

The 18 Finest set for finale



The 18 Finest 'fantasy golf course' competition concludes this week, with four players in the running to earn a share in the €110,000 prize pot. Germany's Martina Eberl is the new leader on level par, ahead of England's Rebecca Hudson on three-over, Italy's Diana Luna (+6) and Denmark's Mianne Bagger (+10).

The 18 Finest by Banque Baring Brothers Sturdza SA is comprised of 18 holes played at nine different venues. In these events, scores carded on the two designated holes during each round count for **The 18 Finest** leader board. There are just two holes left to be played, at the final event, the Madrid Ladies Masters this week. They are: the par-three 17th, and the par-five 18th.

The Madrid Ladies Masters is a limited field event featuring the top 30 players on the New Star Money List and 12 invitations.

At 14th on the New Star Money List, Hudson was already eligible to play in the tournament however Eberl, who was ranked 40th, Luna, who was ranked 48th and Bagger, 58th, all received invitations to play in the Madrid event.

To take part in **The 18 Finest** and reach the final stage, each player had to play in and make the cut at each of the first eight events in **The 18 Finest**, unless they used their one 'bye'. The 'bye' was an addition to **The 18 Finest** for the 2007 season. The winner of **The 18 Finest** will be presented with a cheque for €55,000 at the conclusion of the Madrid Ladies Masters on Saturday.

Madrid Ladies Masters Preview



A select field of some of the best female golfers in Europe will take part in the first Madrid Ladies Masters in Spain this week. It is the first time the Ladies European Tour has visited the Spanish capital, and is the fourth tournament to be held in the country this year following the Tenerife Ladies Open and the Open De Espana Femenino in May, and the Catalonia Ladies Masters in June.

The three-round tournament will see just 42 players compete for a share of the €400,000 prize pot, as there is no cut in the 54-hole tournament. The winner will earn a first prize of €100,000. Among the entrants will be a host of this year's Tour champions including: Scotland's Catriona Matthew (Scandinavian TPC); England's Lisa Hall (Northern Ireland Ladies Open and Nykredit Masters); Germany's Bettina Hauert (Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open and Finnair Masters); England's Trish Johnson (BMW Ladies Italian Open); Sweden's Linda Wessberg (Vediorbis Open de France); France's Sophie Giquel (Ladies Open de Portugal); Wales's Becky Brewerton (Ladies English Open); Joanne Mills (Wales Ladies Championship of Europe); and Sweden's Sophie Gustafson (DeVere Ladies Scottish Open).

Up close and personal with Martina Eberl

Martina Eberl holds a three stroke lead heading into the last two holes of The 18 Finest. She will also be aiming to win her maiden Ladies European Tour victory this week at the Madrid Ladies Masters in Spain. Eberl, who is in her fifth year on the LET, has finished second in two previous LET events, at the 2004 BMW Ladies Italian Open and at the 2006 Ladies English Open. She is one of the Tour's up-and-coming talents and here she reveals some of her favourite things.



- Favourite films: Pretty Woman and Dirty Dancing
- Favourite Actor: John Malkovich
- Favourite holiday destination: Canada – never been but I've heard it's beautiful.
- Favourite sportsperson: Definitely Steffi Graf. (The tennis player). She's done everything perfectly; there was nothing she could have done better.
- Favourite football club: Bayern Munich – my favourite football club always. I was born in Munich and grew up there. Football is everywhere!
- Favourite hobbies: We have roller-blading in Munich on Monday evenings when I'm home and we have over 15,000 people roller-blading through the streets. That is fun.
- Favourite music: I like good mood music where you can sing along and have a laugh. Singing in the car is great.
- Favourite caddy (of anyone in the world): I would love to have Tiger on my bag but I think I would be so nervous I couldn't hit a ball properly.

Hauert eyes Solheim return

Germany's Bettina Hauert has vowed to help ensure The Solheim Cup returns to European soil when the match-play competition is next contested, in two years' time.

The two-time 2007 Tour winner made her debut in this year's competition, held from September 14-16 at Halmstad in Sweden. She was unable prevent the Americans from surging to a 16-12 victory, with Nicole Castrale defeating Hauert in their singles match to win the point that clinched the Cup.



But Hauert is adamant that The 2009 Solheim Cup, to be held at the Rich Harvest Farms, Chicago, Illinois, will see the European Team reduce the 7-3 overall deficit. "I am going to give everything to be back in Solheim in two years and work so hard to kick the Americans' butts," said the 25-year-old. "I have my memories about it, and I know that I want to work hard. We always work hard and try our best. There are many fun, exciting memories, and some that will make me work so hard."

