

Golf Punk Magazine at the Ladies English Open



Golf Punk magazine teamed up with the LET for the Ladies English Open at Chart Hills Golf Club in Kent last week. Phil Babb, once a professional footballer with Liverpool and now proprietor of the magazine, was full of praise for the players on the European Tour. "I was surprised by the standards of all the players," he said while at Chart Hills Golf Club, where he caddied for Australian Anna Rawson. "You see the big names, but then you see how the newer players and the rookies can play, too."

This month Golf Punk printed a special edition focusing on the English Open, and included interviews with Trish Johnson, Danielle Masters and Suzann Pettersen. And there's the promise of greater coverage in the future. "This is the first step for us to embrace the women's game," he said.

"We've got some fantastic features in the current edition of Golf Punk, including a new section called 'Sisters of Swing'. "We are basically networking now on the LET to get these great players and get them into Golf Punk magazine. It is just about us saying we support all aspects of the game, especially the LET." Babb presented England's Laura Davies with a signed Liverpool shirt at the Open, as Davies is well known for being a massive Reds fan.

Ladies English Open



Wales' Becky Brewerton held her nerve to capture the Ladies English Open after a tense final day at Chart Hills.

The 24-year-old carded a final round four-under-par to take the trophy by three shots. "It means so much to me," said Becky. "I've been trying for so long, to finally do it is just unbelievable. Most people say once you've got your first one out of the way it's just so much easier and to have had such a cushion coming up the last was just massive. It was such a good situation to be in."

A four-way tie between Brewerton, compatriot Eleanor Pilgrim, England's Karen Stupples and Swede Cecilia Ekelundh made for an exciting final round in Kent. But Pilgrim and Ekelundh failed to match the early pace set by Stupples and Brewerton. The pair were virtually neck-and-neck for the final round before new mum Stupples dropped shots on the 13th and 15th holes to slip to four-under-par. Brewerton could have extended the lead further, but missed her eagle putt on the 16th by an inch. But the Abergele girl held off the pressure - despite showing signs of excitement with a bogey on the final hole - to record a popular victory with the crowd.

Pint-sized Charley makes a big impression



Standing at around 4'10" and dwarfed by so many of the women seen practicing on the greens at the Chart Hill Golf Club in Kent, Charley Hull still makes a big impression.

The 11-year-old Northampton girl is in popular demand - she handed out her e-mail address to a spectator before tip-toeing to peer over the barrier at the Ladies English Open and cast an eye over those practicing their swings. "I just focus on playing my own game," she says. Her father, Dave, nods proudly in the background. "I like having a challenge against these older ones. Sometimes it's good to have a lower handicap than the others as well!" Charley's appearance in the Pro-Am competition came a week after making an impressive debut in the Women's Open in Texas, USA where she finished just 11 shots off the lead.

Her career began ten years ago as a wide-eyed toddler. "I saw my dad swinging in my garden when I was young - really young, I mean, one or two years old," said Charley, who plays off a handicap of seven. "And I saw him swinging so I picked up a golf club and started from there. I saw his swing and thought I'd do everything different to that!" She now spends plenty of time perfecting her swing away from the back garden where it all began, much to the delight of her father. "I was coming out from the kitchen one day and saw Charley with a seven iron," he said. "Next thing I knew, this ball went sailing over the roof - with a men's club and all." A professional career remains Charley's burning ambition, and is using one of the world's greatest golfers, Annika Sorenstam, as her inspiration.

The 18 Finest, by Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA



Competition for The 18 Finest is hotting up after the ninth and tenth qualifying holes were played at the Ladies' English Open in Kent. Two holes from nine tournaments are selected to create a 'fantasy' golf course - the winner being the player with the lowest score to have made the cut in every competition. (However players are permitted to skip one event).

Australian Nikki Garrett was the early leader approaching the half-way stage, with an eight-under-par score following two holes from the Vediorbis Open de France in June. But Garrett did not play in the English Open - held at the Chart Hills Golf Club - which contributed two holes for the competition.

