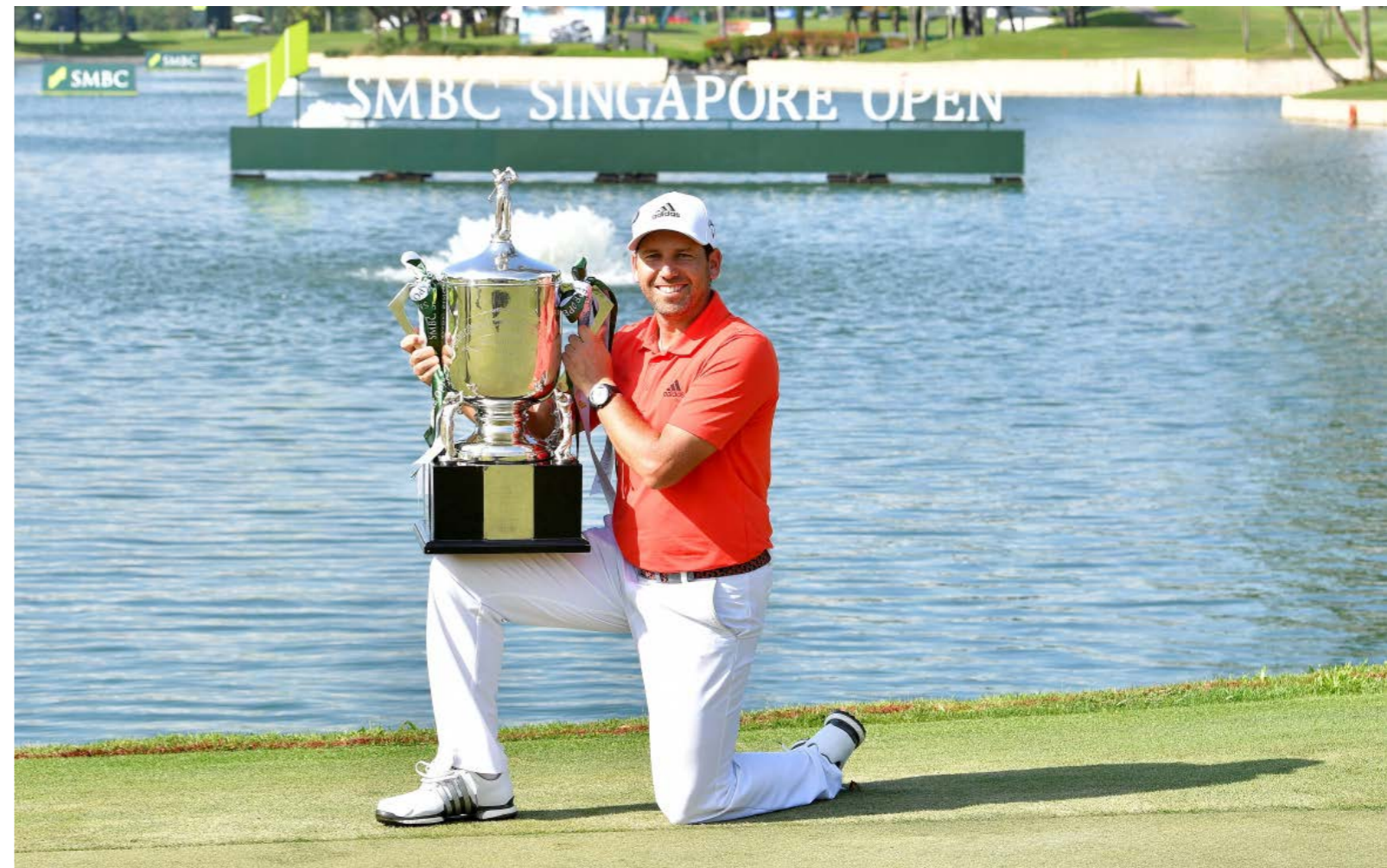
Instead of a points reset at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, beginning with the 2018-19 event the TOUR is instituting a strokes-based bonus system related to the FedExCup

standings through the BMW Championship. The FedExCup points leader after the first two Playoffs events will begin the TOUR Championship at 10-under par. The next four players will start at 8-under through 5-under, respectively. The next five will begin at 4-under, regressing by one stroke per five players until those ranked Nos. 26-30 start at even-par.

With the implementation of this change, the player with the lowest total score will be the FedExCup Champion and be credited with an official victory in the TOUR Championship competition.

"This is a significant and exciting change for the PGA TOUR, our players, our partners and - most importantly - our fans," said PGA TOUR

Commissioner Jay Monahan, in a PGA Tour release. "As soon as the TOUR Championship begins, any fan - no matter if they've followed the PGA TOUR all season or are just tuning in for the final event - can immediately understand what's going on and what's at stake for every single player in the field. And, of course, players will know exactly where they stand at all times while in play, which will ratchet up the drama, consequence and volatility of the competition down the stretch." ■



GARCIA TO DEFEND TITLE IN SINGAPORE

Major champion Sergio Garcia has made a commitment to defend his title at the SMBC Singapore Open at Sentosa Golf Club from January 17 to 20. The 2019 SMBC Singapore Open is a US\$1,000,000 event that is jointly sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Japan Golf Tour organizations.

"The SMBC Singapore Open is a top class event on a great golf course and I am pleased to be able to defend my title next year. Starting my golfing year in Singapore is definitely the way to go," said Garcia, as quoted by Asian Tour.

The tournament will also be part of The Open Qualifying Series for the third straight season with the leading four non-exempt players booking their places for the 148th Open at Royal Portrush Golf Club, in Northern Ireland, from July 18 to 21.

The Spanish superstar arrived at this year's SMBC Singapore Open having won the US Masters in 2017 and lived up to his star billing by playing exquisite golf to win by five strokes. Garcia will be competing at Sentosa Golf Club, home of the Asian Tour, for the third successive year following his joint 11th place finish in 2017 and crushing victory in January.

"It was great winning in Singapore earlier this year as a memorable 12 months for me came full circle," said the 38-year-old Garcia, a multiple-time winner in the United States, Europe and Asia. "Things really started to happen after my debut in the SMBC Singapore Open at the start of 2017 and winning on my return was really big." ■

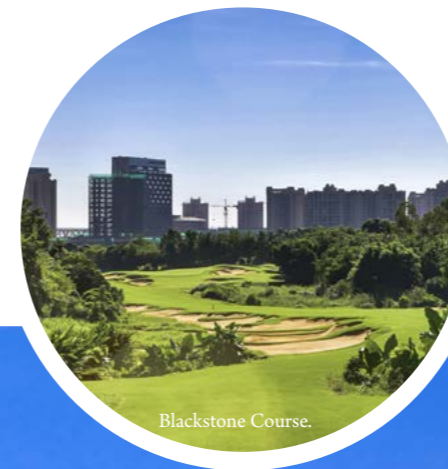
FAMILIARIZATION TRIP

FROM HAIKOU TO SANYA

On September 4-9, members of the Southeast Asian golf media were invited to visit Hainan Island for a golf familiarization trip (FAM trip). The purpose of the FAM trip program is to showcase the area's offerings and raise the profile of the area so that more high-end tourists choose to spend their vacation time there.



Sea Stories Restaurant, Boao.



Blackstone Course.



Welcome Dinner.



Jian Lake Blue Bay.

Then, the group went to Boao on the East Coast of Hainan and travelled along the East Coast to Wanning. After spending a night in Wanning, the group proceeded to their final destination, Baoting, before the six-day golf trip finally ended in Sanya.

