

Sachin to play golf in Ahmedabad

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Ahmedabad: Sachin Tendulkar will be part of the pro-am event in the third edition of the Gujarat Kensville Challenge at Kensville Golf and Country Club scheduled to be played from January 30 to February 3. Former Major champion, Rich Beem and Oliver Wilson, a former Ryder Cup player, will be among the leading stars who will be part of the action here. 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. Oliver 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. He also played in the 2008 Ryder Cup when he teamed up with Henrik Stenson to beat Anthony Kim



READY TO TEE OFF: Sachin Tendulkar

and Phil Mickelson.

It will once again carry a purse of Euros 200,000 but will have an increased field of 120 players, including 63 members from the European Challenge Tour and 57 from

the PGTI. 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.

During a press meet in New Delhi to announce the event, brand ambassador of the course Jeev Milkha Singh said: "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. Gaganjeet, who won this event in 2011, has since matured into a fine golfer and we are sure to find similar champions this year and in the future."

The director of the Challenge Tour Alain de Soultrait added: "We are delighted to be getting the 2013 Challenge Tour season off to such a great start and we thank our partners as well as the Gujarat state for their commitment and support."