Chart Hills' second hole - a 364-yard par four - and the tricky 17th hole with its island green both featured in The 18 Finest. Martina Eberl now leads the competition on five-under-par after 10 holes played. The next two holes in The 18 Finest will be played during the Wales Ladies' Championship of Europe in August, while the competition will reach its climax at the Madrid Ladies' Masters in Spain.

Golfing graduate to nurse golfing ambition

Golf and nursing are two professions that have rarely crossed paths - that was until the Ladies' English Open in Kent last week.



The tournament was held in association with British-based Golf Punk magazine, which had launched a bid to find its own 'golf nurse' to help promote the sport. And speculation mounted at the Chart Hills Golf Club when one of the contenders for the Golf Nurse title began warming-up on the practice tees. "Golf Punk invited a few girls to play for a place to in the Ladies English Open," said 23-year-old Sophie Stubbs. "I won and here I am in the Pro-Am."

Sophie began playing golf at the comparatively late age of 14, but now plays off a handicap of two after completing a three-year degree course at the University of Minnesota. "A friend of a friend told me about the Golf Nurse job when I came home from America," said Sophie, who plays regularly at the private Shifnal Golf Club in Shropshire. "It is a perfect job, really. You get chance to play golf for a living, meet new people and socialise."

So does it *only* involve golf? "Mostly - you do some PR-type work as well, marketing and advertising the brand, and making people know what it's about. "Maybe a bit of modelling, but I'm more of a golfer willing to do that. The rest is just a bonus."





NEW STAR MONEYLIST 2007

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	€	Played
1	Trish Johnson	154,777.28	10
2	Bettina Hauert	136,872.10	10
3	Gwladys Nocera	117,832.75	11
4	Nikki Garrett	102,371.82	10
5	Paula Marti	97,990.65	9
6	Becky Brewerton	94,363.40	10
7	Sophie Giquel	77,315.65	9
8	Linda Wessberg	74,512.60	5
9	Sarah Kemp	69,607.13	10
10	Rebecca Hudson	58,337.41	10



THE 2007 SOLHEIM CUP STANDINGS

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Pts;	Played
1	Gwladys Nocera	244.00	27
2	Trish Johnson	141.15	25
3	Laura Davies	125.00	14
4	Becky Brewerton	115.25	25
5	Sophie Giquel	100.00	24



RYDER CUP WALES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2007

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	€	Played
1	Louise Stahle	52,089.66	9
2	Anna Rossi	21,197.00	8
3	Jade Schaeffer	18,096.85	9
4	Cassandra Kirkland	14,930.16	9
5	Amy Yang	14,572.97	6



Total Number of Eagles

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Eagles	Rounds
1=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	6	37
1=	Sarah Kemp	6	35
1=	Nikki Garrett	6	33
1=	Bettina Hauert	6	33
5=	Ludivine Kreutz	5	39
5=	Karen Lunn	5	36
5=	Kirsty Taylor	5	28



Total Number of Holes in One

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Total	Rounds
1=	Rebecca Coakley	1	41
1=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	1	37
1=	Sarah Kemp	1	35
1=	Lisa Hall	1	31
1=	Elisabeth Esterl	1	30
1=	Anna Rossi	1	26
1=	Ellen Smets	1	25
1=	Cassandra Kirkland	1	25



Stroke Averages

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Karen Stupples	70.67	3
2	Gwladys Nocera	71.28	36
3	Becky Brewerton	71.35	34
4	Linda Wessberg	71.44	18
5	Sophie Giquel	71.62	29



Total Number of Birdies

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Birdies	Rounds
1	Gwladys Nocera	134	36
2	Becky Brewerton	128	34
3	Trish Johnson	121	33
4	Veronica Zorzi	116	31
5	Paula Marti	113	33



Average Number of Birdies per Round

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Linda Wessberg	4.06	18
2	Becky Brewerton	3.76	34
3	Veronica Zorzi	3.74	31
4	Gwladys Nocera	3.72	36
5	Kaisa Ruuttila	3.71	7



Total Strokes above/below Par

following the Golf Punk Ladies English Open

#	Name	-Par+	Rounds
1	Gwladys Nocera	-26	36
2	Becky Brewerton	-22	34
3	Sophie Giquel	-11	29
4	Linda Wessberg	-10	18
5	Sarah Kemp	-9	35



