



Philip Archer



Tim Sluiter

SHIV EYES winner's cheque ...

The Indian golfer enjoys a handy four-shot lead over second round leader, Andrew McArthur (71)

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With a bogeyfree seven-under 65, Shiv Kapur has made himself a favourite to win the third edition of Gujarat Kensville Challenge 2013 held at the Kensville Golf Course on Saturday. On the penultimate day, Kapur snatched all-important four-stroke lead and in the process he re-wrote the course record by Agustin Domingo in the first round.

Holding his own under rather warm conditions, Kapur moved up to 13-under 203 and opened up a handy four-shot lead over playing Andrew McArthur (71) and five clear of Philip Archer (66).

Playing flawless golf, Kapur started the day on birdie note scoring three in his first four holes.

"The first hole birdie was the best I should say because it is tough starting a hole and when you start with a birdie, obviously it gives you some positive momentum for the day. The third I holed a pretty long putt, around 20-25 ft, which I haven't done all

week so nice pleasant change," Kapur said.

Kapur, who opened the week with a bogeyfree 67 on Thursday, has dropped only two bogyes, both in second round. "I am not sure when I last held a four-shot lead," said Kapur, whose previous start at the end of 2012 had ended a seven-year title drought at the Shubhkamna Champions Golf, an event on the domestic PGTI Tour.

Tim Sluiter (70), who goes down on his stomach while checking his line on the green, was lying fourth at seven-under 209. First round leader Domingo was tied fifth with three others at five-under. Mukesh Kumar (68) and Peter Uihlein, the 2010 US Amateur champion, were tied at ninth at four-under 212.

Apart from Kapur, it was a good day for the other Indians too, as Mukesh Kumar (68) moved into the top-10 at four-under and tied ninth, while Himmat Rai (68) was three-under and tied 11th up from overnight 43rd. Gaganjeet Bhullar (73) dropped from overnight tied sixth to 15th, while Rahil Gangjee (74) slipped even fur-

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ther from sixth to 20th.

McArthur, who was all praise for Kapur said, "Shiv didn't miss a chance today and I just left too many out there; but tomorrow is another day. I seemed to get really tired out there but I played good golf for the most part. Shiv just played great. He had a couple of unbelievable up and downs which kept it ticking for him." On his game, the 33-year-old said, "I actually played really well. I definitely didn't putt as well as previous days and had three three-putts from the fringe... so that was disappointing."



...Ensure there isn't a Rahil repeat

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With a comfortable four-shot lead over his closest rival, Shiv Kapur's heartbeats must be racing. But he has to ensure there is no repeat of his friend, Rahil Gangjee's act.

However, Kapur understand the situation and has a game plan too. "I think I want to be in charge of my own destiny and not really leave it in the hands of my competitors. So I intend to just go out and play, in the same way I have played in the last three



Bhullar, Gangjee and Andrea Pavan on third day's play

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days. The goal will be to extend the lead. I have found from past experiences that if you try to defend the lead, you end up being defensive and move away from your natural game-

plan. So the idea is to stay positive and stay aggressive."

Last year Gangjee had succumbed to the pressure, while Germany's Maximilian Kieffer kept his nerve on the play-off hole to clinch the title. Gangjee had carded 68, 69 and 73 on the first three days, came up with a one-under 71 in the final round and joined Kieffer, who played steady throughout the week with the scores of 70, 71, 70 and 70, for the top position. But it was the German who made par in the play-off to win the title.

More numbers, no clear favourite

Seventeen horses to make the starting gates today; pundits call it race of the century; Derby winner to get richer by Rs1.8 crore

Joe Williams MUMBAI

Seldom has an Indian derby been such an open affair. If you are at the Mahalaxmi race course for the McDowell Signature Premium Indian Derby today, you may struggle to identify the 'stand out' horse.

"Everyone participating has a chance in this packed field," said former jockey and Indian Jockey Association's secretary Sherry Kapoor.

Then what do you expect in the country's richest race? First, the number. As many as 17 horses will make the starting gates. As Royal Western Indian Turf Club (RWITC) chairman Khushroo N Dhunjibhoy said, "Never in the last decade has one seen as many horses for a derby. But it will be the race of the century."

