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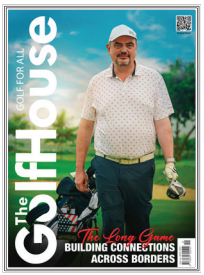

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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

A scorecard tells us where a golfer finished. It takes a closer look to understand how they got there—and what might come next. In this October issue, we consider both the performances and the conditions that shape Bangladesh golf.

Our cover conversation with U.S. Ambassador Brent T. Christensen offers a personal account of the game's appeal. He speaks about returning to golf, discovering Bangladesh's courses and finding common ground with people through a shared interest. His observations capture something familiar to many golfers: even after a difficult round, there is usually a reason to return.

For Bangladesh's competitive golfers, the questions are more demanding. The Asian Games campaign at Kasugai highlighted the challenge of sustaining good golf across four rounds. A useful assessment must examine preparation, course management and consistency, then translate those findings into better practice and competition.

Siddikur Rahman's closing performance at the CAS Cup showed the importance of composure when a title is at stake. The Bangladesh Junior Golf Championship, meanwhile, offered emerging players a valuable regional test. Their next steps will depend on continued access to coaching and meaningful competition.

That need runs through our interviews with BPGA President Mohammad Younus and professional golfer Mohammad Rasel. A reliable domestic calendar and sustained support give players the confidence to plan, improve and pursue opportunities overseas. Progress will be measured by how consistently those opportunities materialise.

Beyond competition, we explore Kasugai's architecture, the quiet presence of Kurmitola's new mosque and the friendships that sustain Old Buddies golf. These stories help explain why the game holds its place in people's lives.

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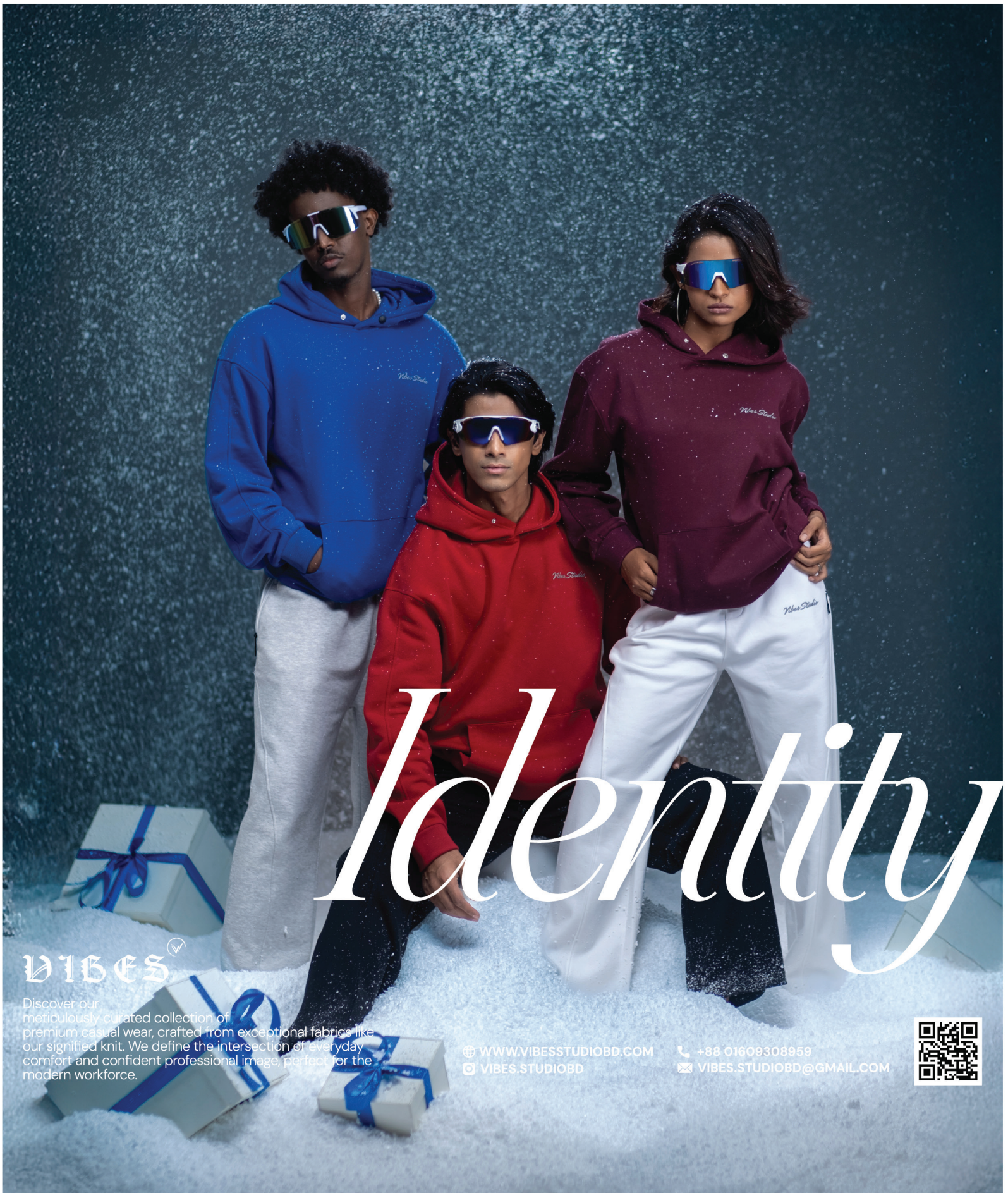