In addition to Blackstone Course, all of the trip members enjoyed the experience of playing some of the regions most popular golf courses: R&F Mangrove Bay (Chengmai), West Course of the Dunes at Shenzhou (Wanning), the No.4 golf course in Asia 2017, Sanya Forest Valley Golf Course (Sanya), and Luhuitou Golf Course (Sanya). That was not all on the agenda, the tour included a visit to Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Club (Wanning), one of the best golf courses in China, Dragon Valley Golf Club (Sanya), and Luhuitou (Sanya).

"The golf industry has been developed for about 28 years, there are about 45 golf clubs with different styles and quality, so our government want to promote Hainan to golfers worldwide, especially Southeast Asia, due to the nearby countries around Hainan, and seven direct flight lines every week with these four countries. We invited the golf media to visit Hainan, to get the first-hand information, and hope they will show it to the golfers in their countries," said Shirley Yip, Deputy Executive President of Hainan Golf Culture & Sports International Marketing Association.

The Hainan Government, through their Hainan Tourism Development Commission, believe that the FAM Trip program forms a very important part of their tourism agenda. Coordinating with the Haikou Tourism Development Commission, the Wanning Tourism Development Commission, and the Sanya Tourism Development Commission welcomed all of the Southeast Asian media

delegates on arrival and also held a closing event.

"The government regarded this an important chance to show the rich, unique, and high-quality resources of the Hainan golf tourism industry to the Southeast Asia golfers, and gave this FAM trip a strong support. Hainan Tourism Development Commission, Haikou Tourism Development Commission, the Wanning Tourism Development Commission, the Sanya Tourism Development Commission all gave their warm welcome," said Shirley Yip, who is also the Executive Director and General Manager of Haikou Nice Golf.

The long and tiring six-day journey around the area paid off with the experience of playing various fields and experiencing the advantages of each challenge, and also with the chance to enjoy the luxurious hotels and resorts prepared by the organizers. This FAM trip was quite impressive. ■

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- Shirley Yip -

This FAM Trip, organized by Nice Golf and GolfPlus One, was the first for the Southeast Asian golf media community. Seeing the packed itinerary, it was understandable why it was scheduled to take up six days.

Arriving at Haikou Meilan International Airport, the invited members of the media, consisting of Indonesian and Singaporean journalists, were transferred to Mission Hills Haikou Hotel to spend the afternoon and night in 5-star art deco luxury. This was the

first of many interesting places that would be visited over the next six days of the FAM trip. Malaysian and Thai journalists arrived in the afternoon from their respective countries to join the Indonesian and Singaporean delegates.

While at Mission Hills Haikou hotel, all

delegates were given the opportunity to play their first of many courses on the trip, the resort's premium Blackstone Course which is famed throughout the world. From Haikou in the North, the media delegates moved on to Chengmai to the northwest of the island.

FRANCESCO MOLINARI

THE LATEST ITALIAN HERO

Italy is a country obsessed with football and motor racing. However, golf euphoria is slowly spreading through the country after Francesco Molinari's victory at the Open.



Francesco Molinari of Italy celebrates a birdie on the 18th hole during the final round of the 147th Open Championship.

WHAT DOES THE CLARET JUG MEAN TO MOLINARI?

"To look at the names on that Claret Jug, obviously, what can you say?" remarked Molinari, as quoted by the Irish Examiner. "It's the best golfers in history, and to be on there, it's incredible. For someone like me coming from Italy, not really a major golfing country, it's been an incredible journey."

WHAT DOES MOLINARI WISH WILL COME FROM HIS VICTORY?

He really hopes that winning the Open Championship title will encourage other young Italian players to reach their highest dreams. "Hopefully, there were a lot of young kids watching on TV today, like I was watching Constantino in '95 coming so close. Everyone knows he is my hero, and this win is for him as well as for me. Hopefully, they will get as inspired as I was at the time, watching him vie for the Claret Jug." ■

MOLINARI'S FACT FILE

Born : November 8, 1982 (age 35)
Education : University of Turin
Turned Pro : 2004

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2006** Telecom Italia Open •
- 2010** WGC-HSBC Champions •
- 2012** Reales Seguros Open d Espana •
- 2016** Italian Open •
- 2018** BMW PGA Championship •
 Quicken Loans National •
 The Open Championship •

- European Tour
- PGA Tour
- Major events

WHAT'S IN MOLINARI'S BAG?

Driver : TaylorMade M4 (8.5 degrees)
Fairway Woods: TaylorMade M3 (15 degrees)
Utility Iron : TaylorMade P-790 UDIEspana
Irons : TaylorMade P-790 (4),
 TaylorMade P-750 (5-PW)
Wedges : TaylorMade Milled Grind (50 degrees, 56 degrees), TaylorMade Milled Grind Hi-Toe (60 degrees)
Putter : Bettinardi DASS BBo
Ball : Titleist Pro V1x

Photography: Getty Images

Twenty-three years ago, two young Italian brothers watched their hero, Costantino Rocca, almost win a major at St. Andrews. It was that moment that motivated the pair, Edoardo and Francesco Molinari, to seriously pursue a career in golf.

At the 147th Open Championship in July, Francesco Molinari clinched his first major, realizing the dreams of his young former self and the many hopeful Italian golfers before him. With a magnificent display of his skills at Carnoustie, Francesco established himself as Italy's latest sporting hero.

WHO INTRODUCED GOLF TO MOLINARI?

Molinari and his brother, Edoardo, who is just 23 months older, learned the game from their grandparents and father, Paolo, a dentist.



IT'S OFTEN SAID THAT EDOARDO HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN FRANCESCO'S GOLF JOURNEY BUT WHAT WAS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL MOMENT?

When 12-year-old Francesco was on holiday in the mountains near Turin, Italy, he and his brother watched Italian golf star Costantino Rocca on TV as he came close to winning The Open at St Andrews. Rocca lost to John Dalu after a four-hole playoff.

"We hugged and cheered when he holed his long putt on the 18th to force a tie and then cried when he lost the playoff," remembers Molinari.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MOLINARI BROTHERS LIKE TODAY?

The two are brothers in arms. Their relationship is very close and both learned golf together. Francesco was by his brother's side for most of his early career following a deal they made as children.

"Whoever plays in a major first, the other would caddie," Francesco explained in an interview with Golf Digest.

The Molinaris played together in the 2010 Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor becoming the first pair of brothers to play on the same side in 47 years.

COSTANTINO ROCCA WAS NOT SURPRISED TO SEE MOLINARI WIN THE 2018 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP. WHEN HAD HE FIRST WITNESSED MOLINARI'S TALENT AS A PLAYER?

The two players met at an exhibition match where Rocca says he knew that the young man was going to reach the top. "I remember thinking Francesco was so good from tee to green, if only he wasn't so mechanical with his short game. He would putt with his shoulders, and while you can putt like that, how many putts did he leave short? Now his stroke is so much freer, he has everything," recalled Rocca. "One thing I've always liked about his game is his focus. I call it the Francesco attitude — and with that, he can certainly win more majors."

THE OPEN COULD BE JUST THE BEGINNING FOR FRANCESCO. HOW DID HE REACH THIS PEAK?

Just a year before his great golfing display at Carnoustie, Molinari missed the cut entirely at the Open at Royal Birkdale. Motivated by his love of the game and the desire to succeed, he continued to search for his "A game" and finally seemed to have found it at Quail Hollow Club where he finished tied second in the PGA Championship.

