

Puravankara Bangalore tied in second place at the end of day one of the Louis Philippe Cup

Anirban Lahiri ends the day with a score of 3 under par making him the highest scorer for the team

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Bangalore: India's biggest domestic golf event, the Louis Philippe Cup got off to a great start at the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA), Bangalore, beginning with the Louis Philippe Cup Inter-City Pro-Am. The first fourball consisting of Shankar Das and amateur Madhav Adige from AVT Kolkata, and Vivek Bhandari and Sameet Sanghraika from Oxford Group West teed off at the first hole at 7 am.

The Puravankara Bangalore team ended the day tied in second place with a score of 5 under. Anirban Lahiri led the way ending as one of the second highest scorers of the day with a 3 under par score of 69. Lahiri's day included 2 birdies on the 3rd and 6th holes and an incredible eagle on the 9th.

Commenting on his day, Lahiri opined "I think it was a very frustrating round. Till the 9th hole I played solidly - 3 birdies gave me some confidence. But the 10th to the 14th holes turned very frustrating for me. I should have got 3 easy birdies but I didn't manage to get any of them."

Following him on the board for the team was Manav Jaini who ended with a 2 under par score of 70, scoring 6 birdies on the 1st, 2nd, 9th, 13th, 14th and 16th holes. The third pro golfer on the team, Abhishek Jha ended his day with a score of 5 over par 77, managing a birdie on the 13th hole.

With a tough field consisting of the country's top golfers including Jeev Milkha Singh, Jyoti Randhawa, Gaganjeet Bhullar, the Louis Philippe Cup saw some exciting action on day one, with some spectacular individual performances from Shiv Kapur, Anura Rohana and Harendra Gupta who all ended the day with 4 under par score of 68.

At the end of day one, Take Chennai Team represented by Anura Rohana, S S P Chowrasia and Gaurav Ghei finished on top with a combined score of 138, while Puravankara Bangalore, Dev Ellora Chandigarh and 3C Delhi are tied for second place with a total of 139.

With one more day of strokeplay to go, the Puravankara Bangalore team is looking to do well on the second day to try and finish among the top four to qualify for the semi-finals of the Louis Philippe Cup.

About the Louis Philippe Cup:

The Louis Philippe Cup, with its new IPL-style format, Rs. 1.24 crore purse, is the richest domestic event on the PGTI calendar. With pro and amateur teams from 10 cities - Delhi,

Chandigarh, Gurgaon, Noida, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore and West (Mumbai and Pune) the Louis Philippe Cup is bringing the city-based league format to golf in order to encourage more fans to follow the sport.