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Set among the rolling hills of Japan's Aichi Prefecture, Kasugai Country Club combines generous fairways, demanding greens and thoughtful architecture to offer a golfing experience where strategy matters as much as distance.



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Kasugai Country Club, in Japan's Aichi Prefecture, appears to understand that balance particularly well.

Established in 1964, the club has 36 holes spread across two distinct courses, East and West. With tree-lined fairways, gentle changes in elevation and carefully positioned bunkers, it offers the sort of traditional Japanese golf setting where the beauty of the surroundings is matched by the demands of the game.

The club's appeal begins with its landscape. Unlike courses built around





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dramatic cliffs or extreme elevation changes, Kasugai makes use of rolling terrain, established trees and natural contours. Its relatively generous fairways provide breathing space from the tee, but that freedom does not necessarily translate into easy scoring.

For golfers accustomed to narrow landing areas, the opportunity to swing freely with a driver is certainly welcome. Yet the real examination often begins with the second shot, when the position of the ball, the angle of approach and



the surrounding bunkers become more important than the distance achieved from the tee.

Two courses, two different challenges
One of Kasugai's strongest attractions is the contrast between its two layouts.

The East Course, renovated by golf course architect David Dale, stretches to 7,050 yards from the black tees. It combines relatively open playing corridors with a more demanding examination around the greens. Subtle undulations and strategically placed hazards require golfers to think carefully about where they want their approach shots to finish.

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The layout encourages attacking golf, but not without consequences. A powerful drive may leave a short iron into the green, although an approach played to the wrong section can still turn a birdie opportunity into a difficult two-putt for par.



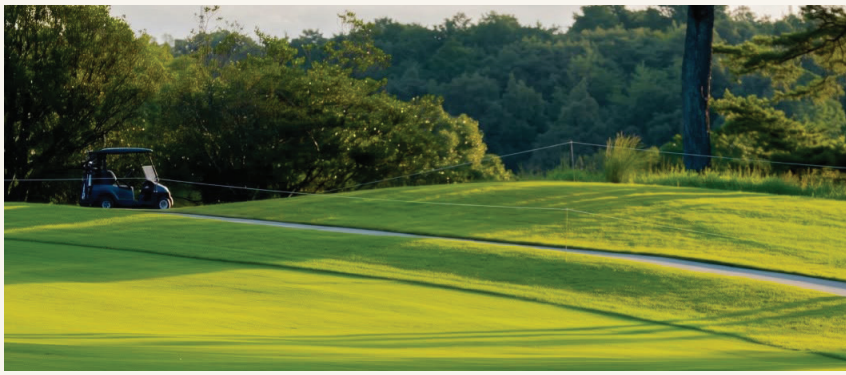
The West Course, designed by renowned Japanese architect Seiichi Inoue, presents a different character. At approximately 6,900 yards from the back tees, depending on the greens in use, it makes greater use of the natural slopes and elevation changes.

Its sixth hole is particularly interesting, featuring a downhill tee shot over water. It is the kind of hole that asks golfers to make a decision before reaching for a club. The temptation to attack must be weighed against the consequences of a poorly struck shot.

Across both courses, the design rewards players who understand that good golf is not always about taking the most aggressive option.

Where the real test begins
The greens deserve particular attention. Kasugai's bentgrass putting surfaces, combined with the surrounding contours, place considerable importance on distance control, accurate approach play and the ability to read subtle breaks. A golfer who consistently finds the





fairway may still struggle to produce a good score without a reliable short game.