Then, after finishing T20 at the Masters, he missed the cut at the Players Championship in Florida a month later but survived at U.S. Open to finish T25. He grabbed two trophies at the BMW PGA Championship and the Quicken Loans National, his first PGA Tour title before going on to win his first Major.



OCT 1 - 7	-	PGM UMW CHAMPIONSHIP Impian Golf Club RM225,000 (OCT 3-6)	GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP Karachi Golf Club US\$300,000 (OCT 4-7)	ALFRED DUNHILL LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP Old Course St. Andrews, Carnoustie & Kingsbarns, Scotland, Scotland US\$5,000,000 (OCT 4-7)	SAFeway OPEN Silverado Resort and Spa North, Napa, Ca (OCT 4-7)	UL INTERNATIONAL CROWN Incheon, Korea US\$1,600,000 (OCT 4-7)
OCT 8 - 14	-	PGM CCM CHAMPIONSHIP Kota Seriemas Golf and Country Club RM225,000 (OCT 9-13)	CIMB CLASSIC TPC Kuala Lumpur US\$7,000,000 (OCT 11-14)	SKY SPORTS BRITISH MASTERS Walton Heath GC, Walton on the Hill, Surrey, England £3,000,000 (OCT 11-14)	CIMB CLASSIC TPC Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur, MA US\$10,050,000 (OCT 11-14)	LPGA KEB HANA BANK CHAMPIONSHIP Incheon, Korea US\$2,000,000 (OCT 11-14)
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OCT 29 - NOV 4	-	-	PANASONIC OPEN INDIA Delhi Golf Club US\$400,000 (NOV 1-4)	TURKISH AIRLINES OPEN Regnum Carya Golf & Spa Resort, Antalya, Turkey US\$7,000,000 (NOV 1-4)	SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas, NV (NOV 1-4)	TOTO JAPAN CLASSIC Shiga, Japan US\$1,500,000 (NOV 1-4)
NOV 5 - 11	-	COMBIPHAR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP New Kuta Golf, Bali US\$100,000 (NOV 6-9)	-	NEDBANK GOLF CHALLENGE HOSTED BY GARY PLAYER Gary Player CC, Sun City, South Africa US\$7,500,000 (NOV 8-11)	MAYAKOBA GOLF CLASSIC El Camaleon GC, Playa del Carmen, MEX (NOV 8-11)	BLUE BAY LPGA Hainan Island, China US\$2,100,000 (NOV 8-11)
NOV 12 - 18	-	PGM MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP Saujana Golf and Country Club US\$58,000 (NOV 14-17)	SHINHAN DONGHAE OPEN Bear's Best Cheongna Golf Club US\$1,125,000 (NOV 15-18)	DP WORLD TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, DUBAI Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, United Arab Emirates US\$8,000,000 (NOV 15-18)	THE RSM CLASSIC Sea Island Resort (Seaside), Sea Island, GA (NOV 15-18)	CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP Naples, FL US\$2,500,000 (NOV 15-18)
NOV 19 - 25	IGT FINAL 2018 Damai Indah Golf PIK IDR300,000,000 (NOV 21-23)	-	HONMA HONG KONG OPEN PRESENTED BY AMUNDI Hong Kong Golf Club US\$2,000,000 (NOV 22-25)	-	ISPS HANDA MELBOURNE WORLD CUP OF GOLF The Metropolitan Golf Club, South Oakleigh, Victoria, AUS US\$7,000,000 (NOV 22-25)	-
NOV 26 - DEC 2	-	-	AFRASIA BANK MAURITIUS OPEN Four Seasons Golf Club at Anahita US\$1,230,000 (NOV 29-DEC 2)	-	HERO WORLD CHALLENGE Albany, New Providence, BAH (NOV 29-DEC 2)	-

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PITCH SHOTS

AT THE ACADEMY, I SEE A LOT OF GOLFERS STRUGGLING TO CONTROL THE DISTANCE THEY HIT PITCH SHOTS OF BETWEEN 30 TO 90 YARDS. THE MAIN PROBLEM STUDENTS FACE IS STRUGGLING WITH IMPACT DUE TO IT NO LONGER BEING A FULL SHOT AND NEEDING TO MAKE A REDUCED SWING.

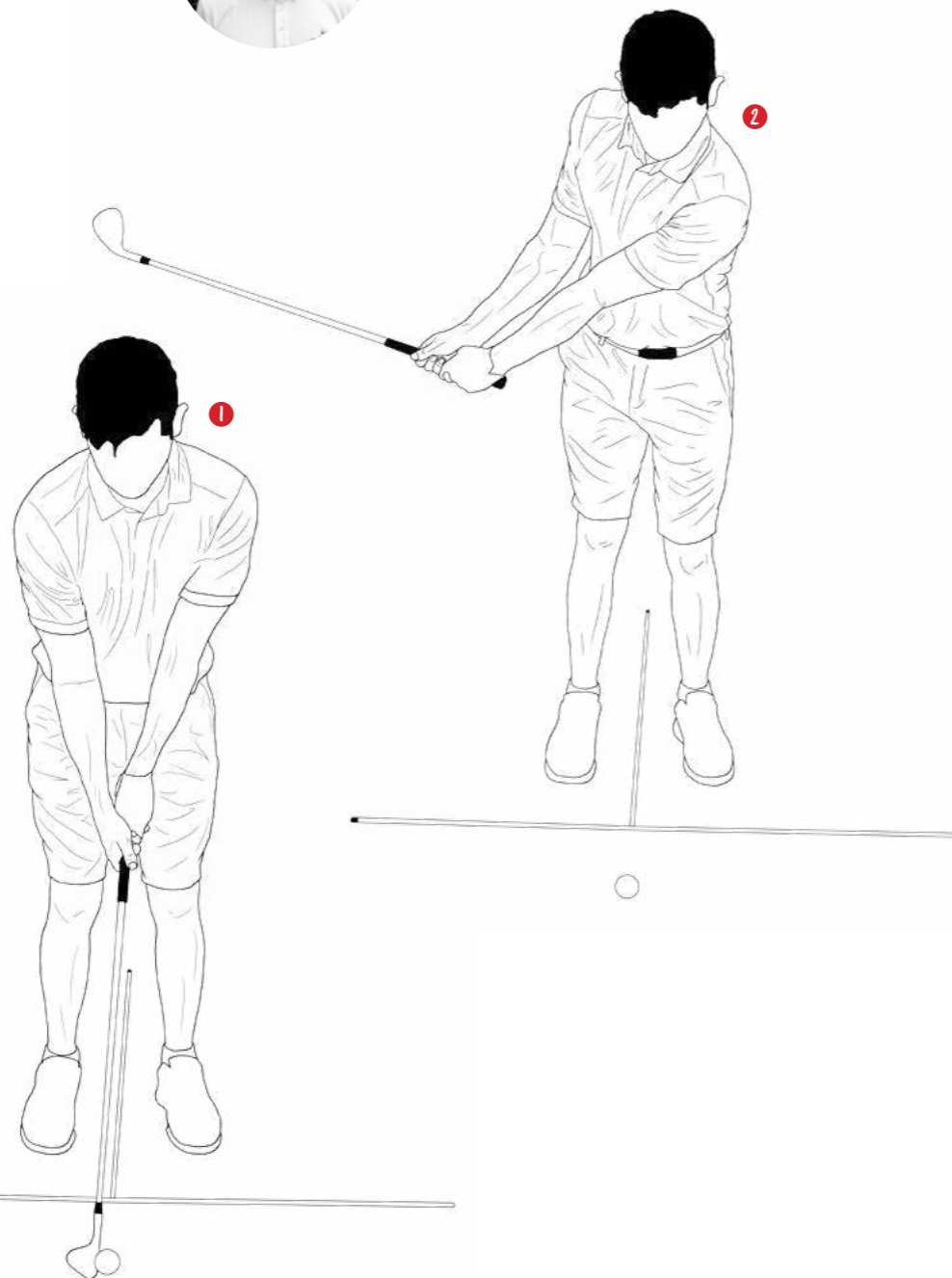


By: David

To maintain consistent ball striking and be able to control the distance the ball travels I encourage golfers to keep a similar address position with all pitch shots. The only slight change should be to the width of the player's stance; it should get wider as the shot gets longer.

