

## Gustafson hopes to retain winning run



Last week's De Vere Ladies Scottish Open winner Sophie Gustafson will be looking to make it two in a row when she takes part in the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open presented by Raiffeisen.

The Swede, the defending champion, won her 13th Ladies European Tour title at The Carrick, Loch Lomond on Saturday, following on from her appearance in The European Solheim Cup Team two weeks ago. Five of her team mates are also set to be among the 126-strong field that starts at the Golfclub Fohrenwald-Wiener Neustadt, Austria on Thursday.

English duo Laura Davies and Trish Johnson, Wales' Becky Brewerton, Germany's Bettina Hauert and Denmark's Iben Tinning are all competing for a share of the €250,000 prize money.

Federica Piovano, who won the first Austrian tournament in 2005, is one of 11 Italians in the field, while England's Lisa Hall, winner of the Nykredit Masters in Denmark earlier this month, will also compete alongside 11 Austrians.

English amateur Mel Reid will make her third Tour appearance of the season in Austria. She finished ninth at the Chart Hills Ladies English Open in July, and was the leading amateur (T16) at the Women's British Open at St Andrews the following month.

## Marshals earn players' praise



Their work may go unnoticed to many, but the humble marshal has a priceless role on the Ladies European Tour. Dozens of volunteers from local golf clubs are drafted in to work at every tournament, often standing around the course from before the first tee-time until the final ball is struck each day.

And their efforts have received high praise from the Tour players.

"I was at the British and there was one guy there who had been standing there marshalling from 7 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock at night," said Scotland's Janice Moodie.

## New mum Matthew surprised by season's form

Catriona Matthew has admitted exceeding her own expectations in her first full season back after maternity leave. The 39-year-old Scot hoped to ease gradually back into the sport after giving birth to Katie in December.

But Matthew has enjoyed one of the most successful seasons of her career, despite balancing life between the LET, the LPGA and motherhood. "This year, I was thinking of taking a medical and only playing in ten events," she confessed. "It's gone way beyond what I ever expected this year."

Matthew seized her first trophy since 1994 by beating a host of international players to take the Scandinavian TPC Hosted by Annika in Sweden last month. She secured a top-ten finish in front of the home galleries at the Women's British Open, St Andrews, in August - her second LET event of the year - while she was the European Team's top-scorer at The Solheim Cup two weeks ago.



"I was lucky to get off to a good start and that took any pressure off," she said. "I did well in my first two events and kind of had my card secure so I knew I wasn't going to have to take a medical. I think that took any pressure off me."

Compatriot Janice Moodie, who also has to juggle motherhood and playing on tour, said her life changed dramatically after becoming a mum. "My practise has gone from quantity to quality," she said. "You always say that but now you have to do that. Honestly there are not enough hours in the day to do what you have to do you're looking after the little guy and the little guy is now getting into trouble."

"I said to him, 'When do you go home?' and he said: 'Well I've been here from seven and I'll be here for the rest of the week from seven til seven.'

"Hats off to him. He's been there in all weathers, in jackets and no jackets, umbrellas and no umbrellas. The support is amazing. We don't realise but a lot of people give up their holidays to come out and do this."

Fellow Scot Catriona Matthew agreed, saying that the Tour would struggle without them. "I think they just about make the tournament," she said. "If it wasn't for the volunteers we probably couldn't go on, so it's fantastic that they all come out from the local clubs to support it."

## Davies amused by 'Dame' talk



England's leading lady Laura Davies ought to be made a Dame - that is according to one avid fan.

A post on the BBC's 606 debate website said the 43-year-old was "Britain's most successful sportswomen for the last 50 years".

But The Solheim Cup veteran dismissed the suggestions, humbly replying: "I'm just a golfer".

The idea was posted by a fan going under the name 'worriedjrobbo', whose sentiments were echoed by 'kwiniaskagolfer'.