Bunkers add another dimension. Rather than relying entirely on narrow fairways or intimidating hazards, the course uses sand traps to influence shot selection and approach angles.

That makes Kasugai an interesting proposition for players of different abilities. Higher-handicap golfers can appreciate the relatively generous landing areas, while accomplished amateurs and professionals face a more demanding challenge when trying to attack flags and convert scoring opportunities.

There is also something appealing about a course that allows different strategies to succeed. A cautious player may choose a safer route to the green, while a more adventurous golfer might attempt a demanding carry in search of a better approach.

A setting that adds to the experience Kasugai's landscape is an important part of its character. Mature trees, rolling fairways and water features create a setting that changes with the seasons.

Spring and autumn are particularly attractive periods for golf in Aichi, offering more comfortable playing conditions than the humid summer months.

The club also provides a substantial practice facility, with a 250-yard driving range and 48 hitting bays. For serious golfers, having adequate space to warm up before a round is a practical advantage.

Beyond the course, Kasugai reflects the traditions associated with Japanese golf clubs, where etiquette, presentation and respect for the game remain important. Visitors should familiarise themselves with the club's dress code and playing arrangements before arriving.

What makes Kasugai Country Club appealing is not simply its 36 holes or its architectural heritage. It is the balance between accessibility and difficulty.

The fairways offer room to play, but the greens demand precision. The landscape provides beauty without distracting from the strategic challenge. And the two courses give golfers an opportunity to experience different styles of design within the same club.

There is, however, an important distinction between evaluating a course's architecture and assessing its everyday playing condition. Green speeds, bunker consistency, turf quality and pace of play require an on-site assessment before any definitive judgement can be made.

On the evidence of its layout and facilities, Kasugai stands out as a compelling destination for golfers visiting central Japan.



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KASUGAI SHOWS THE WAY FORWARD FOR BANGLADESH GOLF

For Bangladesh, the most telling numbers at Kasugai Country Club were not the final positions alone. They were the fluctuations between rounds: a promising score followed by a costly setback, a recovery arriving after the medal race had moved beyond reach. Across four days in Japan, the Asian Games offered a demanding assessment of where the country's golf stands.

Bangladesh finished 11th in the men's team event at the Aichi-Nagoya Games, with Siddikur Rahman leading its three-member side. The competition, held from September 30 to October 3, ended with South Korea's Tom Kim taking individual gold and China winning the men's team title. For Bangladesh, the outcome brought disappointment, but also specific lessons beyond the familiar appeal for greater exposure.

Siddikur closed with a one-under-par 69 to finish tied for 27th on 282, two over par. His rounds of 69, 71, 73 and 69 showed an encouraging response on the final day, although the third-round setback had already limited his prospects. Bangladesh's leading performer finished 20 strokes behind Kim, a gap that puts the scale of the challenge into perspective.

Badal Hossain's tournament followed a sharper rise and fall. A second-round 68 lifted his campaign, but a 76 the following day surrendered much of that progress. He recovered with a closing



All the gold medalists and journey of Bangladesh

70 to finish tied for 33rd on 285, five over par. His best round demonstrated scoring potential; the challenge was carrying that standard through the entire competition.

Jamal Hossain Mollah also produced a second-round improvement, returning 69 after an opening 75. However, rounds of 74 and 75 left him tied for 35th on 293, thirteen over par. Taken together, the Bangladeshi scorecards suggest that the central issue was sustaining competitive golf across 72 holes. Individual good rounds could not compensate fully for the damage elsewhere.

That distinction matters in a team competition where the best two scores count each day. A strong individual performance needs support, and a difficult round becomes more expensive when teammates cannot provide sufficient cover. Bangladesh's campaign therefore deserves examination as a collective effort, rather than another verdict resting primarily on Siddikur's shoulders. Greater depth would make the side less vulnerable to sudden reversals.

At the top of the leaderboard, Kim supplied the sustained improvement Bangladesh needed. His rounds of 67, 66, 65 and 64 produced an eighteen-under-par total of 262. Japan's Kazuki Higa, China's Ding Wenyi and Thailand's Sadom Kaewkanjana finished three strokes behind. Higa took silver after a playoff, with Sadom claiming bronze. Kim's victory also secured exemption from South Korea's mandatory military service.

China's team gold added a different dimension to the tournament. South Korea took silver and Japan bronze, a reminder that producing the individual champion does not automatically deliver



China, India and Chinese Taipei swept away Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively

the strongest team. For Bangladesh, the relevance is straightforward: building a competitive national side requires several golfers capable of contributing consistently. One established player cannot be expected to absorb every shortfall over four rounds.