To begin practising, choose one club to keep things simple. There are then three key points that I want you to think about:

- Deliver the club face the same no matter what distance, don't try to hit it higher or lower
- Create a similar angle of attack
- Keep the tempo of all shots the same



The big change, that allows you to hit the ball different distances, is swing length. A mid-handicap golfer needs to learn how to control the length of their swing to pitch the ball different distances.

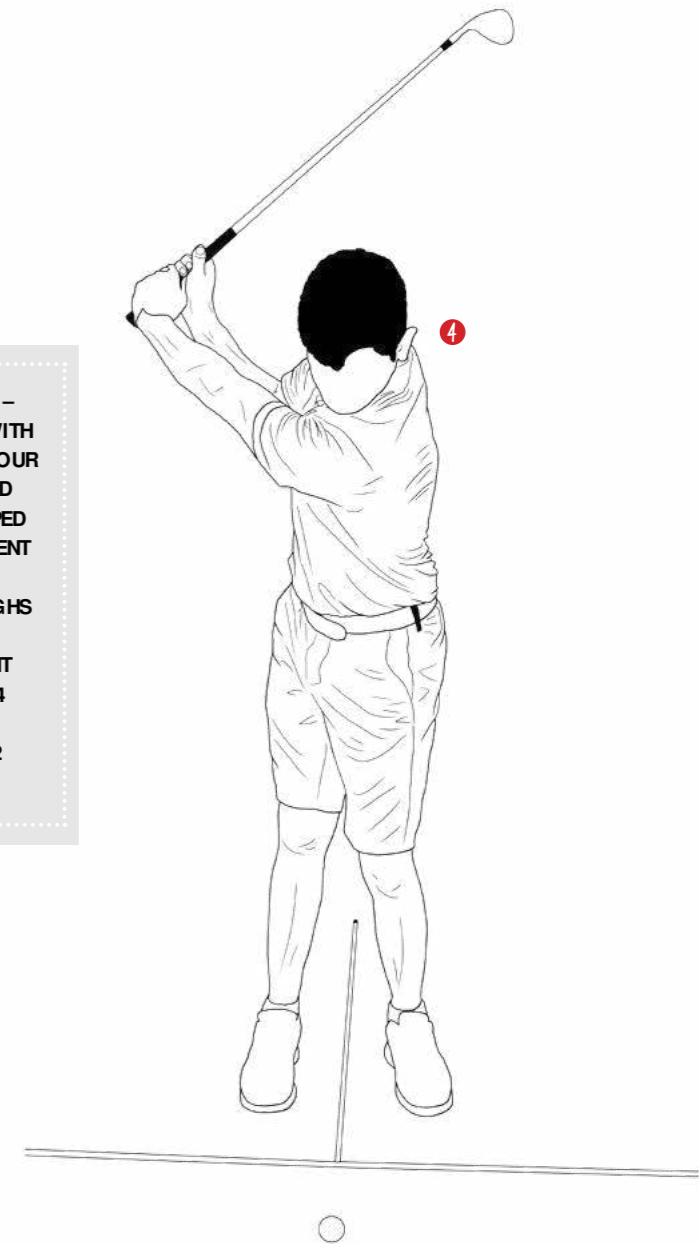
The systems below will help you understand this, the first is for a beginner and the second for a more intermediate/advanced player:

- In order, practice making a short, medium, and long backswing. This is a good way to build up the feel of each swing length and to get accustomed to changing between them.



"The big change, that allows you to hit the ball different distances, is swing length. A mid-handicap golfer needs to learn how to control the length of their swing to pitch the ball different distances."

CLOCK SYSTEM – THIS WILL HELP WITH THE LENGTH OF YOUR BACKSWING AND CAN BE DEVELOPED BY USING DIFFERENT CLUBS AND FOLLOW-THROUGHS TO CREATE MANY DIFFERENT DISTANCES. 8-4 O'CLOCK, 9-3 O'CLOCK, 10-2 O'CLOCK.



Just to reiterate, short swings don't mean slow swings. Try to always maintain your tempo when pitching and keep speed in the club. ■



Indra.

THE 6TH SERIES OF IGT

INDRA'S SHOW

Indra Hermawan won his second IGT title of the season and his third IGT title since 2017. The 6th Series IGT was proof of Indra's maturity in overcoming the difficulties he faced at the three-day event.

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"I felt like I lost my feeling when I play the first seven holes. Whatever, my shot felt wrong. I think I was tired after competing on the Asian Development Tour a week before. Then, on the second nine holes, I just kept telling myself to focus on my game"

- Indra -

Indra Hermawan closed his final round on one-under, 69, to secure his first wire-to-wire victory and third Indonesian Golf Tour title since February 2017. He topped the leaderboard with a total score of one-under-par 209.

The 37-year-old, who won his second IGT title at the 4th Series last June, traded five birdies for four bogeys to result in a three-stroke triumph over Adrian Halimi (212) in the IDR200 million event. Over the first nine, Indra's game had not been looking convincing; two bogeys against one birdie meant Indra shared the lead with Adrian who shot one-over par.

"I felt like I lost my feeling when I play the first seven holes. Whatever, my shot felt wrong. I think I was tired after competing on the Asian Development Tour a week before. Then, on the second nine holes, I just kept telling myself to focus on my game," said Indra, who finished at T12 in the Ciputra Golfpreneur Tournament two days before the 6th Series.

It was a birdie on the 10th that boosted Indra's motivation. "I added three more birdies [on the 11th, 14th, and 15th]. On the last three holes, I lost my focus. Therefore, I made two bogeys. I still forced myself to survive. Finally, I still made one-under by the end of the game," added Indra.

Despite being the only player who was able to score in the red at the tournament, Indra also faced problems with his game on day two. Shooting three-over, 73, on the second day, Indra remarked, "I never made a good shot that day."

However, Indra was able to evaluate his poor performance during the second round to rise in the back nine of the third round. His third title is evidence of his success in overcoming his internal problems with game plan. ■

THE 6TH SERIES IGT RESULT

Pos	Name	R1	R2	R3	Total	To Par
1	Indra Hermawan	67	73	69	209	-1
2	Adrian Halimi	71	73	68	212	+2
2	Syukrizal	71	71	71	213	+3
4	Junaidi Ibrahim	74	77	66	217	+5
5	Elki	75	72	70	217	+5
5	Fajar Win Nuryanto	71	76	70	217	+5



Gabriel Hansel.

THE 2018 GOLF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP THE EMERGING SECOND LAYER



Almay - Nanda.

Despite the absence of many of the best national players, the 2018 Indonesian Amateur Golf National Championship still presented an interesting battle. The Championship provided an opportunity for second tier players to emerge.

