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TOUR NEWS

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HITCHNER EARNS FIRST

Five golf balls crowded the 18th green Sunday, the first hole of a five-man playoff, and Derek Hitchner was the only player to step up and roll in his birdie, giving him his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Utah Championship.

He relied on a G440 LST driver, which was a difference maker on the weekend, especially. He was T1 in driving accuracy both Saturday and Sunday, hitting 12 of 14 fairways. He was lights out on the greens Saturday, as well. With his PLD Custom Anser 4 putter he was #1 in putts per GIR, and in feet of putts made with 160'5".

Hitchner also posted career-best rounds Friday and Saturday with back-to-back 62's.

See his What's in the Bag, next page.

Derek Hitchner was almost at a loss for words after his inaugural victory, calling the moment "surreal."



LEE WINS #10 IN KOREA

Trailing by two strokes with only two holes remaining, Da Yeon Lee turned it on, making birdies on 17 and 18 to secure victory at the Aurora World Championship on the Korea LPGA Tour.

A new Scottsdale TEC Ketsch Onset putter was in the bag for the 10th title of her career. She also played a G440 MAX driver and 3W,

G440 hybrid, iDi driving iron, Blueprint S irons, and s159 wedges.



Winning model:
Scottsdale TEC
Ketsch Onset.



Da Yeon Lee

THIS WEEK



PGA TOUR

WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Sedgefield CC
Greensboro, N.C.
Aug. 6-9

Brian Campbell
Austin Eckroat
Harris English (above)
Tony Finau
Mackenzie Hughes
Takumi Kanaya
Christo Lamprecht
Matt McCarty
Taylor Moore
William Mouw
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen
John Parry
Matthieu Pavon
Seamus Power
Neal Shipley
Alex Smalley
Sam Stevens
Sahith Theegala

KORN FERRY TOUR

PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY WOODHOUSE

The Club at Indian Creek
Omaha, Neb.
Aug. 6-9

Michael Feagles
Nicolo Galletti
Derek Hitchner
David Lingmerth
Stuart Macdonald
Phichaksn Maichon
Logan McAllister
Rob Oppenheim
Alvaro Ortiz
Chad Sewell
Daniel Summerhays
Wells Williams

LIV GOLF

LIV NEW YORK

Trump National GC Bedminster
Bedminster, N.J.
Aug. 6-9

Laurie Canter
Tyrrell Hatton
Sebastian Muñoz
Joaquín Niemann
Carlos Ortiz
Young Han Song
Travis Smyth
Bubba Watson
Lee Westwood



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OF THE
WEEK

At the Portugal Invitational, PGA Tour Champions points leader Stewart Cink turned in another fine performance with his third runner-up of the season to go with four wins, two of them majors. Some weeks he stands out with driving prowess with his G440 MAX (#1 in Distance and Total Driving). But in Portugal he was knocking down flagsticks with his i210 irons. He was #1 in Greens in Regulation at 87.04% (47/54). Cink is never far from winning; he leads the senior circuit with 12 top 10's.



Linn Grant



Leona Maguire

3 MAKE SOLHEIM TEAMS

Team Europe finalized its Solheim Cup roster Monday, announcing Linn Grant and Leona Maguire as the final additions ahead of the biennial competition Sept. 7-13, at Bernardus, The Netherlands.

Grant is one of eight players to automatically qualify on points for Europe and will make her third appearance.

Maguire was named a captain's pick on Monday. She has been a catalyst

and a big points earner for Team Europe at three consecutive Solheim Cups (2021, 2023, 2024) compiling an 8-3-1 record.

For Team USA, Jennifer Kupcho clinched a spot on the roster following the AIG Women's Open. She has been a member of every U.S. team since 2021, when she led the Americans with 2.5 points as a rookie on the team. The U.S. squad will be finalized August 23rd.

DEREK HITCHNER

WHAT'S IN THE BAG



DRIVER

G440 LST driver, 9°, small -, 45.25", Fujikura Ventus Black 6X, CG shifter neutral, tipped 1", D3

FAIRWAY

G440 MAX 3W, 15°, 43", PING Tour 2.0 Chrome 75X, tipped 1.5", D1

HYBRID

G440, 20°, Graphite Design DI 85X, D1

IRONS

Blueprint S, 4-PW, DG Tour Issue X100, Black cc, PW +1/4", D2

WEDGES

s159, 50°S, 54°S, 60°S, DG Tour Issue S400, 1/2° flat

PUTTER

PLD Custom Anser 4, patina, 35", 4° loft, 70° lie, PING PP58 M