But Davies, who was awarded an MBE in 1998 and a CBE a year later, laughed off the suggestion.

"That's a new one! It's nothing to do with me," she joked. "Very nice of them, but I don't think it will ever happen. People that get that have done a lot more than I have done."

## Lundgreen forecasts further improvements to Tour

Norway's Cecilie Lundgreen has seen many changes in women's golf since turning professional in 1999.

The schedule, standard and speed of play have all moved on in the last decade - changes that Lundgreen feels have, for the most part, helped improve the game.

"When I first started - it was all just bigger and better than what I came from," she said. "There weren't as many tournaments as I was used to, but it was great. "Now we are playing Dubai, India, all over Europe - things I never thought would have happened."

Lundgreen was in her early twenties when she started on Tour. But this season has seen players as young 12 compete in pro-ams and professional tournaments.

"People like Morgan Pressel, who's 19, beating Annika Sorenstam on home soil is incredible," she said. The pace of play has also come under the spotlight recently. "Some players take longer, some players are quicker," she added. "Maybe we can encourage the slower ones to shot their pre-shot routine, walk a little faster and prepare when the others are playing their shot."



Looking to the future, she commented: "I hope it will get better and better - in terms of quality of players, tournaments and the prize fund. We can't go too quickly too soon. But we can make progress and raise the standard of golf even further."



## NEW STAR MONEYLIST 2007

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	€	Played
1	Bettina Hauert	213,458.10	15
2	Maria Hjorth	192,657.54	6
3	Trish Johnson	179,785.25	16
4	Gwladys Nocera	160,424.97	19
5	Catriona Matthew	150,350.61	4
6	Sophie Gustafson	146,941.47	4
7	Linda Wessberg	144,222.05	9
8	Joanne Mills	138,599.20	17
9	Nikki Garrett	133,368.82	15
10	Becky Brewerton	124,785.93	16



## Total Number of Eagles

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Eagles	Rounds
1	Karen Lunn	8	57
2=	Nikki Garrett	7	48
2=	Bettina Hauert	7	48
4=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	6	64
4=	Rebecca Coakley	6	60
4=	Kirsty Taylor	6	48
4=	Sarah Kemp	6	48
4=	Helena Alterby	6	45



## RYDER CUP WALES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2007

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	€	Played
1	Louise Stahle	76,138.66	11
2	Amy Yang	57,796.47	9
3	Kiran Matharu	54,929.25	13
4	Jade Schaeffer	45,606.85	15
5	Sophie Walker	31,423.41	14



## Stroke Averages

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Sophie Gustafson	71.87	15
2	Suzann Pettersen	72.13	15
3	Gwladys Nocera	72.17	65
4	Sarah Kemp	72.23	48
5	Linda Wessberg	72.32	34



## Total Number of Birdies

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Birdies	Rounds
1	Gwladys Nocera	192	65
2	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	184	64
3	Joanne Mills	173	55
4	Becky Brewerton	169	51
5	Rebecca Hudson	161	55



## Total Number of Holes in One

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Total	Rounds
1=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	1	64
1=	Rebecca Coakley	1	60
1=	Lisa Hall	1	53
1=	Elisabeth Esterl	1	48
1=	Georgina Simpson	1	48
1=	Sarah Kemp	1	48
1=	Johanna Westerberg	1	47
1=	Anna Rossi	1	43
1=	Cassandra Kirkland	1	41
1=	Ellen Smets	1	34



## Total Strokes above/below Par

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	-Par+	Rounds
1	Sophie Gustafson	-3	15
2	Suzann Pettersen	-2	15
3	Annika Sorenstam	+2	12
4	Corinne Dibnah	+3	1
5=	Catriona Matthew	+5	15
5=	Loraine Lambert	+5	8
5=	Karen Stupples	+5	7



