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Kouskova battles to lead; Indians fail to break par

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Gurugram: The Hero Women's Indian Open could well become Sara Kouskova's favourite. The 25-year-old winless Czech, who closed the 2023 edition of this tournament with a 7-under 65 including eight birdies to finish Tied-fifth, opened on Thursday with a 3-under 69 to take the lead at the challenging DLF Golf and Country Club, which allowed only seven under par rounds.

With the past seven stagings having provided first-time LET winners, Kouskova, who already has five Top-10s in 2024, could add to that streak.

For the battling Kouskova, who won four times on LET Access in 2022, it was a tale of contrasting halves. Starting on the 10th, she birdied 11 and 12 but experienced an agonizing triple bogey on the 13th. She holed out from 85 yards on the Par-5 15th for the day's only eagle. On the second nine, Kouskova made no more

mistakes and picked three birdies to total 69.

Spain's Mireia Prat, French golfer Perrine Delacour and the experienced Florentyna Parker of England, were tied second at 2-under each while three players, Spain's Maria Hernandez, Singapore's Shannon Tan, who has a win in her rookie season this year, and Morocco's Maha Haddioui, were tied for fifth at 1-under. Five others were at par for tied eighth place.

The Order of Merit leader Chiara Tamburlini rode a roller coaster with three birdies and three bogeys over the first 15 holes before dropping a double bogey on the Par-3 16th and ended at 74. She was T-17 alongside

Belgian Manon De Roey (74), who needs to win to keep the Merit race open and a bunch of other players.

None of the 27 Indians broke par with Ridhima Dilawari and Pranavi Urs shooting 74 each and were T-17. Pranavi after starting the day with three straight bogeys fought back to finish at 2-over. Ridhima, who started on the 10th, had three birdies, three bogeys and a double.

The next best Indians were the experienced Vani Kapoor and the teen amateur Zara Anand, who acquitted herself very well on a demanding track for 75 each and were Tied-34th. India's top leading stars, Tvesa Malik (77) at T-56th and Diksha Dagar (78) at T-63 had a rough day.

INDIAN OPEN

Kouskova leads Day One at Women's Indian Open

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Ridhima Dilawari and Pranavi Urs were the best among 27 Indians, both tied 17th at two-over alongside current LET OOM's top two occupants Chiara Tamburlini and Manon De Roey.

"I didn't strike that well. I hit a lot of greens to be honest but whenever I missed the green, I



Sara Kouskova. LET

made bogey and I couldn't control the ball. I am quite upset with the course but it is same for everyone. If you play good golf and hit good shots, you can still do well here," said Tamburlini.

The local trio of Tvesa Malik, Diksha Dagar and Hitaashee Bakshi had a horror day with Malik carding five-over (T-56), Dagar shooting six-over (T-63), and Bakshi eight-over (T-78).

"I didn't get the chemistry going with the course," said Dagar, looking visibly shocked. "It was a tough day, lots of missed putts. I landed on the wrong side of the greens quite a few times."

"They rolled the course a little too much which made the greens very fast. I was playing here after a long time, so I couldn't get used to the speed. I am coming off a tour-

nament in Taiwan where the course was quite slow. Here, the ball was running off the greens. I was never sure whether to hit long or short, not certain which way the ball will break. Some of the good shots I hit also missed the pin," Dagar, who was third here in 2023, said.

Kouskova, who had finished fifth last year, made a strong push on Day 1 but remained conservative about her chances. "A lot of golf is yet to be played. I have to be patient and confident over the next few days," said the 25-year-old.

Kouskova's three birdies in the bogey-free front nine were followed by birdies on the 11th and 12th holes before she floundered with a triple bogey on the 13th. She recovered with an eagle on the 15th and despite a bogey on the 16th, the lead was enough to put her in pole position.

"The front nine was wild. I made a triple bogey but we were like, 'okay, this is DLF, this is what can happen.' We stayed very positive and almost laughed about how ridiculous it can be here. I hit a really good shot on 15. I thought it was a really good distance and it ended up pitching just short and going in the hole," she said.

"I think I'll do the same tomorrow and play as confident as possible. I love it here in India. Last year was my first time and we have lots of good memories. I was able to secure my LET card here last year. So that was a happy memory."

THE HINDU

Kouskova goes into the sole lead

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WOMEN'S INDIAN OPEN

Kamesh Srinivasan
GURUGRAM

Sara Kouskova led the field by a shot as she returned a 3-under 69 in the first round of the Hero Women's Indian Open golf championship at the challenging DLF Golf and Country Club on Thursday.

On a day when only seven of the 114 could go under par, the 25-year-old Czech overcame the challenges with confidence, for the best score, despite a triple bogey.

"The first nine was wild. Hit a good shot on 15th. It is really enjoyable but tough," said Sara, who holed from 85 yards for the only eagle on the 15th hole.

Mirea Prat of Spain, Perrine Delacour of France and Florentyna Parker of England followed Sara with 2-under 70.

"Finishing under par here is always a good round. Missed a few short birdie chances, but you have to be patient," said Meirea Prat.