It didn't come as a surprise at the national event at Gading Raya Padang Golf & Club on September 18-21 that Almay Rayhan Yaquta of Special Capital Region of Jakarta succeeded in winning his second national title. With the absence of many of the national players, Almay was given an easier path to the final round but he found that he still had to work hard to secure victory.

Leading by four strokes over Gabriel Hansel Hari at the beginning of the final round, Almay dropped two shots in the first nine. He was still leading by two strokes but then Gabriel managed to cut the score difference in half. Gabriel made a play for a tie by sinking a birdie to finish off his round. Almay still had a putt from 2,5 meters away to win. He was able to maintain his composure under the pressure and holed the ball to win by a single stroke.

"My putting was not good today. I just had to be patient. I got tense before the last putt. Luckily my ball got in," said Almay. "Gabriel also played very well today. He could give a hard fight that was enough to make me feel some tension."

Meanwhile, Nanda Winet Soraya of East Java won by nine strokes over Meva Helina Schmit of Bali, claiming her first national trophy. Her victory was secured by her wire-to-wire performance with a total of 282 (6-under).

In the team category, the Special Capital Region of Jakarta won the title in the men's division, while East Java claimed the ladies division title. With the exception of Almay and Rifqi Alam R., the country's best players didn't attend this year's National Championship which was attended by 51 players, 17 of whom were female amateurs.

"For us, this was a positive thing. This tournament was held to give the second tier the opportunity to show their best abilities in national level competitions," said Anthony Chandra, the Tournament Chairman of the Indonesia Golf Association.

"We also limited the number of participants with the specified handicap limits to maintain the quality of the tournament," added Anthony. ■

WANT TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY IN THE USA? PLAY GOLF!



Former US President Woodrow Wilson once said, "America lives in the heart of every man everywhere who wishes to find a region where he will be free to work out his destiny as he chooses."

Wilson's quote encapsulates the thinking of many of us who at some time desire to come to this country. One of the major draws is education.

America, especially the United States, is the land of education. The USA provides a perfect place for children and young adults who aspire to obtain excellent degrees to do so. Before we delve into the US college golf topic, you may wonder, "Why the USA?" Here are few of the reasons:

It is only in the US where sports (in this case, golf) can influence the admissions process. There are over 3,000 schools in the US, in which the coaches are constantly recruiting players to play for their team yearly. If coaches like you, they have the power to go to the admission office and tell them to

give your transcript a green light and accept you to their school. In all other countries, you would have to get accepted to the school academically first, then you may join a sports team.

You have the opportunity to receive scholarships through golf along with academics if you meet the requirements of the university.

The schools in the US are really supportive of their athletes as proven by their world-class athletic facilities and training/competition programs. A lot of athletes that go through the US college sports route come away better than their junior days because

of the environment that helps enhance an athlete's development.

There are two common reasons why junior golfers decide to pursue US college golf. The first is that they have professional aspirations and want to spend their college years further developing their game and having the opportunity to compete against the best amateur golfers in the world. College golf has proven to be the stepping-stone to a successful career as a touring golf professional, with over 80% of the players on the PGA Tour having competed in college golf in some form or another. Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Rickie Fowler, Dustin

Johnson, and Tiger Woods are just a few who came up through college golf. The second reason is that college golf allows junior golfers to leverage their golf game to gain admission to a top-ranking American university.

To better understand the benefits of the college golf route of admission into university, one must be aware of the significant differences between applying to a US university via the traditional academic route vs. the sports (golf) route:



Rickie Fowler, Justin Thomas, and Jordan Spieth are touring golf professionals who came up through college golf.

	ACADEMIC ROUTE	SPORTS ROUTE
DECISION-MAKER FOR ADMISSIONS	University Admissions Department	College Coaches of the respective sport
INITIATING APPLICATION PROCESS	Students begin the application process in the beginning of Grade 12	Student-Athletes begin the "sports version" of the application in Grade 10 by initiating contact with College Coaches
DATE OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE	End of Grade 12	Beginning of Grade 12. Informal "verbal commitments" issued during Grade 11.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (GPA, SAT, ACT)	Must meet required minimum – no exceptions	Lowered academic requirements for Student-Athletes
ACCEPTANCE RATE	7-14% for academically reputable universities. Up to 90% for lower ranked universities	95% predetermined based on verbal offers already received

As seen on the table, recruited athletes are offered guaranteed admission as long as they receive passing marks in their high school exams and stay out of trouble. Since the majority of the top college sports teams are based at the top academically ranked universities, and recruited athletes are subjected to lower academic requirements than the typical student that applies via the traditional academic route, taking the sports route allows Student-Athletes to gain admission into top academic universities that were previously beyond their reach.

The benefits from gaining admission by leveraging sport are big, but a recruit must be 100% committed to the recruitment process and also to improving their level of play.

This is the first article of a six-part series that will walk you through the entire US college golf recruitment process from start to finish. The next issue will uncover the landscape of college golf and the rules guarding the challenging recruitment process; stay tuned. In the meantime, don't forget to #DreamBig. ■

ABOUT JESSICA LYDIA & ADDEDSPORT:

Jessica Lydia had played for the Indonesian National Golf team before she went on to play college golf with a 100% golf scholarship at the University of Richmond, Virginia, USA. She competed for her college golf team and graduated with a Business Administration: Finance degree. She is now working with AddedSport, a sports management company that focuses on helping Asian junior athletes achieve their dreams of playing college sports in the USA.



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TIGER WOO CUP VI GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPORT, FRIENDSHIP, AND CHARITY

On August 26, a tournament combined two events into one. Entitled "10+3 Friendly Sport Club++ & Tiger Woo Cup VI Golf Tournament" the event was held at Damai Indah Golf-PIK Course.

The 10+3 Friendly Sport Club++ is a sports club consisting of golfers from 10 Asian countries plus three countries from East Asia: China, Japan, and South Korea. "We also have 30 ambassadors and two Indonesian ministers. This club holds many activities. However, golf is the most active sport in the club" said Soegiarto Hanafi, also known in Indonesian golf circles as Tiger Woo, the Chairman of 10+3 Friendly Sport Club++.

Photography: Tiger Woo

The sports club, which has been running for just shy of a year, chose August to hold a golf tournament to coincide with celebrating Indonesian Independence Day. The tournament was merged with the Tiger Woo Cup which is in its sixth year. "We just want to play golf and build friendships among golfers," added Soegiharto.

But the tournament wasn't just about friendship and fun, the organizers also held a special charity collection to help with Lombok's recovery after the recent earthquake there. Five-hundred million Rupiah was raised which Soegiharto and some of his friends will take to Lombok and distribute directly to earthquake victims there. ■





TURKISH AIRLINES

THE TAWGC EXPERIENCE

For the sixth time, Indonesia welcomed the world's largest amateur golf competition hosted by Turkish Airlines. The winner of the event will have the chance to meet and play with some of the world's best golfers.

Turkish Airlines, a global leader in civil aviation, has become synonymous with their self-entitled golf tournament, the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup (TAWGC). Attended by more than 8,000 invited guests competing in more than 100 tournaments around the world, the event, like the company, provides many other innovative and distinguished services, to deliver its customers unparalleled experiences. This is

the commitment of Turkish Airlines to the aspirational vision of sporting competition and trust in its ability to unite people from different nations.

In Indonesia, the sixth edition of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup was held at Royale Jakarta Golf Club, Jakarta, on August 24, 2018. The event was supported by the local business community and H.E. Dr. Mehmet Kadri Sander Gurbuz, the Ambassador of the

Republic of Turkey to Indonesia along with other Ambassadors who came to take part at Royale Jakarta Golf Club.

