Tamburlini keeps the lead

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Switzerland's Chiara Tamburlini led the leaderboard at six-under, while India's Asian Games gold medallist Pranavi Urs and Argentina's Magdalena Simmermacher were tied second at four-under at the Hero Women's Indian Open here.

Meanwhile, amateur Ojaswini Saraswat became the youngest Indian ever to make the cut at a Ladies European Tour event.

The 13-year-old Jaipur golfer, who was supposed to gain exposure at the tournament, carded a remarkable three-under 69 in the second round after opening with a seven-over 79 to make the cut at four-over 148 and was T-26.

She is the youngest Indian and the second youngest player overall to make the cut at a LET event. Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn was 12 when she made the cut at the 2008 Finnair Masters.



Chiara Tamburlini

Ojaswini's second-round effort featured seven birdies against four bogeys. She birdied all four par-3 holes and, after remaining level par through 15 holes, finished with three consecutive birdies to secure her place in the weekend rounds.

Ojaswini, a former runner-up at the US Kids World Championship in Pinehurst in 2024 and silver medallist at the US Kids European Championship the same year, has already gained international exposure despite her age.

She began playing golf at four, after discovering the Mohali Golf Range located in front of her house, and now trains at Jaipur's Rambagh Golf Club.

Ojaswini earned her place in the field through her position among the leading Indian players available from the World Amateur Golf Rankings.

She had also attended junior camps organised by the Women's Golf Association of India ahead of the 2018 edition of the tournament.

Watching last year's Indian Open had inspired her to aspire to compete at the event, and has now turned that ambition into a memorable milestone.

Scores: (after 36 holes): 67-71(-6): Chiara Tamburlini; 70-70: Pranavi Urs, 68-72 (-4): Magdalena Simmermacher; 69-72: Sara Kouskova, 71-70 (-3): Camille Chevalier.