

Piovano primed to defend Siemens Ladies Austrian Open presented by Uniq



Federica Piovano is the player to beat at this week's €250,000 Siemens Austrian Ladies Open presented by Uniq in Wiener Neustadt, Austria.

The 24-year-old from Rome returns to Golfclub Föhrenwald as reigning champion. Last year at the same venue, Piovano delivered a masterful display to claim her first Ladies European Tour victory, taking the title by a stroke from France's Gwladys Nocera with an eagle putt at the 72nd hole. She set the course alight in the second round, firing a course record ten-under-par 62.

Although she has not been at her best this season, Piovano will be aiming to rise to the challenge posed by The Solheim Cup trio of Sophie Gustafson, Iben Tinning and Laura Davies, who hold 92 titles between them.

Davies tied for third in the event last year and will be aiming for a strong performance in this, her last appearance of the season in Europe, where she will attempt to seal the lead in the New Star Money List.

Gustafson tied for second in this year's Weetabix Women's British Open and she is aiming for her 21st worldwide win.

Davies claims 2006 Volvo Cross Country Challenge



Laura Davies claimed the 2006 Volvo Cross Country Challenge Order of Merit for the best overall result in the Tour's four tournaments in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark.

The former world number one won the SAS Masters in Norway two weeks ago - and also had strong finishes in the other three tournaments in Scandinavia. She won a first prize of US\$30,000 (£16,000) and a Volvo XC70 car.

"I'm delighted to win the Volvo Cross Country Challenge and it's been a great season so far," said Davies, who began 2006 with seven missed cuts from eight tournaments on the LPGA. "It's something that I've been trying to achieve over the last few weeks and it's nice to have achieved a goal."

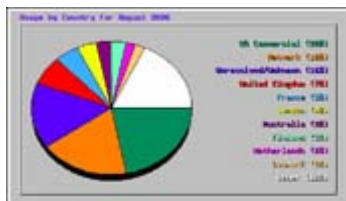
What's New on Tour...

Tour Denmark's Iben Tinning has come up with a novel replacement for the traditional putter head cover - her six-month-old son's Nike bootie! Iben, who gave birth to little Mads on March 7th this year replaced her faulty putter cover, which continually slipped off with her son's shoe at the suggestion of her caddy, Andy Dearden. And it appears to work a treat! "It's great to have it. I feel like he's with me all the time on the golf course" she said.



Iben had the year of her golfing life to date in 2005, earning €204,672 to claim the top spot on the official LET Money List, becoming the first Dane to ever win an OOM/Money List on any major professional.

LET web traffic almost doubles in 12 months



August 2006 was a great month for the Ladies European Tour (LET) in terms of its website statistics. Between the tournaments, the new RSS feeds on BBC Sport, the newsletter and the new image gallery, the LET experienced an increase of 30,000 unique (**first time**) visitors onto the site in the month of August.

In July 2006, ladieseuropeantour.com had 56,360 unique visitors, increasing to 87,372 for August. In 2005, there was an average of 45,000 unique visitors per month: an increase of 94 percent! In addition, there were 181,266 visits to the website in August 2006 - 80,000 more visits than in July. Over 200 people signed up for the newsletter last month. It is currently going out to over 5000 fans

Birthdays of the week



11/9/78 (SPA)
Marta Prieto(28)



16/9/82 (PR)
Janice Olivencia(23)



17/9/75 (FRA)
Jehanne Jail(31)

WHAT'S IN THE BAG? Sophie Sandolo...



Sophie Sandolo caused a sensation in 2005 with the release of her provocative calendar, turning the perception of women's golf on its head. A recent appearance in Gala magazine led to an invitation to appear on "Tout le Monde en Parle", a nightly French variety show. Despite these off-course commitments, Sophie continues to concentrate on improving her ranking, and has posted two top twenty finishes in the past three events.

• **DRIVER:** CALLAWAY FUSION 9.5° PINK ALDILA STIFF SHAFT • **3, 5, 7 WOOD:** CALLAWAY FUSION REG SHAFT • **4 IRON - PW:** TAYLOR MADE RAC STIFF SHAFT • **SAND WEDGES:** CLEVELAND CG10 WEDGES (50°, 54°, 58°) • **PUTTER:** ODYSSEY TWO BALL ROUND GRIP PUTTER • **BALLS:** TITLEIST PRO VIX • **GLOVE:** TITLEIST/FOOTJOY MEN'S SML • **VISOR:** CALLAWAY • **OTHER:** ELASTIC BAND FOR WARMING UP.

