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# Strong field for Kensville Challenge

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▼ Former Major champion, Rich Beem and Oliver Wilson, an ex-Ryder Cup player, promise to headline the field at the third edition of the Euro 200,000 Gujarat Kensville Challenge to be played in Ahmedabad from January 31 to February 3.

The 120-player tournament, which will set the tone for the new European Challenge Tour season, is India's only Challenge Tour event. It is jointly sanctioned with the Professional Golf Tour of India and will herald the first tournament on home soil for the 2013 PGTI season.

Cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar, a brand ambassadors of the Kensville Golf & Country Club along with golfer Jeev Milkha Singh, will visit the event on the Pro-Am day.

The presence of Beem is a significant coup for the event. Beem scored a historic win at the last Major of 2002 when he rallied from behind to beat Tiger Woods by one shot to win the PGA Championship. He has two other PGA Tour wins to his name.

Wilson, considered one of the 'stars for the future' when he started out has been second on no less than nine occasions on the European Tour, including the HSBC Champions and Alfred Dunhill Links Championships.

The field for the 2013 edition will also include the 2011 winner, Gaganjeet Bhullar, currently the top Indian player in golf's world rankings, and the 2012 runner-up Rahil Gangjee, together with other leading Indian players such as Himmat Rai, Chiragh Kumar, Shamim Khan and Rashid Khan.

Said Jeev on Monday, "I am proud to be associated with this event, which has grown in strength and stature over the past three years. It has opened a new window for young golfers and gives the Indian stars a great chance to make a good start right at the beginning of the year."



**Rich Beem**