

Sanchez on track to win "The 18 Finest" by "Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA"



"The 18 Finest" is set to come to an exciting climax at the next event on the Ladies European Tour's 2006 schedule: the BBC Radio Kent Ladies' English Open (LEO) at Chart Hills Golf Club, from 6-9th October.

The LEO is the final event in "The 18 Finest" competition: a virtual golf course made up of 18 holes at ten different venues on the 2006 LET schedule. In order to stay in the running for the considerable prizes, players have to make the cut in all ten of the participating tournaments. Then, their scores from the designated golf holes have been added together to create the tournament leader board.

There are just five players left in the race and Spain's former Solheim Cup player Ana Belen Sanchez holds a six stroke lead on two-under-par after 16 holes. With just two holes to play, Australia's Rebecca Stevenson is second on four-over, England's Rebecca Hudson lies third on eight-over, Australia's Nikki Garrett is fourth on nine-over and Sweden's Cecilia Ekelundh is fifth on ten-over.

The scores recorded on holes 17 and 18 at Chart Hills will decide the winner of the inaugural tournament. More information can be found on www.ladieseuropeantour.com.

Unusual rodents on course in Austria...



A frequent sighting during the Siemens Ladies Golf Open was the European ground squirrel, known locally as the "Ziesel." The funny little rodents are endangered throughout the rest of Austria but at Forenwald Golf Club they survived as a beloved part of the family. The "Ziesels" could be spotted peeping out of their burrows in scenes reminiscent of the American film "Caddy Shack".

European number one Laura Davies commented: "Its quite good fun looking out for the funny little things on the course." However they presented the rules officials with a few issues when the players' balls began disappearing into their burrows. The

"Ziesels" can be found throughout eastern Europe from southern Ukraine, to Asia Minor, the Czech Republic and north as far as Poland.

The Rules with Sally



On the fairway a player's practice swing causes her ball to move. A stroke is "the forward movement of the club made with the intention of striking at and moving the ball". As the player had not intended to strike and move the ball she has not made a stroke but she incurs a penalty stroke (Rule 18-2a) for moving her ball in play and must therefore replace the ball to avoid incurring a two stroke penalty (Rule 18a-2).

A ball is in play "as soon as a player has made a stroke on the teeing ground" (see definition). Had the incident occurred before the first stroke on the teeing ground there is no penalty and the player may re-tee her ball.

Tour players attempt to post new World Record

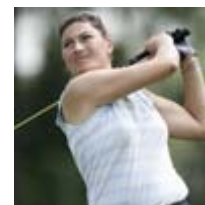


In an event organised by the Siemens Ladies Golf Open several LET players attempted to smash the world record for golf's longest drive at an air field in Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Some of Europe's biggest hitters gathered to try to break Englishman Paul Slater's existing 884-yard world record on the runway but after a long day on the golf course, it was sadly not to be and Sweden's Sophie Gustafson made the best effort with a drive of 390 metres (429 yards).

Germany's Bettina Hauert, Australia's Nikki Garrett, Spain's Laura Cabanillas and Carmen Alonso were the next biggest hitters. Last year, England's Bianca Finn belted her way into the women's records with a whopping 510-yard drive on a runway at the age of just 14 years.

Ludivine Kreutz's Top 5 MP3

- David Gray - White ladder
- Red Hot Chili Peppers - Over the Bridge
- ACDC - Back in Black
- Cold Play - Fix You
- Veronique Sanson - Le temps est assassin



Birthdays of the week



21/9/83 (23)
Eva Steinberger
(AUT)



24/9/73 (33)
Ludivine Kreutz
(FRA)

Rolex World Rankings

Rolex World Rankings 19th September 2006

1. Annika Sorenstam SWE
2. Lorena Ochoa MEX
3. Karrie Webb AUS
4. Cristie Kerr USA
5. Juli Inkster USA



For further information please see the Rolex Rankings on www.ladieseuropeantour.com