## Putting Average per Round

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Putts	Rounds
1	Minea Blomqvist	27.75	20
2	Catriona Matthew	28.00	4
3	Becky Morgan	28.50	4
4	Ashleigh Simon	29.00	6
5	Melodie Bourdy	29.11	19

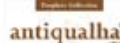


## Average Number of Birdies per Round

following the De Vere Ladies Scottish Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Linda Wessberg	3.56	34
2	Suzann Pettersen	3.53	15
3	Mhairi McKay	3.43	7
4	Laura Davies	3.37	19
5	Veronica Zorzi	3.34	41

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#### Key

- Hole(s) 1 & 2: Tenerife Ladies Open (03-05-07), Golf del Sur Tenerife (hole(s) 4 & 7)
- Hole(s) 3 & 4: Open de Espana Femenino (10-05-07), CC Mediterraneo (hole(s) 12 & 13)
- Hole(s) 5 & 6: BMW Ladies Italian Open (23-05-07), Sheraton Golf Parco de' Medici (hole(s) 13 & 16)
- Hole(s) 7 & 8: Vedioirbis Open de France (21-06-07), Le Golf d'Arras (hole(s) 10 & 13)
- Hole(s) 9 & 10: Golf Punk Ladies English Open (05-07-07), Chart Hills (hole(s) 2 & 17)
- Hole(s) 11 & 12: S4/C Wales Ladies Championship (16-08-07), Machynys Peninsula GC (hole(s) 4 & 16)
- Hole(s) 13 & 14: SAS Masters (24-08-07), Losby Golf Club (hole(s) 4 & 10)
- Hole(s) 15 & 16: Nykredit Masters (06-09-07), Helsingor Golf Club (hole(s) 8 & 12)
- Hole(s) 17 & 18: Madrid Ladies Masters (04-10-07), Casino Club de Golf Retamares (hole(s) 17 & 18)

### LEADER BOARD

Pos.	Score	Player	HOLE: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18																				
			Actual:	4	7	12	13	13	16	10	13	2	17	4	16	4	10	8	12	17	18		
			Length:	274	369	170	515	365	357	140	450	364	147	371	374	379	188	476	383	164	470		
			Par:	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	5		
1	Par	<b>Martina Eberl</b> <i>Wacker, Focus, Wilson</i>  	R1:	3	4	3	4	3	3	B	B	3	3	5	5	4	3	5	4				
			R2:	4	4	4	5	4	3	Y	Y	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	3				
			R3:	3	4	3	4	4	4	E	E	4	3	5	4	5	3	4	5				
			R4:	4	4	3	4	3	4					5	4			6	4				
			Total:	14	16	13	17	14	14			11	9	19	17	13	9	20	16				
			Par:	-2	0	+1	-3	-2	-2	+2	+2	-1	0	+3	+1	+1	0	0	0				
2	+3	<b>Rebecca Hudson</b> <i>England</i>  	R1:	3	4	2	5	4	5	2	4	3	3	5	4	3	3	B	B				
			R2:	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	Y	Y				
			R3:	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	6	4	3	5	4	5	4	E	E				
			R4:	5	5	3	5	4	4	2	4			4	4								
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			Par:	0	+2	-1	-1	0	+1	-3	-1	-1	0	+2	0	0	+1	+2	+2				
3	+6	<b>Diana Luna</b> <i>Conte of Florence</i>  	R1:	4	4	B	B	5	4	2	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	5				
			R2:	3	3	Y	Y	4	3	3	5	4	3	5	4	5	3	4	4				
			R3:	4	4	E	E	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	5	3				
			R4:	4	7			4	4	2	4			5	4			5	5				
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4	+10	<b>Mianne Bagger</b> <i>Hillerod GK, Denmark</i>  	R1:	B	B	2	5	4	4	2	5	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4				
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			R3:	E	E	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	3	6	4				
			R4:			4	4	4	4	3	5			5	5			4	4				
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			Par:	+2	+2	0	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	+3	+3	+2	+1	-1	0	+1				