So, who has an outside chance in the absence of a clear favourite? "I should think Mon-

tezuma along with seven other horses," Dhunjibhoy said.

Meet Ikram Khan, an accomplished punter who has witnessed ten derbies here. So what if it's an open field, he doesn't mind punting on the first four winners. Why? Well, he could just be the lucky winner of a car at stake.

Kapoor has a strange hunch. No Indian jockey has won a race here in recent times, but he believes that may change in this edition.

"It is said that we haven't seen an Indian jockey winning the race. But on Sunday, one of them might make it big," said Kapoor, who believes that S Zervan, slated to ride Montezuma, the gelding from Pesi Shroff's stable, could pull off a surprise.

The total prize money is Rs2.94 crore and the winner will get richer by Rs1.8 crore.

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Mario hates all things British after moving to AC Milan

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Mario Balotelli poses with the AC Milan jersey after he was officially presented at the San Siro on Friday —AP

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Fernando Alonso will lead Ferrari's challenge this season —Reuters

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STAR FORWARD SCORES 30 POINTS AS INDIANA WIN 102-89 TO RECORD THEIR 13TH STRAIGHT VICTORY AT HOME

West shines as Pacers stun star-studded Heat

Indianapolis: The Indiana Pacers stretched their home-court winning streak to 13 games and closed in on the NBA Central Division lead by beating the Miami Heat 102-89 on Friday.

Indiana moved within half a game of Central-leading Chicago after the Bulls lost 93-89 at the Brooklyn Nets. Brooklyn's city rival New York stayed two and a half games clear in the Atlantic Division by beating Milwaukee. In other key games, Toronto cruised past an undermanned Los Angeles Clippers team, Utah continued its strong home form by beating Portland and Denver won its sixth straight by downing New Orleans.

Indiana's David West scored 30 points and Paul George added 15 as the Pacers beat the Heat for the second time this season. Miami was led by LeBron James with 28 points but this time the Heat were beaten at their own game, with

Indiana shooting a season-high 55.7 per cent from the field.

The Pacers took control with a 13-0 first-half run that turned a 23-20 deficit into a 33-23 lead and they never trailed again. The Brooklyn Nets turned to their bench to eke out a 93-89 win over the Chicago Bulls. Brook Lopez scored 20 points through three quarters, then the bench took over, with Andray Blatch scoring all his 11 points in the fourth quarter. Luol Deng scored 18 points for the Bulls, who played without starters Joakim Noah, Carlos Boozer and Kirk Hinrich.

The New York Knicks won their third straight, steady after a wonky run, by downing the Milwaukee Bucks 96-86. Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points while Amare Stoudemire had 17 points and seven rebounds off the bench for the Knicks, who trailed until a storming run in the third quarter.



Ersan Ilyasova led the Bucks with 19 points and seven rebounds.

The Toronto Raptors were 98-73 winners over the LA Clippers, with Rudy Gay scoring 20 points in his Toronto debut, having just moved from Memphis. Amir Johnson had 19 points and matched his career high with 16 rebounds for the Raptors, who have beaten the Clippers four straight times north of the border.

The Utah Jazz made it eight wins from nine home games by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 86-77. Al Jefferson had 21 points, including two one-handed shots in the lane to clinch the victory, while Paul Millsap had 15 points for the Jazz. LaMarcus Aldridge, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds, led the Blazers. The Denver Nuggets, who won 12 of 15 games in January, started February in similar fashion with a 113-98 win over the New Orleans Hornets. —AP



MONEY MATTERS

Here is the break-up of the prize money, which is Rs44 lakh more than the 2012 edition

- Winner:** Rs1.8 crore
- Runner-up:** Rs57 lakh
- Third:** Rs27 lakh
- Fourth:** Rs15 lakh
- Fifth:** Rs9 lakh
- Sixth:** Rs6 lakh
- Total:** Rs2.94 crore
- Record Time:** Jacqueline in 2010 (2:28.54s)