



PRESS RELEASE

Lee Lights Up Royal Selangor With Regal Round

Kuala Lumpur, February 20: Soomin Lee, playing in just his second European Tour event, will take a three-shot lead into the final round of the Maybank Championship Malaysia.

Lee, 22, only turned professional in 2014 and has made just 12 appearances on the Asian Tour, but will now face the biggest round of his fledgling career so far on Sunday at Royal Selangor Golf Club.

The South Korean finished in a tie for third at the UBS Hong Kong Open in October, and once again proved he is very comfortable in this elite company as a stunning burst of birdies after the turn propelled him to a seven under par round of 64.

That moved him to 15 under for the week, three shots clear of Marcus Fraser, who carded a blemish-free 66.

Fraser's fellow Australian Nathan Holman was then at 11 under after a 73 which included a triple bogey on the last hole, where his approach shot found the lake guarding the green.

Spaniard Jorge Campillo, Japan's Masahiro Kawamura and Filipino Miguel Tabuena are all five shots off the lead in a share of fourth.

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Key quotes

Soomin Lee: "It was very exciting. I had a good feeling this week because I like playing on this course. I hit many important iron shots today. I tried to putt close to the hole but it went in so I gained some confidence on the greens. I'm trying to enjoy my game and focus on my own game. If I keep my ball on the fairway then it will be good for me to try and score."

"I didn't look at the scoreboard. I was really enjoying my round. After making birdie, I gain more confidence and continue to make more birdies. I feel a little bit nervous thinking about the final round but I will try my best. This weekend will be very good for my golf life. On this course, it is very important to keep calm on 16, 17 and 18. If I can

keep it on the fairway then I will have a chance.”

Marcus Fraser: “I played really well the first two days, but today I was a little bit off. But I managed to scramble on a few holes, and get away with some pars which is key on this course. The up and down on the last was pretty key, it was a straightforward putt – even though it was from 15 feet. I knew the line was a ball outside left and down grain, the key was just to make sure I got it there and luckily it had just enough legs.

Nathan Holman: “I played pretty scrappy. I then had a chance to finish quite close to the lead and played quite nice on the back nine so it's lucky you don't win golf tournaments on a Saturday. There was still a lot of good, there wasn't too much bad, there was a few bogeys so still lots of good, plenty of positives to take and I'll move on tomorrow.

“I tried to get as close as I could to the lead if not stay in the lead. I fell back but it's still a good position so I'm looking forward to tomorrow. Four shots on Sunday is not too many.”

Round Three Scores

198 S Lee (Kor) 66 68 64,
201 M Fraser (Aus) 66 69 66,
202 N Holman (Aus) 64 65 73,
203 M Tabuena (Phi) 66 68 69, J Campillo (Esp) 65 69 69, M Kawamura (Jpn) 66 70 67,
204 S Gallacher (Sco) 68 70 66, P Larrazábal (Esp) 70 69 65, M Ilonen (Fin) 71 69 64, R Bland (Eng) 66 65 73, J Quesne (Fra) 70 69 65,
205 R Wattel (Fra) 68 70 67,
206 C Plaphol (Tha) 69 68 69, J Kruger (RSA) 74 67 65,
207 R Gangjee (Ind) 68 72 67, D Willett (Eng) 65 69 73, L Bjerregaard (Den) 70 67 70, P Marksaeng (Tha) 71 68 68, C O'Toole (USA) 71 67 69,
208 K Kim (Kor) 66 71 71, P Meesawat (Tha) 66 72 70, C Nirat (Tha) 68 73 67, J Morrison (Eng) 68 71 69, G Havret (Fra) 70 67 71,
209 J Luiten (Ned) 72 67 70, K Broberg (Swe) 69 72 68, K Horne (RSA) 70 70 69, Y Song (Kor) 71 67 71, N Srithong (Tha) 69 71 69, N Fung (Mas) 70 71 68, R Rock (Eng) 68 70 71, G Bhullar (Ind) 67 71 71, A Levy (Fra) 65 73 71, T Khrongpha (Tha) 70 69 70, P Uihlein (USA) 65 75 69, J Cheng (Chn) 70 70 69,
210 L Oosthuizen (RSA) 67 70 73, R Cabrera-Bello (Esp) 69 69 72, T Fleetwood (Eng) 65 74 71, T Wiratchant (Tha) 69 67 74, M Kieffer (Ger) 68 71 71, M Manassero (Ita) 70 69 71, T Lawrence (RSA) 68 72 70,
211 K Baharin (Mas) 73 68 70, E De La Riva (Esp) 69 71 71, A Lascuna (Phi) 71 70 70, M Mamat (Sin) 70 70 71, G Storm (Eng) 69 68 74, D Lipsky (USA) 68 70 73,
212 A Dodt (Aus) 69 67 76, B Munson (USA) 73 68 71, A Wall (Eng) 69 72 71, W Choo (Mas) 70 71 71, W Ashun (Chn) 70 70 72, A Que (Phi) 65 74 73, M Tran (Vie) 70 71 71, R Jacquelin (Fra) 72 69 71, T Chuayprakong (Tha) 67 72 73,
213 S Rahman (Ban) 69 72 72, E Pepperell (Eng) 70 70 73, S Kjeldsen (Den) 71 70 72,
214 K Deng Shan (Sin) 69 72 73, S Brazel (Aus) 71 69 74, C Hsieh (Tpe) 68 72 74,

**K Richardson (Aus) 69 71 74, B Hebert (Fra) 71 69 74,
215 R Karlberg (Swe) 70 71 74,
216 S Yates (Sco) 71 70 75,
219 S Hussin (Mas) 67 74 78,
** T Jaidee (Tha) 66 69 WD**

Ends.

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