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## Travelling is taking a toll on my health

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I am disappointed and excited at the same time – disappointed at Asia's narrow loss to Europe in the Royal Trophy and excited to host the first ever European Challenge Tour event – the Gujarat Kensville Challenge 2011. The host venue, Kensville Golf and Country Club can take pride in being the industry leader in the lifestyle space, having first created a world class golf residential property and then having been instrumental in persuading the European Challenge Tour to make India a stop in their already busy calendar.

It is a matter of pride not only for me but for golf in India in general, as I was chosen to be the first player to put a signature on a golf course.



Looking back at my performance last year, I am looking to a more fruitful year and will try and avoid injuries by reducing the number of

tournaments as the travel to different continents is taking its toll on my health and I surely know that I am not getting any younger. My appreciation goes out to the Chief Minister of Gujarat who has played a pivotal role in the entire development of the state. The Government's support to this event only shows the intention of developing the sport in the State. It is the need of the hour to have more and more public golf courses and driving ranges to not only popularise the sport, but give an opportunity for the general public to take to the sport at affordable costs.

Once again, Kensville has taken an initiative by presenting the golf enthusiasts of Gujarat, India's first three-tiered golf driving range-cum academy located right in the heart of the city.

Coming back to the Gujarat Kensville Challenge, the field is very competitive. There are players who have already tasted some success on the European Tour and are back in the Challenge Tour due to indifferent form and would be keen to get back on the main Tour.