



LET travels to the 'Home of Golf'

The 'Home of Golf' is set to welcome the world's leading women professionals as the latest leg of the Ladies European Tour moves to Scotland. The Old Course, St Andrews, will play host to the prestigious 2007 Ricoh Women's British Open from August 2 - 5. And the players will all be vying to make history as the first golfer to win a women's professional tournament at the course.

The event has therefore attracted the cream of world golfing talent, including Rolex World Ranking top five Lorena Ochoa of Mexico, Karrie Webb of Australia, Sweden's Annika Sorenstam, American Christie Kerr, and Norway's Suzann Pettersen. Alexandra Armas, Executive Director of the LET, said that being able to use St Andrews for a tournament was an indication of the Tour's success. "We are delighted to be at St Andrews for The Ricoh Women's British Open and we look forward to staging The Solheim Cup in Sweden in September. These events are high level indicators of the progress that the LET has made," Armas said. "Equally we are proud of our season with five new tournaments and the highest total prize fund in Tour history."

Defending champion Sherri Steinhauer, 2006 HSBC Women's World Match Play champion Brittany Lincicome, and former winners including English duo Laura Davies and Karen Stupples will also be appearing..

European Solheim Cup Team Captain Helen Alfredsson reveals her plans



European Solheim Cup Team Captain Helen Alfredsson has thrown the gauntlet down to all those playing for a place in the prestigious matchplay tournament, which takes place at Halmstad GK in September.

The Swede, who is captaining the side for the first time this year, has said the door for selection is open for any woman playing well enough. So has she decided any names yet? "Absolutely not, I have no idea - except for the ones who are in automatically," she said. "I have had no thoughts for now, which is nice because it gives the players the chance to play themselves. "If you're really on top of your game then it doesn't matter what happened in April, for example - you want people on form."

One of those 'on form' is Wales' Becky Brewerton, who caught the captain's eye with her maiden Tour victory at the Ladies English Open in July. "I was thrilled to see her win because it's sometimes hard when a player doesn't realise how good they are themselves - everybody else knows, but they don't," she said. Alfredsson will now spend the next few weeks looking at potential team members, before announcing her team in Sweden on Tuesday, August 21.



Stars turn out for charity football match



Current darlings of international women's golf joined forces with some of the most high-profile heroes of French football as the two sports combined for a charity football match. Rolex World Ranking number one Lorena Ochoa, Laura Davies, Veronica Zorzi, Rebecca Hudson and fellow professionals on the Ladies European Tour and Ladies Professional Golf Association were among those from the world of golf to take part in the exhibition game at Evian-les-Bains, following the first day's play at Evian Royal Resort.

World Cup winners Youri Djorkaeff, Bixente Lizarazu and Christian Karembeu were among the former Premiership players to appear in the game while the much-travelled David Ginola also made an appearance. Caddies and sponsors helped comprise two makeshift sides, while a large and supportive crowd gathered to cheer on the players.

The match finished 15-17, with all the former professional players getting onto the scoresheet. Sponsors offered €500 to charity for every goal scored.

Young hopefuls to appear at St Andrews

Stars of the future are set to pit their wits against their heroes at the 2007 Ricoh Women's British Open at St Andrews this week. Eight of the best under-14 golfers from Great Britain and Ireland will tee-up with some of the world's greatest women professionals at the Old Course, St Andrews.

This historic event is scheduled to take place on July 31 - two days before the start of the Ricoh Women's British Open - and has been organised to celebrate the first women's professional event ever to be staged at the illustrious course. Leading women professionals will each be paired with an under 14-year old boy or girl and will play the Junior Challenge over the first four holes on the course.

One boy and one girl have been nominated by the English, Irish and Scottish Golf Unions and will be joined by an under-14 year-old boy and an under-14 year-old girl from the St Andrews area.

Highlights of the event will be screened on BBC television as part of its live coverage over all four days of the 2007 Open. "We believe the Ricoh Junior Challenge will inspire these young people and provide memories that will last a lifetime," said Lesley Burn, CEO of the Ladies' Golf Union. "It is going to provide excellent viewing for what we believe will be record crowds at the Championship."

Ticket deadline for The Solheim Cup draws closer

A surge in ticket sales is expected as excitement surrounding women's golf's pinnacle event builds. With The Solheim Cup just six weeks away, interest in the match play competition is high, and with crowds expected to swell to beyond 80,000 people, those wanting tickets to the biennial trans-Atlantic event have been encouraged to visit <https://solheimcup.evitbe.com> in order to avoid disappointment.

Any members of the media wanting accreditation for this prestigious event at the Halmstad Golfklubb, Sweden, have until August 12 to register their interest in attending, by visiting <http://solheimcup.evitbe.com/media>.

The Solheim Cup is named after Karsten Solheim and his family, and features 12 of the top 12 golfers on the Ladies European Tour and their counterparts from the Ladies Professional Golf Association. Players compete for points in their respective tour events to earn a coveted place on the team. The Solheim Cup consists of 28 matches - eight foursome matches, eight four-ball matches and 12 singles, played on the final day. The American team currently hold the title following a 15½ - 12½ point victory in 2005.

Ricoh Women's British Open on TV

The BBC has pledged to show live coverage of each day's play from the Ricoh Women's British Open.

It will be the first time that a women's professional tournament has been played at the Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland, and has therefore attracted much media attention.



Live coverage is due to start at 1pm on Thursday, August 2 on BBC2.

The Rolex World Ranking top five are all set to appear at the tournament.

Rolex World Rankings

Rolex World Rankings as of 23rd July 2007

1. Lorena Ochoa MEX
2. Karrie Webb AUS
3. Annika Sorenstam SWE
4. Cristie Kerr USA
5. Suzann Pettersen NOR



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



NEW STAR MONEYLIST 2007

following the Evian Masters

#	Name	€	Played
1	Trish Johnson	154,777.28	11
2	Bettina Hauert	136,872.10	11
3	Gwladys Nocera	125,112.75	12
4	Nikki Garrett	108,997.82	11
5	Becky Brewerton	102,789.56	11
6	Paula Marti	97,990.65	10
7	Linda Wessberg	85,842.60	6
8	Sophie Giquel	85,741.81	10
9=	Sophie Gustafson	80,713.33	1
9=	Annika Sorenstam	80,713.33	1



THE 2007 SOLHEIM CUP STANDINGS

following the Evian Masters

#	Name	Pts;	Played
1	Gwladys Nocera	244.00	28
2	Trish Johnson	141.15	26
3	Laura Davies	125.00	15
4	Becky Brewerton	115.25	26
5	Sophie Giquel	100.00	25



RYDER CUP WALES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2007

following the Evian Masters

#	Name	€	Played
	Louise Stahle	52,089.66	9
2	Amy Yang	22,180.47	7
3	Anna Rossi	21,197.00	8
4	Jade Schaeffer	18,096.85	9
5	Cassandra Kirkland	14,930.16	9



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 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 Kreuzt	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



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



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

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