The women's event offered a compelling counterpoint to the established names. India's Pranavi Sharath Urs won individual gold on 265, fifteen under par, becoming the first Indian woman to claim the title. China's Yin Ruoning took silver and Singapore's Shannon Tan bronze. Urs recovered from a final-round triple bogey to protect her advantage, demonstrating the value of composure when a tournament threatens to unravel.

China also won women's team gold, while India secured silver and Chinese Taipei bronze. India's success should interest Bangladesh because it places a regional achievement alongside the continent's established golfing powers. It provides encouragement without making the route to medals appear easy.

Breakthroughs require players who can withstand pressure, recover from mistakes and compete effectively against opponents with stronger international credentials.

For Bangladesh, a useful review must now move from results to preparation. Coaches and players should examine where strokes were lost, whether course management contributed to the expensive rounds, and how practice can address those weaknesses. The available scores identify inconsistency; they do not establish its causes. That distinction should guide the assessment and prevent broad assumptions from replacing a proper technical review.

The longer task is to give emerging golfers a clearer route from domestic competition to demanding international fields. Regular competitive opportunities, purposeful coaching and support for junior development would strengthen that progression. Siddikur's continued presence remains valuable, but Bangladesh needs more players able to share the responsibility. Kasugai should become a reference point for that work, with progress measured through scoring, consistency and stronger team performances.

An eleventh-place finish deserves neither celebration nor dismissal. It records Bangladesh's position in this competition and leaves a practical question for those shaping its future: what will change before the next major test? The answer will determine whether these four days remain another experience gained, or become the starting point for a more competitive Bangladesh team. Preparation must begin while lessons remain fresh.

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SIDDIKUR RALLIES TO CLINCH CAS CUP TITLE

A closing 66 takes Siddikur past overnight leader Akbar for a five-shot victory



> Siddikur broke 70 every day and went lowest when it mattered most ;Akbar's 65 gave him the lead

Two shots behind with a round to play, Mohammad Siddikur Rahman produced his best golf on the final day to win the 2nd CAS Cup Professional Golf Tournament at Kurmitola Golf Club on September 8.

Siddikur finished on 14-under-par 202, five strokes ahead of Akbar Hossain, after three days of competition organised by the Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association.

The winning margin hardly reflected the position a day earlier. Akbar had followed his opening 69 with a seven-under 65, the tournament's lowest round, to move two shots clear. Siddikur's successive 68s kept him close, but left him needing a strong finish.

He delivered one. A six-under 66 took Siddikur to 14 under, while Akbar's closing 73 left him on nine-under 207. A contest that began the day with Akbar in front ended with Siddikur comfortably ahead.

The difference lay in their scoring across the three rounds. Akbar's 65 gave him the lead; Siddikur broke 70 every day and went lowest when it mattered most.

Behind them, Md Muaj and Md Solayeman finished on even-par 216. Both opened with 68 but lost ground thereafter. Muaj returned 76 and 72,



while Solayeman followed with two rounds of 74.

Md Somrat Sikdar finished a stroke further back on 217, ahead of Md Atik Hossain on 218 and Abdur Rahman on 219.

Mohammad Sharif Hossain won the amateur title with a four-over total of 220. He started with a 69 before completing his tournament with rounds of 75 and 76.

Chief of Army Staff and Bangladesh Golf Federation President General Waker-Uz-Zaman presented the prizes at the closing ceremony. Lieutenant General Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, Quartermaster General of the Bangladesh Army and senior vice-president of the federation, also attended alongside federation, BPGA and club officials.

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Siddikur Rahman with BPGA President Mohammed Younus and Secretary General Sifat Ahmed Chaudhuri at the 2nd CAS Cup 2026 at Kurmitola Golf Club.



BANGLADESH BOYS SHINE AS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP OFFERS A WIDER TEST

Zihad and Sakibul claim boys' honours, Pakistan's girls lead the way, and regional competition puts emerging talent in sharper focus

Md Zihad saved his best round for the final day. Md Sakibul Hasan relied on steadiness across all three. Their contrasting routes to victory gave Bangladesh the boys' honours at the Bangladesh Junior Golf Championship 2026, while Pakistan's success in the girls' events added a compelling regional dimension to the competition.

Held at Kurmitola Golf Club from September 24 to 26, the 54-hole championship offered young golfers a test of both scoring ability and resilience. The final results revealed clear strengths among Bangladesh's leading boys, an encouraging recovery by one of its girls, and considerable differences in experience across the field.

