

☆☆☆ U.S. OPEN PREVIEW ☆☆☆

GOING FOR GLORY



Kris Reitan returns to Shinnecock, where in 2018 as an amateur he became the first Norwegian to compete in the U.S. Open.

All but one of 16 PING pros competing will bring a level of U.S. Open experience to Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, in Southampton, N.Y., where America's national championship gets underway Thursday.

Viktor Hovland is fresh off a solo third at the RBC Canadian Open (see Shot of the Week, page 2). He was third at last year's U.S. Open, where Tyrrell Hatton and Carlos Ortiz shared fourth.

Harris English has three top 10's in his last six U.S.

Open appearances.

In May, rookie Kris Reitan earned his first PGA Tour title, one of four top 10's.

Alex Smalley is enjoying his best season; he was T2 at the PGA Championship.

Neal Shipley tied for medalist honors at his qualifier and will play his first U.S. Open as a professional. He was Low-Am at the 2024 U.S. Open. Ryuichi Oiwa (the only first-timer), William Mouw and John Parry all came through qualifying.

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#1 CHOICE AT CURTIS CUP

PING won the Driver, All Woods and Iron brand count at the Curtis Cup, a biennial team competition for women amateurs contested between the United States and Great Britain & Ireland.

More than a third of the irons were PING models.

PING drivers, fairways and hybrids combined were 40% of all woods in play.



i240 Iron

G440 LST Driver

THREE MORE G440 WINS

A G440 LST driver was in the winner's bag on the Asian Tour at the International Series Morocco. Bubba Watson was runner-up playing a G440 MAX.

With three titles over the weekend, G440 drivers have contributed to nearly 90 wins.

THIS WEEK



PGA TOUR

U.S. OPEN

Shinnecock Hills GC
Southampton, N.Y.
June 18-21

Laurie Canter
Corey Connors
Harris English (above)
Tyrrell Hatton
Viktor Hovland
Mason Howell (a)
Matt McCarty
William Mouw
Joaquín Niemann
Ryuichi Oiwa
Carlos Ortiz
John Parry
Kris Reitan
Alex Smalley
Sam Stevens
Sahith Theegala

LPGA TOUR

MEIJER LPGA CLASSIC FOR SIMPLY GIVE

Blythefield CC
Belmont, Mich.
June 18-21

Celine Borge
Robyn Choi
Hailee Cooper
Allisen Corpuz
Lauren Coughlin (below)
Karis Davidson
Amanda Doherty
Laney Frye
Gurleen Kaur
Jennifer Kupcho
Ingrid Lindblad
Cassie Porter
Paula Reto
Lizette Salas
Carla Tejedo Mulet
Lauren Walsh



PING
SHOT
OF THE
WEEK

Swinging a new G440 LST driver and undeterred by rain showers at TPC Toronto, Viktor Hovland fought his way up the leaderboard Sunday to earn his best result of the season, a solo third at the RBC Canadian Open. His 64-65 on the weekend was lowest in the field, and he excelled tee to green all week, hitting 75% of the narrow fairways (42/56), good for T3 in Driving Accuracy. And he was #1 in Strokes Gained: Approach to Green at 6.713.

MAJOR FOR MAEDA

In Japan, Yoko Maeda pulled off an eight-shot turnaround to win a major, the JLPGA Legends Championship Meiji Yasuda Cup.

Down by four to start the final round, Maeda rallied behind three consecutive birdies on the back nine to help her surge ahead and win by four strokes. She relied on a bagful of G440:



Yoko Maeda

G440 MAX driver, 4W and 7W, four G440 hybrids, plus i540 irons and a PLD Kushin putter.

Maeda has two career victories on the JLPGA Tour.

GRIFFITHS WINS IN GREECE

Simon Griffiths won the Costa Navarino Legends Tour Trophy in Costa Navarino, Greece, by three shots. It's his third victory on Europe's Staysure Legends Tour, his first this season.

In his winning bag were a G440 LST driver, G440 MAX 3W and 7W, G440 4H, Blueprint S irons, s259 wedges, and a PING Vault Bergen putter.



Simon Griffiths

YOKO MAEDA WHAT'S IN THE BAG

DRIVER

G440 MAX, 10.5°, Fujikura Speeder NX Gold 50 Stiff R

FAIRWAYS

G440 MAX 4W, Fujikura Speeder NX Gold 50 Stiff R

G440 MAX 7W, -1.0 position, Fujikura Speeder NX Gold 50 Stiff R

HYBRIDS

G440 4H, 5H Fujikura Diamond Speeder 6 R

G440 6H, -1.0 position, Fujikura Diamond Speeder 6 R

G440 7H, -1.5 position, Fujikura Diamond Speeder 6 R



IRONS

i540, 8-PW, UW, NS 850 Neo R

PUTTER

PLD Kushin, satin, 33" double-bend shaft, straight arc, 3° loft, 20° lie, PP58 Tour L