Rolex World Rankings

Rolex World Rankings as of 11th September 2006

1. Annika Sorenstam SWE
2. Lorena Ochoa MEX
3. Karrie Webb AUS
4. Cristie Kerr USA
5. Juli Inkster USA



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

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**NEW STAR
MONEYLIST
2006**

following the Nykredit Masters



#	Name	€	Played
1	Laura Davies	446,352.42	10
2	Gwladys Nocera	407,570.50	16
3	Sophie Gustafson	156,273.79	2
4	Annika Sorenstam	150,822.07	3
5	Linda Wessberg	140,248.85	16
6	Stephanie Arricau	122,814.51	15
7	Veronica Zorzi	119,781.00	10
8	Rebecca Hudson	112,383.68	16
9	Riikka Hakkarainen	109,848.69	15
10	Karen Margrethe Juul	95,170.04	15
11	Sophie Giquel	91,851.23	15
12	Nikki Garrett	87,940.68	15
13	Becky Brewerton	85,955.97	13
14	Lynn Brooky	83,323.78	12
15	Ludivine Kreutz	83,312.28	17



**RYDER CUP
WALES ROOKIE
OF THE YEAR
2006**

following the Nykredit Masters



#	Name	€	Played
1	Nikki Garrett	87,940.68	15
2	Tania Elosegui Mayor	64,402.53	13
3	Sarah Kemp	53,363.80	15
4	Anna Knutsson	36,561.16	12
5	Danielle Masters	25,326.68	13



**The 18 Finest by Banque
Baring Brothers Sturdza
SA**

Latest Scores

#	Name	Score	Holes
1	Ana B Sanchez	-2	14
2	Gwladys Nocera	+3	14
3	Rebecca Stevenson	+4	14
4	Nikki Garrett	+7	14
5=	Rebecca Hudson	+8	14
5=	Amanda Moltke-Leth	+8	14
5=	Kirsty Taylor	+8	14
5=	Cecilia Ekelundh	+8	14



**SOLHEIM CUP 2007
STANDINGS**

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	Pts	Played
1	Gwladys Nocera	120.00	15
2	Laura Davies	100.00	10
3	Annika Sorenstam	52.50	6
4	Stephanie Arricau	49.40	14
5	Rebecca Hudson	45.50	15



Total Number of Eagles

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	Eagles	Rounds
1	Laura Davies	7	33
2=	Carmen Alonso	6	44
2=	Lisa Holm Sorensen	6	41
2=	Sofia Renell	6	38
5=	Asa Gottmo	5	47
5=	Amanda Moltke-Leth	5	46
5=	Georgina Simpson	5	39
5=	Tania Elosegui Mayor	5	37
5=	Leah Hart	5	36



**Average Driving Distance
(values are shown in
yards)**

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	Yards	Holes
1	Corinne Dibnah	301.50	2
2	Carmen Alonso	298.56	36
3	Dale Reid	297.00	1
4	Laura Davies	280.80	30
5	Ana B Sanchez	279.91	44



**Putting Average per
Round**

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	Putts	Rounds
1	Megan Heckerth	28.00	2
2	Vicky Uwland-Thomas	29.33	27
3	Annika Sorenstam	29.38	8
4	Marie-Josée Rouleau	29.50	2
5	Laura Terebey	29.83	12



Stroke Averages

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	Avg	Rounds
1	Annika Sorenstam	68.75	8
2	Laura Davies	69.65	34
3	Nadina Light	70.00	4
4	Gwladys Nocera	70.36	55
5	Maria Hjorth	70.73	15
6=	Mhairi McKay	71.00	4
6=	Karine Icher	71.00	4
6=	Judith Van Hagen	71.00	3



Driving Accuracy (%)

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	%	Holes
1	Xonia Wunsch	90.24	82
2	Kate Phillips	89.29	28
3	Laura Cabanillas	88.10	479
4	Cherie Byrnes	86.79	507
5	Rebecca Hudson	86.69	676



**Greens in Regulation
(%)**

following the Nykredit Masters

#	Name	%	Holes
1	Charlotta Sorenstam	83.33	90
2	Laura Davies	81.45	539
3	Sophie Giquel	79.76	756
4	Amanda Moltke-Leth	79.54	738