Reporting in Pakistan's Daily Times put the tournament's participation at 84 golfers from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Mongolia and Cambodia. For the hosts, the strongest results came from players listed under the Junior Division, who occupied the leading positions in both boys' groups.



Maj Gen Md Sajjad Hossain, SUP, ndc, afwc, psc, attends the Junior Golf Championship as chief guest, celebrating the enthuisiasm of young golfers and encouraging the next generation to pursue their passion for the game.



Zihad won the younger boys' division with a four-over-par total of 220, finishing four strokes ahead of Syed Mahdi Mahbeer. After rounds of 74 and 75, Zihad closed with a one-under-par 71, the lowest final-round score in his division.

The timing mattered. Zihad and Mahbeer had both reached 149 after two rounds, leaving the title to be settled over the last 18 holes. Mahbeer returned a 75, while Zihad produced the round that separated them.

Md Hasan finished third on 242 after improving each day with scores of 84, 81 and 77. Md Hossain followed on 244, completing a Bangladesh sweep of the top four places. Pakistan's Muhammad Musa Adil Waraich and Behzad Murtaza finished fifth and sixth with totals of 247 and 249 respectively.

In the older boys' division, Sakibul's rounds of 73, 74 and 73 brought him the title on 220, also four over par. There was little fluctuation in his scoring, and that consistency proved decisive in a contest where several challengers lost ground on the final day.

Sheikh Mohammad Sameer Hossain and Mujahidul Islam both finished on 224. Sameer had moved into contention with a second-round 71 before closing with 77. Mujahidul, who opened with 71, followed with 74 and 79. The official result sheet

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placed Sameer second and Mujahidul third.

Muhammad Noyon, Pakistan's Mustafa Zubair and Md Irfan Hasan all returned totals of 229, demonstrating how closely matched the next group of contenders were. Pakistan's Muhammad Barik Ayub finished on 235, while Mongolia and Nepal were also represented among those completing all three rounds.
Pakistan supplied the leading performances in the girls' competition. Jannat Aamer Jami topped the combined girls' result sheet with rounds of 84, 82 and 95 for 261. Nabeeha Nafees followed on 272 after scores of 90, 92 and 90. Pakistani reports identified Jannat as the Girls Under-15 champion and Nabeeha as the Under-19 winner, with Areeba Rizwan runner-up in the latter category.

Bangladesh's Shamsunnahar Shefa provided one of the tournament's most encouraging individual stories. An opening 101 left her with substantial ground to recover, but she responded with 90 and then 85 to finish third on the combined girls' leaderboard with 276. Her final round was the lowest recorded by any girl that day.
Fawjiya Islam Moon finished next on 282. Shefa's improvement showed why the final standings alone cannot fully describe a junior tournament: learning to recover after a difficult round is itself part of becoming a competitive golfer.

There was a development lesson in Pakistan's campaign, too. According to the Daily Times, all nine members of its squad belonged to the Ace Junior Golf League, which provides regular competition through monthly events and age-group championships. Its success in Dhaka offered an example of how sustained opportunities at home can prepare players for competition abroad.

For Bangladesh, the boys' victories were an encouraging outcome. The wider spread of scores, however, suggests that developing depth remains a longer task. More frequent competition and coaching that addresses each player's weaknesses would help turn promising rounds into dependable performances.

Zihad's closing 71, Sakibul's consistency and Shefa's recovery gave the hosts plenty to build on. The next measure of progress will be how often these young golfers get the chance to test themselves again.











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Golf has followed Brent T. Christensen, the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, across different stages of his life; sometimes closely, sometimes after breaks lasting years. Initially considering golf as both a sport and a useful professional skill, he later found something more enduring in the game: competition, friendship, mental challenge and the simple pleasure of being outdoors. In an exclusive interview with TheGolfHouse, Christensen discusses growing up with Tiger Woods' rise, memorable courses from the Philippines to Nebraska, his unique experiences in different golf courses within the beautiful landscapes of Bangladesh, and how golf can strengthen people-to-people ties between the two nations in the future.

What first drew you to golf, and what keeps you coming back?
I first took golf lessons when I was in school. I thought it would be a great way to learn a sport and, at the same time, a useful skill for business.

But I've played on and off for years, probably more off than on. I might play for a year and then take five years off, or play for two years and take 10 years off.

I started playing again about two years ago. I enjoy being outdoors, and golf is social but also mentally challenging. It's one of those sports where, even when you play badly, you still want to come back the next weekend.