Hauert has had a breakthrough year on the Tour, with her maiden victory coming at the Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open in May. She followed this up with victory at the Finnair Masters in Finland four months later – the win taking her to the top of the New Star Money List.

Brewerton sets the record straight

Becky Brewerton has always been keen to embrace her Welsh roots. From the beaming grin that she sported as she raised the national flag on becoming the first Welsh golfer to play in The Solheim Cup, to the constant support she has received from her countrymen and women throughout her career – Brewerton has also been proud to stoke the fires of patriotism.



So it will have come as no surprise that Brewerton was "not amused" when introduced in error to the crowd at last week's De Vere Ladies Scottish Open as "Becky Brewerton of England".

"I don't know why it happened," said Brewerton, who is fluent in Welsh. "Normally they announce who you represent, and I was down as representing Desert Springs. But the guy said he wasn't going to do that."

"He said: 'I want to know what country you are from.' But he was getting confused who was who. I don't think he really knew." "First, he said 'Becky Brewerton from England', then 'Becky Brewerton from Ireland', then 'Becky Brewerton from Wales'. "I was not amused."



NEW STAR MONEYLIST 2007

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	€	Played
1	Bettina Hauert	213,458.10	16
2	Maria Hjorth	192,657.54	6
3	Trish Johnson	185,147.75	17
4	Sophie Gustafson	172,316.47	5
5	Gwladys Nocera	160,424.97	19
6	Catriona Matthew	150,350.61	4
7	Linda Wessberg	144,222.05	9
8	Joanne Mills	138,599.20	17
9	Nikki Garrett	133,368.82	15
10	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	127,358.30	21



Total Number of Eagles

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	Eagles	Rounds
1	Karen Lunn	8	57
2=	Bettina Hauert	7	50
2=	Nikki Garrett	7	48
4=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	6	67
4=	Rebecca Coakley	6	63
4=	Kirsty Taylor	6	51
4=	Sarah Kemp	6	48
4=	Helena Alterby	6	45
4=	Laura Davies	6	22



RYDER CUP WALES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2007

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf 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	47,819.35	16
5	Sophie Walker	31,423.41	15



Stroke Averages

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Sophie Gustafson	71.22	18
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 UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	Birdies	Rounds
1	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	199	67
2	Gwladys Nocera	192	65
3	Becky Brewerton	178	53
4	Joanne Mills	173	55
5	Trish Johnson	172	52



Total Number of Holes in One

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	Total	Rounds
1=	Virginie Lagoutte-Clement	1	67
1=	Rebecca Coakley	1	63
1=	Lisa Hall	1	56
1=	Georgina Simpson	1	51
1=	Elisabeth Esterl	1	50
1=	Johanna Westerberg	1	49
1=	Sarah Kemp	1	48
1=	Anna Rossi	1	45
1=	Ana B Sanchez	1	44
1=	Cassandra Kirkland	1	44
1=	Ellen Smets	1	34



Total Strokes above/below Par

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	-Par+	Rounds
1	Sophie Gustafson	-15	18
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 UNIQA Ladies Golf 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	29.09	22



Average Number of Birdies per Round

following the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Laura Davies	3.64	22
2	Linda Wessberg	3.56	34
3	Suzann Pettersen	3.53	15
4	Sophie Gustafson	3.44	18
5	Mhairi McKay	3.43	7

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The 18 Finest 2007 Season



Martina Eberl

Wacker, Focus, Wilson



Tournament Leader

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 & 14)
- Hole(s) 7 & 8: Vediorbis 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 & 10)
- 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	Martina Eberl Wacker, Focus, Wilson 		R1:	3	4	3	4	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	Rebecca Hudson England 		R1:	3	4	2	5	4	5	2	4	3	5	4	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				
				Total:	16	18	11	19	16	17	9	19	11	9	18	16	12	10		
				Par:	0	+2	-1	-1	0	+1	-3	-1	-1	0	+2	0	0	+1	+2	+2
3	+6	Diana Luna Conte of Florence 		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
				Total:	15	18			17	15	10	17	12	9	20	17	13	9	19	17
				Par:	-1	+2	+2	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3	0	0	+4	+1	+1	0	-1	+1
4	+10	Mianne Bagger Hillerod GK, Denmark 		R1:	B	B	2	5	4	4	2	5	4	3	5	4	4	3	5	4
				R2:	Y	Y	3	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	2	5	5
				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
				Total:			12	18	16	16	12	19	12	12	19	18	13	8	20	17
				Par:	+2	+2	0	-2	0	0	0	-1	0	+3	+3	+2	+1	-1	0	+1