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TOUR NEWS

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"Kihei has quickly put his name on the list of the top young golfers in the world," said CEO & President John K. Solheim.

STANDOUT AKINA SIGNS

BYU sophomore Kihei Akina, who captured NCAA Freshman of the Year honors last season and is playing in this week's Bank of Utah Championship on a sponsor invite, has signed to represent PING.

The 20-year-old native of Hawaii starred at Lone Peak High School in Alpine, Utah, where he won three individual state titles and led the team to two state championships before enrolling at Brigham Young University in 2025. He earned a spot on the 2026 U.S. Walker Cup team. As a 19-year-old, Akina became the youngest winner of the Utah Open Championship in more than 90 years.

"Joining PING is a tremendous honor," said Akina. "I've been playing PING equipment since my junior days, and I've developed a great relationship with their team. Their knowledge of equipment and custom fitting makes a huge difference in my game. I'm excited to be part of the PING family."

Akina will play 14 PING clubs, carry a PING bag and wear a PING hat in all tournaments and appearances outside of his collegiate events.

WHAT'S IN HIS BAG



DRIVER

G440 LST 9°,
45.25" Fujikura
Ventus Black
6X V+ (flat dot)

PROTOTYPE MINI DRIVER

43" Fujikura Ventus Black 7X V+, flat+



DRIVING IRON

#3 iDi, Fujikura Ventus
Blue 9X V+ red cc



IRONS

i240 4-5, DG 120 X100, red cc



Blueprint S 6-PW
DG 120 X100, red cc



WEDGES

s259 Raw, 50°, 54°H,
60°H, DG TI S400, red cc

PUTTER

PLD Milled Ally Blue 4,
35", std. lie, 4° loft