Which courses around the world have left a lasting impression on you?
One is Manila Golf in the Philippines. I lived right next door to it when I served there. It was a members' club, so I could only play when invited by a friend. But I could watch golfers from my apartment almost every day. It's a beautiful course right in the heart of Manila.

> Golf and diplomacy have one thing in common: you're never going to master either of them.

I also took up golf again while living in Nebraska, which has some beautiful courses in the Sandhills. I didn't get to play all the ones I wanted to, so when I retire, I'm definitely planning to go back.

My handicap is still too high for some of the world's great courses, so I need to keep getting better.

Is there a golfer you particularly admire?
I'm the same age as Tiger Woods. When I was first learning golf as a student, Tiger was coming onto the scene. He changed golf forever and brought tremendous excitement to the sport.

I actually saw him play in one of his early tournaments at the John Deere Classic near my hometown in Iowa, and I've followed him ever since. He's truly one of the greats.

Today, it's hard to argue with Scottie Scheffler. He's a very humble, down-to-earth person, which is something I admire. I also enjoy watching Bryson DeChambeau on YouTube, particularly his Breaking 50 series.

Beyond competition and scorecards, what does golf mean to you?
Golf is one of those games that very few people will ever master, but it keeps you coming back.

It's physical – you have to get the swing right – but it's equally mental. You need strategy. And then there's the social side: you can play with friends and spend a morning together.

Very few sports combine competition, socialising, exercise and mental strategy in quite the same way. It's a complete package.





Has golf influenced your approach to diplomacy?
I've been a diplomat more consistently than I've been a golfer!

But one thing golf and diplomacy have in common is that you're never going to master either of them. The game is always changing, and diplomacy is always changing.

You have to adapt, remain flexible and accept that you're going to have some bad days. But you keep coming back.

Which courses have you played in Bangladesh, and do you have a favourite?
In my almost eight months as ambassador, I've had the opportunity to play in four courses in Bangladesh.

Playing golf in Bangladesh has certainly challenged me. A lot of the fairways are long. I've never had to learn to hit my 3-wood so much in my life. My wife even had to buy a 3-wood because the fairways are so long.

And during the rainy season, I lose a lot of balls in the water. So I'm looking forward to playing more in the winter and hopefully losing fewer golf balls.

I've played in Jolshiri the most, so I'd probably call it my home course here. I really like the setting. Next to the river, it almost feels as though you're outside the city. It's also challenging because many of the holes are quite long.

I've probably played Kurmitola the second most. It's the only 18-hole course in Dhaka—and I lose a lot of balls on the back nine.

I've played in Army Golf Course once and had a lot of fun there. The grass is different and presents a different challenge.

But the most beautiful course I've played in Bangladesh is Bhatiary in Chattogram. Walking up the hills and teeing off from elevation towards the greens made it a memorable experience.

I still have quite a bit of time as ambassador, so I'm hoping to play in more courses and see what else Bangladesh has to offer.

What is your impression of Bangladesh's golfing culture?
Bangladesh has what I would describe as a small but vibrant golf community.

Golf has become a great conversation starter for me here. Whenever I meet another golfer—whether at an airport lounge or on the course—it immediately gives us something in common.

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BRENT T. CHRISTENSEN QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

Favourite golfer of all time?
Tiger Woods. I watched him play early in his career and have followed him ever since. He changed golf forever.

Current golfer you most admire?
Scottie Scheffler. He is an outstanding player but remains humble and down-to-earth.

Favourite golf course in Bangladesh?
Jolshiri is my home course here, but Bhatiary is the most beautiful course I have played in Bangladesh.

Most memorable overseas course?
Manila Golf in the Philippines. It is a beautiful course located right in the heart of the city.

A golfing destination on your bucket list?
The Sandhills of Nebraska. I hope to return after retirement and play more of its remarkable courses.

What keeps you coming back to golf?
The combination of competition, friendship, exercise and mental challenge—even after a bad round.

Golf and diplomacy in one line?
You never completely master either; you must remain flexible, adapt and keep coming back.

Biggest golfing challenge in Bangladesh?
The long fairways—and losing golf balls in the water during the rainy season!

Golf gives people a common language

I've received many invitations to play, and I hope to take up more of them in the future.

How can golf strengthen people-to-people ties between USA and Bangladesh?
I think there are already good connections between the United States and Bangladesh through golf. A number of golfers here travel to the U.S. to play, and the United States has some fantastic golf brands. I'd like to see more of them in Bangladesh.

But golf also provides a common language. People can share their love of the game and build relationships from that common interest. That's one of the things sport does very naturally.