With this year's tournament being backed by The Financial Times, National, Titanic Hotels, and clothing partner Ruck & Maul, the winners of the qualifiers progress to the Grand Finals in Antalya in November, where they have the chance to secure a place in the Turkish Airlines Open pro-am. The winners will be flown to the event business class by Turkish Airlines and stay at the five-star Titanic Golf Deluxe Hotel.

The lucky winner of the Jakarta event was Farisyi who finished with a total of 44 points. He also took home the title of the lowest gross score (72) which beat runner-up Tedjodiningrat Broto Asmoro and Amrie Noor who came in third.

"We would like to thank all of our guests who made the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup here in Jakarta a huge success," said Fatih Guldas, General Manager for Turkish Airlines in Jakarta. "Once again, it was a fantastic tournament in the TAWGC series and congratulations to our winner, Mr. Farisyi. We wish Him the best of luck in Antalya."



"We would like to thank all of our guests who made the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup here in Jakarta a huge success"

- Fatih Guldas -

For Farisyi, this is his second attempt at the TAWGC. "I attended TAWGC last year at Jagorawi, and won as Best Gross Overall," said Farisyi. However, he did not proceed to Turkey because it is the best score which qualifies the player to go on to the Grand Final.

Turkish Airlines flies to 301 cities in 121 countries around the world and was awarded 'World's Best Business Class

Catering Service', 'World's Best Business Class Lounge', and 'World's Best Business Class Lounge Dining' at the Skytrax World Airlines Awards in 2017. ■

I AM CHANGED BY HAPPY HEARTS

Happy Hearts Indonesia hosted a golf tournament to rebuild two schools in Malaka, East Nusa Tenggara as part of a five-year programme.

A golf tournament entitled #IAMCHANGE Golf Tournament was held at Damai Indah Golf – PIK Jakarta on September 14. Hosted by Happy Hearts Indonesia (HHI), a non-profit organization dedicated to rebuilding sustainable and eco-friendly schools in underprivileged areas of Indonesia, the event was held in aid of charity.

The charity golf tournament forms part of the #IAMCHANGE campaign, a five-year programme targeted to rebuild 200 schools in Nusa Tenggara Timur by 2023. The tournament is specifically raising funds to rebuild PAUD (Early Childhood Education) Santa Helena and PAUD Buah Hati, located in Malaka, Timor Barat. PAUD Santa Helena conducts its day to day learning activities in a room with two tables and four chairs. The school lacks good ventilation, lighting and other basic facilities. Meanwhile, PAUD Buah Hati uses a temporary shelter in an area that is prone to frequent flooding for its daily learning activities. For each school, HHI plans to rebuild two classrooms, a toilet with clean water, provide furniture, books, educational toys, and build an outdoor playground that will all benefit a total of 88 students.

In addition to having a chance to win hole-in-one prizes, including rebuilding one school on behalf of the winner sponsored by Time International (worth IDR 400.000.000), a Mazda CX-3 Touring, and Mazda2, all participants had the opportunity to compete against Indonesia's best professional, Danny Masrin, on a Beat The Pro challenge. ■





18TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR LOMBOK RELIEF

The Rotary Club Bali Nusa Dua (RCBND) held a Charity Golf Tournament on the beautiful course of Bali National Golf Club on 8 September 2018. Some 100 players joined the tournament and over 120 players and guests attended the awards dinner. It was the 18th such charity golf tournament organised by the RCBND since the club was established 26 years ago.

The tournament raised funds for the various charitable activities of the club of which more than IDR 40 million will go towards Lombok relief and reconstruction efforts. The RCBND has a proud record of providing support for a wide range of charitable programs in the local and wider Bali communities. Over its 26 years of existence, RCBND has made considerable contributions to a wide range of issues.

The RCBND programs include the Cleft Lip & Palate Operation Program – one of RCBND's signature and ongoing programs; working closely with local NGOs and Government healthcare authorities about HIV-AIDS program; supporting the establishment of the blood transfusion unit of Sanglah General Hospital in Denpasar which serves a total of five million Indonesians plus the millions of tourists that visit Bali each year; beginning a program to help improve the level of teaching at schools in remote areas of Bali and providing scholarships to underprivileged children; cooperation with Yayasan Puspadi Bali (formerly Yayasan YAKUM) to train and assist people with physical disabilities; supporting the Suryani Institute in reaching and providing professional psychiatric therapy and medication to mentally ill people on Bali; and joining some 35,000 clubs around the world to provide funding for Rotary International's global fight against polio: End Polio Now. ■



GUNUNG GEULIS READY FOR KOREANS

Gunung Geulis Golf Resort and the One Golf Club have signed a memorandum of understanding. The One, a golf club in Korea with 1,000 members, has chosen Gunung Geulis Golf Resort as one of their partner golf destinations in Indonesia. Providing 36 holes and an international-standard hotel, Gunung Geulis provides a perfect place for Korean golfers to spend some of their holidays during the freezing winter in Korea.

"We are quite happy to be their destination. I think that the One has good potential for Gunung Geulis. Their club has quite a lot of members. We hope, after this, many Korean golfers will spend their tee time here," said Director of Operations Gunung Geulis Golf Lukas Budiman. ■

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"In the category of smart speakers, sometimes there are technological constraints,

poor sound quality, and also some other shortcomings. Sonos Beam is the best example of a smart speaker that also makes Sonos look different," said Patrick Spence, CEO of Sonos.

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Resorts World Genting, one of the world's leading resort operators, has completed some exciting new developments to offer a more vibrant and multifaceted experience for its guests than ever before. Resorts World Genting is the only resort in Malaysia which offers visitors the chance to enjoy a variety of attractions in the cool temperatures, between 14 to 22 degrees daily, afforded at 6,000 feet above sea level.

The resort can be reached by road or for those looking for a different way to arrive, by the Awana Skyway cable car. Visitors opting for the later will enjoy a breathtaking journey via the regular gondolas or the special glass-floored option. Passengers have the choice to disembark at two stops to explore the attractions around Resorts World Genting. They can alight at Chin Swee station to enjoy the panoramic views at the Chin Swee Caves Temple or they can remain in their gondola until the final stop at SkyAvenue station which connects directly to the SkyAvenue shopping mall.

The resort area consists of seven hotels, each of which offers high-quality, modern

amenities along with the beautifully crisp mountain air and natural splendour of the area. One of the hotels, First World Hotel, boasts 10,000 rooms and with them the Guinness World Record as the world's largest hotel.

Whichever of the seven hotels guests opt to stay at, there are plenty of attractions to be explored. SkyAvenue, a 1.4 million square feet, five-storey shopping mall offers visitors extensive dining and shopping options with 168 retail outlets, 160 brands of which 70 are food and beverage, and 98 retailers when it is fully opened.

Other attractions include SeniKome Péng Hēng, a fascinating cultural attraction on Level 3 of First World Plaza; Skytropolis Indoor theme park which will feature a total of 24 rides when completed to surely meet the fun and excitement of children and the whole family; and Genting Highlands Premium outlets, a place that has already attracted scores of visitors to the resort for shopping at over 150 top brand tenants.

Play In Fresh Mountain Air

For golf tourists, the 18-hole Awana Genting Highlands Golf & Country Resort will definitely be included on the list of places to visit at Genting Highlands. Located atop the mountains, 3,100 feet above sea level, the 18-hole golf course designed by Ronald-Fream features a unique golfing experience for golfers of all abilities.