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NEW STAR MONEYLIST 2006

following the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open



| # | Name | € | Played |
|----|---------------------|------------|--------|
| 1 | Laura Davies | 471,727.42 | 11 |
| 2 | Gwladys Nocera | 407,570.50 | 16 |
| 3 | Sophie Gustafson | 193,773.79 | 3 |
| 4 | Annika Sorenstam | 150,822.07 | 3 |
| 5 | Linda Wessberg | 140,248.85 | 16 |
| 6 | Stephanie Arricau | 136,314.51 | 16 |
| 7 | Veronica Zorzi | 119,781.00 | 10 |
| 8 | Rebecca Hudson | 117,450.34 | 17 |
| 9 | Riikka Hakkarainen | 112,361.19 | 16 |
| 10 | Karen Margrethe Juu | 95,170.04 | 16 |
| 11 | Anja Monke | 91,941.05 | 17 |
| 12 | Sophie Giquel | 91,851.23 | 15 |
| 13 | Nikki Garrett | 89,471.93 | 16 |
| 14 | Becky Brewerton | 85,955.97 | 13 |
| 15 | Lynn Brooky | 85,536.28 | 13 |



RYDER CUP WALES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2006

following the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open



| # | Name | € | Played |
|---|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | Nikki Garrett | 89,471.93 | 16 |
| 2 | Tania Elosegui Mayor | 66,277.53 | 14 |
| 3 | Sarah Kemp | 56,605.46 | 16 |
| 4 | Anna Knutsson | 36,561.16 | 13 |
| 5 | Danielle Masters | 25,326.68 | 14 |



The 18 Finest by Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA

Latest Scores

| # | Name | Score | Holes |
|---|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Ana B Sanchez | -2 | 16 |
| 2 | Rebecca Stevenson | +4 | 16 |
| 3 | Rebecca Hudson | +8 | 16 |
| 4 | Nikki Garrett | +9 | 16 |
| 5 | Cecilia Ekelundh | +10 | 16 |



SOLHEIM CUP 2007 STANDINGS

following the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open

| # | Name | Pts | Played |
|---|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Gwladys Nocera | 120.00 | 15 |
| 2 | Laura Davies | 112.00 | 11 |
| 3 | Stephanie Arricau | 57.40 | 15 |
| 4 | Annika Sorenstam | 52.50 | 6 |
| 5 | Rebecca Hudson | 47.17 | 16 |



Total Number of Eagles

following the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open

| # | Name | Eagles | Rounds |
|----|----------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Laura Davies | 8 | 37 |
| 2= | Carmen Alonso | 6 | 48 |
| 2= | Lisa Holm Sorensen | 6 | 41 |
| 2= | Sofia Renell | 6 | 40 |
| 5= | Asa Gottmo | 5 | 51 |
| 5= | Rebecca Coakley | 5 | 51 |
| 5= | Amanda Moltke-Leth | 5 | 48 |
| 5= | Nora Angehrn | 5 | 43 |
| 5= | Tania Elosegui Mayor | 5 | 41 |
| 5= | Georgina Simpson | 5 | 39 |
| 5= | Leah Hart | 5 | 38 |



Average Driving Distance (values are shown in yards)

following the Nykredit Masters

| # | Name | Yards | Holes |
|---|----------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Corinne Dibnah | 301.50 | 2 |
| 2 | Carmen Alonso | 298.56 | 36 |
| 3 | Dale Reid | 297.00 | 1 |
| 4 | Laura Davies | 280.80 | 30 |
| 5 | Ana B Sanchez | 279.91 | 44 |



Putting Average per Round

following the Nykredit Masters

| # | Name | Putts | Rounds |
|---|---------------------|-------|--------|
| 1 | Megan Heckerth | 28.00 | 2 |
| 2 | Vicky Uwland-Thomas | 29.33 | 27 |
| 3 | Annika Sorenstam | 29.38 | 8 |
| 4 | Marie-Josée Rouleau | 29.50 | 2 |
| 5 | Laura Terebey | 29.83 | 12 |



Stroke Averages

following the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open

| # | Name | Avg | Rounds |
|----|------------------|-------|--------|
| 1 | Annika Sorenstam | 68.75 | 8 |
| 2= | Laura Davies | 69.50 | 38 |
| 2= | Sophie Gustafson | 69.50 | 8 |
| 4 | Nadina Light | 70.00 | 4 |
| 5 | Gwladys Nocera | 70.36 | 55 |
| 6 | Maria Hjorth | 70.73 | 15 |



Driving Accuracy (%)

following the Nykredit Masters

| # | Name | % | Holes |
|---|---------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Xonia Wunsch | 90.24 | 82 |
| 2 | Kate Phillips | 89.29 | 28 |



Greens in Regulation (%)

following the Nykredit Masters

| # | Name | % | Holes |
|---|---------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Charlotta Sorenstam | 83.33 | 90 |
| 2 | Laura Davies | 81.45 | 539 |