What could make the biggest difference to the development of golf in Bangladesh?
Golf in Bangladesh has been developing for several years, and I've had conversations with some of the leadership of Bangladesh Golf Federation.

I know they're working to develop the courses and hopefully position Bangladesh to be part of the Asian Tour in the future. I think that would go a long way.

Personally, I'd also love to see a tee-time system. I'm fairly constrained for time, so being able to schedule exactly when I'm going to tee off would make a significant difference.

What are you looking forward to as Los Angeles prepares to host the 2028 Olympic Games?
I think the Games in Los Angeles will be truly spectacular. Nobody hosts an event quite like the United States.

President Trump is very focused on showing the very best of the United States, and I'm excited about golf being part of the Olympics.

I'm hoping we'll bring home the gold. We have some fantastic players, and it will be another opportunity for them to shine on the world stage.



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How could the U.S. Embassy support greater engagement through sport?
The United States has programmes in sports diplomacy. Right now in Bangladesh, those programmes are focused on cricket, which is growing in popularity in the United States and is, of course, hugely popular here.

For golf, I think the immediate opportunity is through people-to-people connections between Bangladeshi and American golfers, as well as commercial ties involving golf brands. Our Commercial Service is happy to help facilitate those connections. Hopefully, we'll also see Bangladeshi golfers qualify for the Olympics and bring Bangladesh golf further onto the world stage.

Finally, what message would you like to share with golfers in Bangladesh and TheGolfHouse readers?
Brent T. Christensen: Keep playing and keep striving. Don't let one bad game ruin things for you. You have to come back mentally and make every shot count.

Finally, happy 11th anniversary to TheGolfHouse. Congratulations on your success so far and on the work you've done to promote golf in Bangladesh.







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AMERICA RALLIES TO RETAIN THE PRESIDENTS CUP

A 17–13 victory at Medinah extended the US winning streak to 11 editions, but the International Team made the champions work for it.



The Presidents Cup trophy against the Chicago skyline. Source: PGA of Canada / Presidents Cup

The United States overturned a three-point deficit on the final day to defeat the International Team 17–13 in the 2026 Presidents Cup, preserving a winning run that had looked in serious danger after three days at Medinah Country Club.

Jacob Bridgeman delivered the clinching point with a 1-up victory over Australia's Min Woo Lee. The Americans won the Sunday singles session 9½–2½, turning an overnight disadvantage of 7½–10½ into an 11th consecutive title. Brandt Snedeker's side had found its strongest response at the last possible stage.

For Geoff Ogilvy and the Internationals, the result was a painful ending to a week that had offered a credible route to victory. They swept Friday's foursomes, kept a three-point cushion through Saturday and entered the singles with the initiative. By Sunday evening, that advantage had disappeared.

A lead that changed the contest

Thursday's four-ball session gave the United States a modest 3–2 lead. It was Friday that reshaped the week. The Internationals won all five alternate-shot matches to move 7–3 ahead, exposing how little individual reputation can guarantee when two players must share one ball.

The hosts recovered a point on Saturday morning, taking the four-ball session 2½–1½. A 2–2 split in the afternoon foursomes left the visitors three points clear. The International Team had done enough to ensure that Sunday would be a genuine contest, rather than a procession towards another American presentation ceremony.

With 12 points available in singles, the arithmetic remained open. The United States needed eight points to reach the outright winning mark of 15½. The Internationals needed five. Those figures help explain both the scale of the American recovery and the disappointment awaiting their opponents.

The score needs context

A four-point winning margin can suggest comfort. Here, it conceals the uncertainty that preceded it. The Americans were outscored in the paired sessions and had to win decisively when the format changed. Their final-day



superiority was real; so was the threat they had faced.

Medinah therefore produced two stories worth remembering. One was an American team's capacity to recover under pressure. The other was an International side that created a winning position and could not convert it. The trophy went to the United States. The argument about how close this rivalry can become remains open.

The singles session that turned the Cup

Sunday asked the Americans to recover across the line-up. One outstanding performance would not be enough. They needed a succession of wins, including points from matches that remained unsettled deep into the round.

Justin Thomas supplied an emphatic contribution, beating Corey Conners 5 and 3. Patrick Cantlay defeated Adam Scott 2 and 1, with a 57-foot putt from off the 16th green providing one of the afternoon's defining shots. In a session



where every result affected the wider contest, those points mattered beyond the individual matches.

Collin Morikawa's match against Hideki Matsuyama showed how quickly a singles contest can change. Morikawa holed a 30-foot birdie putt at the 15th; Matsuyama then missed a six-footer, bringing the match back to all square. The American recovery required such reversals as well as straightforward victories.