The Order of Merit leader, Chiara Tamburlini of Switzerland, who has won three titles this season so far, had a difficult day, as she went 2-over par 74, the same as the two best Indian players, Ridhima Dilawari and Pranavi Urs.

The player who has been in focus in the last two days, as she won the Hero Shot skill event and



Leading the pack: Kouskova returned a 3-under 69 in a tough first round, despite a triple bogey. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the Pro-Am, Diksha Dagar struggled as she went 6-over 78. Tvesa Malik was one shot better than her.

Zara Anand and Vani Kapoor were 3-over 75, among the better performing Indians from among the strong presence of 27 players.

The players have just

warmed up for the interesting times ahead.

The results (round one): Sara Kouskova (Cze) 69; Mirea Prat (Esp), Perrine Delacour (Fra), Florentina Parker (Eng) 70; Maria Hernandez (Esp), Shannon Tan (Sgp), Maha Haddiqui (Mar) 71; Agathe Sauzon (Fra), Marianne Skarpnord (Nor), Momoka Kobori (Nzl), Kirsten Rudgeley (Aus), Alice Hewson (Eng) 72.

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LET Merit leader Chiara Tamburlini stays focussed at HWIO

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Swiss golfer Chiara Tamburlini, in her debut Ladies European Tour season, is vying to win the Order of Merit after securing three victories this year. As she prepares for the Hero Women's Indian Open, Tamburlini aims to maintain her form without succumbing to overconfidence. Meanwhile, top Indian contenders like Dik ... [Read More](#)



Chiara Tamburlini. (Photo by Alex Burstow/Getty Images)

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Hindustan Times

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PTI

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HT Syndication

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Business Today

<https://www.businesstoday.in/bt-golf-/news/story/czech-sara-kouskova-is-surprise-hero-womens-india-open-early-leader-451453-2024-10-24>



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The Week

<https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/sports/2024/10/24/spd37-spo-golf-wom-ind.html>

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However, 25-year-old Kouskova overcame testing conditions and an early morning haze to shoot three-under and was one of just seven players in the 114-strong field to break par.

She led Mireia Prat of Spain, Florentyna Parker of England, and France's Perrine Delacour, who returned identical 2-under 70s, by a shot on a day that did not see a single bogey-free round.

Republic World

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The Statesman

<https://www.thestatesman.com/sports/womens-indian-open-golf-in-form-tamburlini-the-one-to-beat-this-year-1503357063.html>



Six winners from the current season and another six from 2023 feature in the field of 114 players from 31 countries at the 2024 edition of Women's Indian Open, which gets underway at DLF Golf and Country Club here on Thursday.

Only one among the dozen has bagged more than one title – Chiara Tamburlini of Switzerland – and she could do it once again this week at the US\$ 400,000 Ladies European Tour event. The goal for Tamburlini is a fourth title in 2024 and to seal the LET Order of Merit come Sunday. At 69th position, she is the highest world-ranked player in the elite field that also features 27 Indians, including five amateurs.

My Khel

<https://www.mykhel.com/more-sports/hero-womens-indian-open-sara-kouskova-conquers-fast-greens-to-take-day-1-honours-316089.html>



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Bharat ki Baat

<https://bharatkibaat.co.in/2024/10/24/indian-golfers-face-challenges-on-womens-indian-opens-opening-day/>

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Kouskova's performance placed her a stroke ahead of the competition, while Ridhima and Pranavi ended the day tied for 17th with scores of 2-over-par 74, amidst a large group of competitors. Olympian Diksha Dagar had a particularly tough round, finishing at 6-over 78, which included five bogeys and a double-bogey on the par-5 eighth hole. She managed to secure a birdie at the end to mitigate the impact of her score.

Tvesa Malik finished just ahead of Diksha with a score of 5-over 77, placing her in a tie for 56th alongside Khushi Khanijau. Promising amateur Zara Anand shared 34th place with a score of 3-over, while fellow amateurs Mannat Brar and Janneya Dasannie were tied for 41st, one stroke behind.

Kouskova, 25, showcased her skills despite the challenging conditions and early morning haze, becoming one of only seven players in the 114-strong field to finish under par. She led a group that included Mireia Prat from Spain, England's Florentyna Parker, and Perrine Delacour from France, all of whom recorded identical scores of 2-under 70.

Daily Hunt Mobile

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<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/sports-games/3134022-kouskova-shines-at-hero-womens-indian-open-amidst-challenging-conditions>

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Kouskova's steady performance featured birdies and an impressive eagle, contrasting sharply with the struggles of local players who could not keep bogeys at bay. Tvesa Malik ended her round at 5-over, with others such as Khushi Khanijau also struggling to find their game.

The leaderboard showcased a diverse field, with Mireia Prat, Florentyna Parker, and Perrine Delacour all trailing Kouskova by just one stroke. The competition remains fierce, with players vying for top positions on a tough day that saw no bogey-free rounds.

NEWS DRUM

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However, Kouskova, 25, overcame testing conditions and morning fog to shoot three under par and was one of seven players in the 114-player field to break par.