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MASTERS PREVIEW, P.2



COUGHLIN IN COMMAND

Lauren Coughlin's third LPGA Tour victory was a no-doubter as her lead was never seriously threatened Sunday at the Aramco Championship, where she won by five.

Shadow Creek in North Las Vegas, Nev., was playing difficult (only four players were under par), but Coughlin looked comfortable throughout, winning wire-to-wire at 7-under on a course where she was runner-up last year when the event was match play.

Among her new PING technology was a G440 K driver, G440 MAX 3W, G440 hybrid, i240 irons, s259 wedges, and a PLD Custom Oslo 4 putter.

After wins in Canada and Scotland, Coughlin lifted her first trophy in the United States.

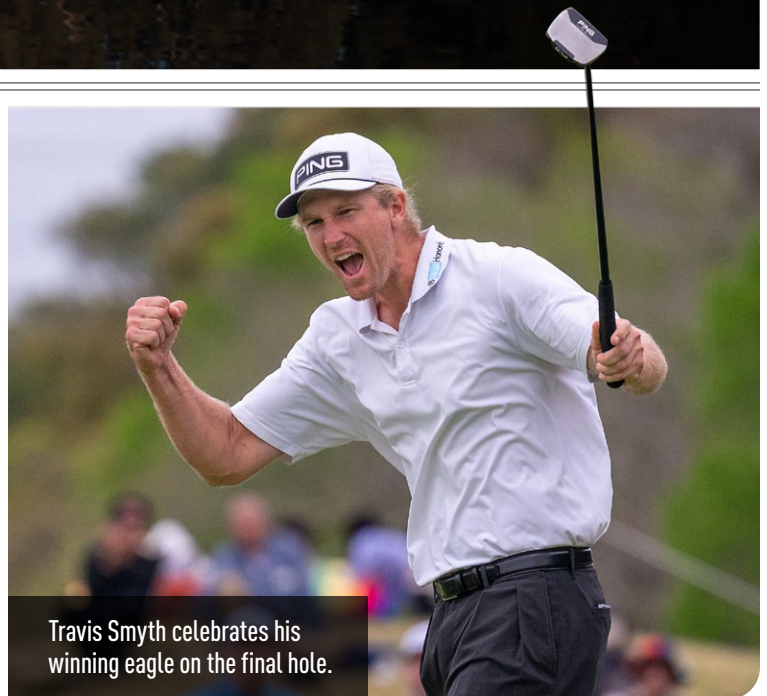
SMYTH EAGLES TO WIN

Travis Smyth poured in a birdie on 13, another on 16, and the best was yet to come, an eagle 3 on the par-5 18th hole Sunday, giving him a walk-off one-shot win at the Asian Tour's International Series Japan tournament near Tokyo.

His 20-foot putt on the last with his PLD Custom Ally Blue Onset putter sealed the victory. Smyth also relied

on a G440 LST driver, G440 MAX 3W, G430 hybrid, iDi driving iron, Blueprint S irons, and s259 wedges.

The win follows a third and a fifth in the first two events on the Asian Tour, where he leads the Order of Merit. Smyth also won last month, securing his Japan Golf Tour card at an event co-sanctioned by the PGA Tour of Australasia and the JGTO.



Travis Smyth celebrates his winning eagle on the final hole.

MOTIVATED FOR THE MASTERS



Corey Conners

A two-time champion, a star amateur, and four first-timers are part of a field of 13 PING pros getting dialed in for the year's first major, The Masters, that starts Thursday in Augusta, Ga.

Bubba Watson, owner of Green Jackets from 2012 and 2014, tees it up for the 18th time, most of the staffers competing.

Last year, Corey Conners posted a T8, his fourth top 10 in his last six Masters. He had company on the leaderboard from Harris English at T12 (his career best), Matt McCarty, a T14 in his Masters debut, and Tyrrell Hatton, whose T14 was his second-straight top 15 at Augusta.

THE MASTERS

Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.

April 9-12

Daniel Berger

Brian Campbell

Corey Conners

Harris English

Tyrrell Hatton

Viktor Hovland

Mason Howell (a)

Matt McCarty

Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen

Carlos Ortiz

Kristoffer Reitan

Sam Stevens

Bubba Watson

FOUR FIRST TIMERS

Making their first trip down Magnolia Lane this year will be U.S. Amateur champion Mason Howell, Kristoffer Reitan, Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen, and Sam Stevens.

Reitan and Stevens received invites for finishing inside the top 50 in the world ranking last year.

Neergaard-Petersen qualified by winning the Crown Australian Open in December.



Sam Stevens

ELITE AMATEUR HOWELL IN FIELD

Mason Howell, who became the third-youngest winner ever of the U.S. Amateur last August, makes his Masters debut. He was 18 years, one month and three weeks old when he prevailed 7&6 in the match-play final.

Pictured at right, the University of Georgia commit (in red) played a practice round Monday at Augusta National with close friend, mentor and University of Georgia alum Harris English. The men share a connection through Glen Arven Country Club in Thomasville, Ga.