Established in 1986, the newly improved championship golf course presents a refreshing experience for players. With new tee box positions on Hole 3, 4, 12 and 18, renovated bunkers, and improved fairways, the 5,860 meter Awana golf course has added immense value to the comfortable playing experience.

Some of the courses most interesting holes are the 3rd hole where players are able to see Resorts World Genting, the notorious "double dogleg" 12th hole where the landing area for the first shot is very narrow, and the uphill 13th.

With panoramic views of Genting Highlands and the year-round refreshingly cool climate - something of a rarity in Asia - players are sure to derive pleasure from the unique, comfortable experience of playing Awana's golf course. ■



EXCITING TIMES AT RESORTS WORLD GENTING

A cutting-edge lifestyle mall, a cable car with glass floors, the world's largest hotel, and international brand names all add to the vibrancy of Resorts World Genting.

The Rising Enchantment of Gorontalo

For many years Gorontalo sat in the shadows of the bigger city of Manado in the province of North Sulawesi. Now, following its declaration as the capital of its own new province, the city has been growing more popular as a destination for visitors wishing to explore the lush natural beauty of the region and steal a glimpse of the abundant, exotic marine life.

Since becoming an independent province from North Sulawesi in December 2000, the new province of Gorontalo has been working to build its presence in various sectors, including tourism. It turns out that Gorontalo has a hidden enchantment waiting to be explored

Gorontalo lies on the Minahasa Peninsula and is home to an abundance of natural beauty, rich of culture, along with its friendly people. Mountains, hills, and a glittering, turquoise shoreline are the main characteristics of Gorontalo that make it a perfect island for outdoor tourism. Tourism sites in the city have steadily been modernised over the recent years and mostly surround historical sites such as Orange Fortress, Ju Panggola Graveyard, Nani Wartabone monument, Lake Limboto Lake and Otanaha Fortress, and Botubarani Village. The compact capital city, going by the same name as the province, features some of the best-preserved Dutch houses in the region and retains a languid colonial feel, perhaps enhanced by the ruins of a Portuguese fort on a nearby hilltop.

Gorontalo is a slice of paradise in the archipelago that has only just been discovered. Tourism in the city was kick-started by a picture of a whale shark in Botubarani that went viral in 2014. Today, the city, known as Serambi Madina (Veranda of Medina) is included on the bucket list of numerous travellers.

A plethora of dive sites are easily reachable from town, leading to the areas attraction for marine tourists wishing to explore the rich biodiversity and healthy, unique coral reefs. Tomini Bay is one of the area's most visited destinations. The bay is famous for its underwater habitat and rare creatures. There are several unpopulated small islands dotted in the waters nearby. Some people commend Tomini Bay as a heaven for divers thanks to its geographic position on the equator line and the naturally occurring variety of sea creatures to be found here.

Olele Village is another popular place with deep-sea explorers. Known as a wild diving spot among world-class divers, Olele Village stands as a gateway to an underwater paradise. The amazing beauty of the underwater life in this area has been commended and proved by the enthusiastic divers who come to Olele beach.

Gorontalo encompasses several uninhabited islands, the most popular of these being Saronde Island. Deserted white beaches with breathtaking snorkelling sites and good fishing spots make it the perfect place to sail to and relax for the day. ■



Togean Islands.



Love Island.

Best Time to Visit

Gorontalo faces rainy season from December to March, but the rain is only intermittent with tropical downpours rather than incessant, torrential rain. From April to November, the northwesterly winds blow, creating larger surface waves in Tomini Bay. Therefore, it's recommended to visit from November to April, when the seas are calmest.

How to Get There

Gorontalo is 230 km west-southwest of Manado and you can get there by:

You can fly to Gorontalo from Jakarta via Makassar (journey time is approximately 4 hours) with some airlines operating daily flights.

Alternatively, you can fly into Manado from Singapore, and then on to Gorontalo. There are regular flights (but with changeable schedules) from Manado to Gorontalo.

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PLACES TO VISIT

LOVE ISLAND (PULAU CINTA) ▶

Pulau Cinta or Love Island was a previously uninhabited island that's become a popular destination in Gorontalo. The island has very beautiful, fascinating scenery with clean and clear sea and healthy coral. An incredible eco-resort stands in the middle of the sand island above the stunning coral named Salvador Dali. Here, guests can not only relax and unwind amid the beauty but can also enjoy snorkelling and diving.



TOGEAN ISLANDS ▶

Located in the Tomini Sea, the Togeans are one of the best island destinations to visit in Gorontalo. The islands are surrounded by coral reefs, with beautiful white sandy beaches, turquoise waters, and palm trees. Most islands have only a few family-run guesthouses. The Togeans are a magnet for divers and snorkelers, while on land, there's variety of wildlife to look for in the undisturbed, wild jungles as well as other remote beaches to discover.



WHALE SHARKS AT BOTUBARANI VILLAGE ▲

Botubarani is just a small village in the Bone Bolango regency. However, the place became popular as a tourist destination wanting to see the native whale sharks in the waters here. Seven whale sharks appeared in Botubarani waters in 2014. Since that, their appearance has attracted tourists to come to see them close-up in small boats or by snorkelling and diving beside them.

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The scenery around this lake is impressive. There are plenty of interesting photos to be taken here and visitors can also enjoy fishing, swimming, taking a boat ride, or filling up on a culinary tour of the various fish dishes cooked up by locals at this lake. About eight kilometres from Lake Limboto is the historical site of Benteng Otanaha. This complex of three small rock fortresses provides stunning views of Gorontalo's interior valley and Lake Limboto. Tourists can climb the 351 steps or take a paved road behind the fort to the top to take in the view.



LOCAL FOOD

BILENTHANGO ◀

Bilenthango is a typical Gorontalo food made from sea fish. Spices similar to pepper along with a little lime juice are added to the fish which is first seared in a pan and then cooked through by baking it on top of banana leaves in a frying pan over a low heat. ■



THE OLDEST COURSE IN INDONESIA



Hole #7.

While many golf courses have sprung up around Jakarta, many with a wide variety of facilities to spoil golfers, the oldest course in the capital, Jakarta Golf Club, still exists today and provides a tough challenge for the visitors who come to play it.

In eastern Jakarta, a golf course built in 1872 is part of national golf history. Located in the Rawamangun area, Jakarta Golf Club (JGC) stands on an area of 36 hectares. Before the millennium, JGC was one of the most exclusive golf courses and was the place that state and military officials went to play. The longest standing former president of Indonesia, Soeharto, even called JGC his home course.

While the number of golf courses in Jakarta and surrounding areas has rapidly increased, JGC, which is a walking course, still hasn't lost its appeal. Through the years, the course that was originally named Batavia Golf Club has played an important role in the

development of golf nationally and has been well maintained to provide a beautiful playing experience.

Since the course was built on a limited amount of land, the holes of JGC are generally short. However, don't think that this means they are easy; the fairways are guarded by large trees, plus water hazards and bunker obstacles that make the course challenging for all players. Players of every ability need to be smart in placing the ball on each hole while long hitters will find themselves rarely using their driver, having to opt for their three wood or two iron and adjust their shots on par 4 and par 5 holes.

FACTFILE

Opened to Play:
1872

Holes:
18

Yardage:
Black Tee 5.875 m
Blue Tee 5.592 m
White Tee 5.337
Red Tee 2.405

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CHINA'S TROPICAL ESCAPE

China's island province of Hainan is the largest Special Economic Zone in the country and while the capital, Haikou, is known as a center of politics and business, Sanya is the center of tourism.

