

Webb aiming for back-to-back Aussie victories



Karrie Webb is hoping to follow up last week's MFS Women's Australian Open win with another victory at this week's ANZ Ladies Masters.

The 33-year-old World No.3 is aiming to win the event for the seventh time at Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia. She previously captured the title four times in a row from 1998-2001 and then again in 2005 and 2007.

Last year, the seven-time major champion won her national Open at Royal Sydney and then defeated South Korean Ji-Yai Shin by two strokes at the Masters a week later, beating her own course record with a 62 in the third round.

Rolex World Rankings as at 4th February 2008

1. Lorena Ochoa (Mexico)
2. Suzann Pettersen (Norway)
3. Karrie Webb (Australia)
4. Annika Sorenstam (Sweden)
5. Paula Creamer (USA)



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Quick 9 with Melissa Reid



1. What three things can you not live without? Chocolate, my ipod and my boyfriend Gareth.
2. Whom do you admire the most? Tiger.
3. Your favourite city: London.
4. Describe yourself in one word: Impatient.
5. Your favourite possession: My lucky 10 cent marker
6. Your passion: Snowboarding
7. Who would make up for your favourite fourball? Annika, Tiger Woods and Roger Federer.
8. If you weren't a golfer, what would you like to be? A snowboarder.
9. What is your first sporting memory? Playing football when I was younger.

Players Swim with Sharks at Sea World

Germany's Bettina Hauert and English pro Danielle Montgomery went snorkeling with sharks at Sea World, Surfers Paradise, in the lead up to the ANZ Ladies Masters.

Both Hauert, the 2007 Players' Player of the Year on the LET and Montgomery, a member of the Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG) Tour, absolutely loved the experience.

Bettina, 25, had already been cage diving with Great White Sharks off the coast of South Africa three years ago.

"It was a super good experience. It was kind of exciting in a surprising way. You kind of have a limited view and you can't see what is going on in your periphery but you just turn your head and suddenly there is a big shark there," said Hauert.

Montgomery added: "When they came up close to you, I was really scared!" Like Hauert, she was already up for the next challenge. She added: "I think now that I've done this stage the next stage would be standing in a cage with the big ones, swimming with the bull sharks."



Webb retains MFS Women's Australian Open



Australia's Karrie Webb retained the MFS Women's Australian Open at Kingston Heath Golf Club on Sunday with a birdie at the second hole of a sudden death play-off.

Webb defeated Ji-Yai Shin from South Korea after both players finished tied on eight-under-par 284 in regulation.

Webb rolled in a twelve foot birdie putt at the par-four 18th hole to take her fourth national title. She previously won the event in 2000, 2002 and 2007.

Both Shin and Webb carded six-under-par 67s in the final round of the championship, scores which tied for the lowest of the tournament.

ANZ Ladies Masters reduced to 54 holes

The organising committee of the ANZ Ladies Masters at the Royal Pines Resort in Queensland announced on Wednesday night that due to the condition of the golf course after a deluge of rain between 4.00 and 5.30 p.m. today, play has been officially cancelled on Thursday to prepare the course for play from 6.30 a.m. on Friday. The order of play for Friday will remain the same as originally scheduled for Thursday.

This means that the event has been reduced to 54 holes with a 36-hole cut on Saturday, after which the leading 65 professional players plus ties will complete the third and final round on Sunday.

According to the course Superintendent Paul McClain, two inches of rain fell in one hour at Royal Pines Resort, taking the total for the last seven days to nine inches.



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