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Ashley Edges Closer to Retaining 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships 2016

Defending champion Ashley Lau of Hills Australia edged closer to retaining the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 Girls 15-18 title with a one under par score of 71 in today's second round to move three shots clear of Winnie Ng from Malaysia.

Ashley's total score of 147 coupled with a commanding display today, ensured she moved ahead of the field she was bunched with yesterday, namely Winnie, Liyana Durisic and Kelie Kan. Winnie couldn't keep pace with Ashley today and carded a 74 to round off her two-day total of 150. Natasha Andrea Oon completed the top three with a total of 153, three shots behind Winnie.

"My game was pretty good today and putting also improved. I would credit my lead in today's second round to my consistent play and the course was also to my liking. For tomorrow's final round, I hope to play better than today and I am confident and prepared to retain my title," said Ashley.

The Boys 15-18 title does not look so straightforward and is expected to go down the wire with yesterday's leader, Lim Beng Keat holding a slender one shot lead over a trio of challengers - Adam Arif Madzri, the Boys U-15 RSGC AmBank Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship 2015 champion who surged up the leader board from 14th position yesterday, Thailand's Pattabab Bruminthent and Bryan Tan from Malaysia.

Beng Keat played badly today and fired a five-over 77 to score a two-day total of 147 while Adam shot a one under par 71, the best score for the day, for a two-day total of 148.

In the Boys 13-14 category, Dubai-based Malaysian Zubair Firdaus looks all set to cruise for his maiden title in the 11th AmBank SportExcel International Junior Golf Championship 2016 with a two-under par 70 to take a nine-shot lead against second placed Ariyawat Ju-Prang of Thailand.

For the Girls 13-14, U-12 and Boys U-12 categories, Thailand looks set to claim all three titles with each of their golfers holding leads which may not change hands come tomorrow's final round.

Background

The Best Players from the Blue Tee (Boys 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) and White Tee (Girls 13-14 and 15-18 age group category) will also be vying for the Tan Sri Azman Hashim trophy, named after the AmBank Group Chairman.

This tournament features a total of 122 juniors will play in six age group categories namely, 12 years and below, 13-14 years and 15-18 years, both in Boys and Girls category.

The main prize categories in the Championship are:

- 1st-4th placing for each category.
- Overall Best Blue-Tee and Overall Best White-Tee
- Overall Best Gross Score

In addition, the Overall Best Gross Score will receive a one-year scholarship from Hills Golf Academy, Gold Coast, Australia worth approximately RM150,000 or \$45,000 Australian Dollar (AUD). Another four best local players will receive a one-month scholarship worth approximately RM26,000 or \$8,000 Australian Dollar (AUD).

Results (Malaysians unless stated):

Second Round Scores

Boys

15-18:

147: Lim Beng Keat 70-77; 148: Adam Arif Madzri 77-71; 148: Pattanan Bruminthent (Thai) 72-76

13-14:

146: Zubair Firdaus 76-70; 155: Ariyawat Ju-Prang (Thai) 82-73; 155: Supakit Seelngage (Thai) 75-80

U-12:

143: Weerawish Narprachar (Thai) 72-71; 145: Hsuan An Yu (Chinese Taipei) 72-73; 145: Tunyapat Sukkoed (Thai) 73-72

Girls

15-18:

147: Ashley Lau (Aus) 76-71; 150: Winnie Ng 76-74; 153: Natasha Andrea Oon 78-75;

152: Panchalika Arphamongkol (Thai) 76-76; 163: G. Vinisha 83-80; 165: Angel Hii 85-80

U-12:

142: Suththinee Ngam-khum (Thai) 71-71; 146: Phannarai Meesom-us (Thai) 75-71; 152: Jumpita Chul-ak-sorn (Thai) 78-74

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