Beach, beach, beach. That's what springs to mind when describing Sanya, the city located at the southernmost side of Hainan Island. The soft, white sandy bays and calm blue water fringed by swaying palm trees set the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable vacation in tropical paradise.

In recent years, Sanya has emerged as a popular tourist destination. As the country's only tropical region, Sanya has become known as China's Florida or to others the "Hawaii of China" attracting a large number of tourists from the mainland during their winter from November to March. But guests are also coming from further afield including Russian tourists wishing to avoid the winter chill and soak up some sunshine. To cater to all the tourists, swathes of upscale hotels stretch along the beautiful coastline providing their guests with private beach areas and an abundance of activities to pass their days.

Sanya is home to numerous tourist attractions among which are the nature reserves of Yalong Bay Tropical Paradise Forest Park and Sanya Coral Reef National Nature Reserve. There is also Wuzhizhuo Coral Island, the island presents an irregular shape similar to Wuzhi, a prehistoric marine reptile. Wuzhizhuo is dubbed as "China's Maldives" and boasts a reputation as China's top diving base. While the downtown area of Sanya also offers many of the typical city tourist attractions such as shopping and dining, the clean, blue waters of Sanya Bay and its neighbouring beaches remain the major tourist attraction of the area.

There are three distinct zones of Sanya's coastline. While Sanya Bay is considered the hub with its bustling centre and long stretch of beach lined by hotels aimed at locals and mainland holidaymakers, Dádōnghǎi Bay, about three kilometers southeast, beyond the Lùhuítóu Peninsula, is where most Western travellers stay. Yalong Bay, with the most pristine of the beaches, is where the luxurious international resorts host the most discerning travellers.

HOW TO GET THERE

Sanya Phoenix International Airport operates flights to and from most major Chinese cities, as well as international flights to Taipei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Busan, Kuala Lumpur, Ho Chi Minh City, Seoul, Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur.

Arriving at Haikou Meilan International Airport, tourist can reach Sanya by bullet train from Haikou East Railway Station. The journey takes around two hours to Sanya city. ■

PLACE TO VISIT



Beaches in Sanya

Sanya is a paradise for beach-lovers. The area is home to several famous beaches: Yalong Bay, Dadonghai Bay, Sanya Bay and Haitang Bay. Yalong Bay is located 7.5 kilometers southeast of Sanya City and is honored as “the first bay in the world”. With the azure water, blue sky, and white sand, Yalong Bay is a picture-perfect place for relaxation, water sports, snorkeling, and scuba diving. Dadonghai is one of Sanya’s cleanest beaches. It’s another ideal spot for winter holidaying and relaxation, thanks to its warm, blue waters and soft sand surrounded by palm trees. Located to the west of Sanya city, Sanya Bay is the longest beach in Sanya spanning 20 kilometers. The promenade here is flanked on one side by the golden beach and a beautiful tropical coconut forest and offers some of the best spots to watch the sunsets. The virgin land around Haitang Bay, located on the east side of Sanya about 28 kilometres away, retains the unspoiled pristine beauty of the area and makes for an interesting comparison to the developed resort zones like Yalong Bay and Dadonghai Bay.



Tianya Haijiao

In addition to Sanya’s famous beaches, visitors can enjoy a trip to Tianya Haijiao. This area has unique scenery rarely found anywhere else. Huge high-standing caesious rocks, of different shapes and sizes, are scattered along the silvery beach. Tianya Haijiao means the end of the earth in Mandarin.



Nanshan Temple

Located around 40 kilometers from Sanya, Nanshan Temple is one of several attractions in Nanshan Culture Tourism Zone. The statue of Golden Jade Guanyin is a famous attraction here, standing on the coast at a height of 108 meters.



Yalong Bay Tropical Paradise Forest Park

Located at Yalong Bay National Resort, this tourist site is the ultimate place to go hiking near Sanya City. Visitors get to enjoy unforgettable views of the surrounding scenery. Known as the first forest park for coastal-mountain ecological tourism, this park has more than 30 mammals, 60 amphibians and reptiles, and 100 varieties of birds.



WHERE TO STAY

Located 40 minutes drive from Sanya Phoenix International Airport, 25 minutes from Sanya Train Station, and 15 minutes from the heart of Sanya City, the InterContinental Sanya Resort is a haven of luxury, providing a gateway to a variety of outdoor activities including snorkelling, canoeing and golf. ■

HAINAN GOLF JOURNEY

There are 24 golf courses on the island of Hainan making it an ideal destination for avid golfers. Of course, not all have been created equally, so with the help of Nice Golf and GolfPlus One we visited the island to check out and play a selection of the best courses there. Here are the OB Golf & Lifestyle Hainan Highlights:



Hole #17

The Dunes at Shenzhou Peninsula (West Course)

Featuring 36 holes (West and East Course), the Dunes, which is built entirely on natural sand is Tom Weiskopf's first signature design in China. Weiskopf has artfully laid down a green carpet between bunkers, transitional areas and rock chunks to create some unforgettable holes hugging the South China Sea.

The West Course is popular and hence generally busier than the East since it has received numerous acknowledgements worldwide. One of the most spectacular views on the West Course can be found on the 16th hole. This 434-yard long par-4 trails along the edge of a wide deserted beach on the Ocean's fringe providing it with the background accompaniment of the crashing waves.

With its pure sand base, sea views, glorious beaches, and dramatic rocky outcrops the West Course at Shenzhou Peninsula attracts golfers from near and far. With the magnificent natural settings of both 18-hole courses, it's no wonder that the Dunes at Shenzhou Peninsula is considered one of China's best new courses.

FACTFILE

Designer: Tom Weiskopf	Holes/Par: 18/72	Address: The Dunes at Shenzhou Peninsula, Wanning, Hainan, China
Open: 2010 (West Course)	Yardage: 7,484 yards	



Dragon Valley Golf Course

Located high up in Nandingzhong Village, Dragon Valley Golf Course is surrounded by wooded hills and misty mountains. Dragon Valley was designed by Schmidt-Curley, the same team behind Haikou's famed Missions Hills Golf Club, but it's worth noting that the layout is a little more forgiving for those with higher handicaps. There are no blind holes and the course boasts plenty of wide greens and flat-bottomed bunkers to balance out play.

FACTFILE

Designer: Schmidt-Curley	Holes/Par: 18/72	Address: Nandy Village, Tiandu Town, Sanya, Hainan, China
Open: 2010 (West Course)	Yardage: 7,173 yards	

Sanya Forest Valley GC

Sanya Forest Valley Golf Club is a mountain golf course featuring Hainan's lush tropical rainforest and a natural lake. To present an intelligent and challenging golf course, the designers, ATDL, decided to work with the tranquillity of nature.

FACTFILE

Designer: ATDL	Holes/Par: 18/73
Open: 2010	Yardage: 6,923 yards
Address: Ganzaling Tropical Plants and Animals Tourism Zone, Forest Valley, Jiyang District, Sanya	



Yalong Bay Golf Club

Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Yalong Bay is named after the son of a dragon king in Chinese mythology. The links-style course consists of waterfalls and coconut palms, amongst other tropical features. The course serves up a challenge in the form of almost 100 bunker "beaches" that were inspired by the nearby sandy ocean beaches. A winding river meanders through the course to create an additional hazard to be wary of on several holes. ■

FACTFILE

Designer: Robert Trent Jones Jr.	Holes/Par: 18/72	Address: Yalong Bay National Resort District, Sanya City, Hainan, China
Open: 2000	Yardage: 7,189 yards	

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