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# All set and ready to tee off

## India's First Ever European Challenge Tour Event Starts With Pro-Am Today

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Ahmedabad: All set for the Gujarat Kensville Challenge 2011 to tee off as a star-studded pro-am, which will act as the curtain raiser for the main event which will be played at the Kensville Golf and Country Club course here on Thursday. Indian film industry's living legend Amitabh Bachchan will add lustre to the red letter day in Gujarat golf as he inaugurates the event at the picturesque course here on Wednesday.

Leading Indian pro golfer Jeev Milkha Singh, who will lead India's challenge at the main event is also drawn to play the pro-am along with his father The Flying Sikh Milkha Singh who arrived in Ahmedabad on Tuesday afternoon. This is a very emotional event for both father and son as this is Jeev's signature golf course and the tournament is the first major event that will be played in this course. In fact, this is the first ever European Challenge Tour event to be played in India and in the process Ahmedabad becomes the third city behind Delhi and Kolkata to host an international men's golf tournament. The government of Gujarat is the title sponsor along with the promoters Savvy Group who also owns the Kensville Golf and Country Club.

A treat is in store for 72 amateur golfers who will rub shoulders with names they have only read about and perhaps seen in TV. Apart from Jeev, other stars to be in action during this mega will be the young brigade of Ashok Kumar, the leading professional on the PGTI Order of Merit; Asian Tour regular Gaganjeet Bhullar, Asian Tour event winner Mohd Siddikur Rahman from



Bangladesh; former India No.1 Mukesh Kumar; former Indian Open winner Vijay Kumar and Alessandro Tadini of Italy amongst others in the professional category. Tadini with an earning of Euro 56,196 is ranked 25th in the European Challenge Tour rankings.

Former wicket-keeper and a member of India's 1983 World Cup winning squad, Syed Kirmani, is amongst an esteemed group of amateurs who will vie for top honours in the pro-am which will be played on the Best Ball format. The pro-am will also see few amateurs from Delhi and some more from Baroda, represented by Samarjit Singh Gaekwad, and some Kensville regulars like Shervill Parikh, Sanjay Desai, Siddharth Naik, Alpesh Parikh, Devang Shah and Manish Chokshi amongst others.

### Card of course

Hole	Par	Yards	Metres
1	4	432	395
2	4	388	355
3	4	435	398
4	4	414	379
5	3	198	181
6	5	598	547
7	4	465	425
8	3	205	187
9	5	600	549
10	4	418	382
11	3	158	144
12	4	366	335
13	4	390	357
14	5	531	486
15	4	406	371
16	3	195	178
17	5	621	568
18	4	430	393
OUT	36	3735	3416
IN	36	3515	3214
	72	7250	6630