A rookie earns his place

Jackson Koivun added another US point with a 2-up victory over Si Woo Kim. His overall record of two wins, no defeats


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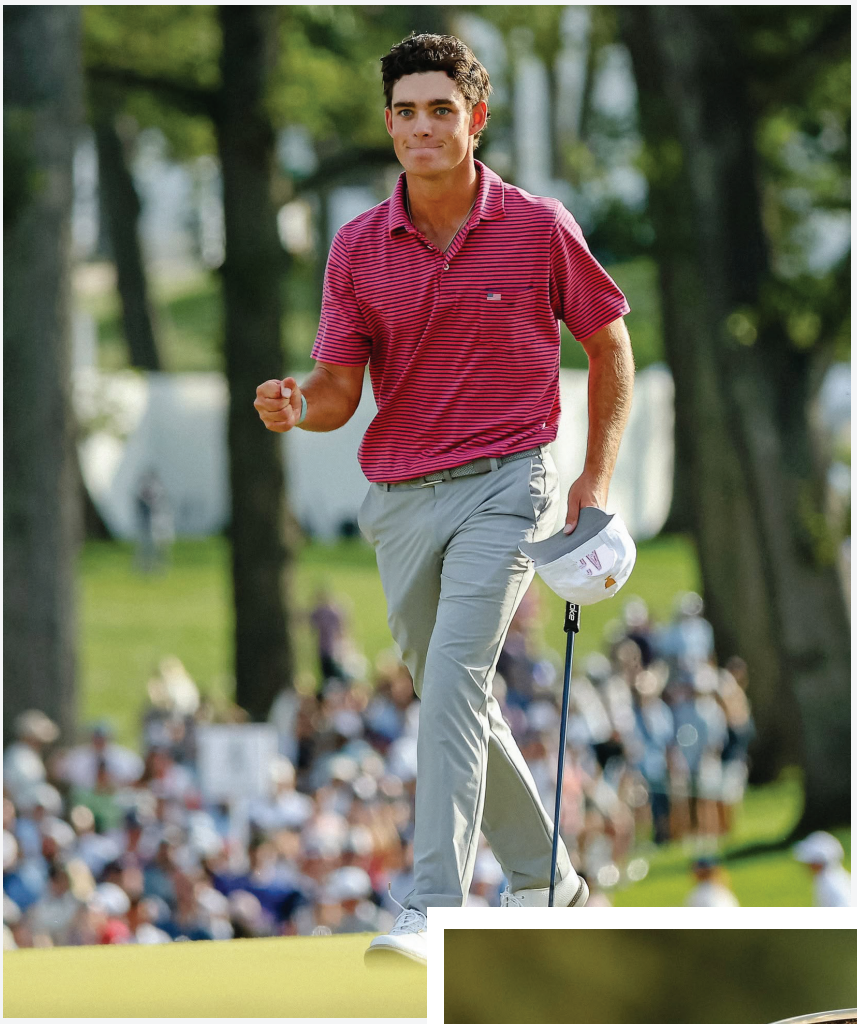

How the lead moved

Session	US–INT points	Overall US–INT
Thursday four-ball	3–2	3–2
Friday foursomes	0–5	3–7
Saturday four-ball	2½–1½	5½–8½
Saturday foursomes		2–2 7½–10½
Sunday singles	9½–2½	17–13

The US scored 7½ points from 18 paired matches, then 9½ from 12 singles. That contrast is the clearest numerical explanation of the turnaround.

The International opportunity that slipped away

The International Team's disappointment deserves more than a familiar explanation about American strength. Ogilvy's players led after Friday, protected most of that advantage on Saturday and began the final session with fewer points to find. Their challenge was substantial, but the opportunity was measurable.

and one tie made him unbeaten across his three appearances. Chris Gotterup also made a substantial contribution to the campaign, finishing with three wins and one defeat.

Bridgeman's week followed a different course. He had lost both his foursomes matches before facing Lee in singles. His 1-up win changed the meaning of that record: a player who had yet to score delivered the point that secured the trophy. The final tally credited him with one win and two defeats, but the timing of that win made it decisive.

Taken together, the rookies' contributions strengthen the case for judging a team across several roles. An unbeaten player offers reliability. Another may provide points in different formats. A third can settle the competition after a difficult start. A captain needs room for each kind of contribution.



Friday's 5–0 sweep was the strongest evidence of what the side could achieve together. Foursomes demands trust: partners alternate shots and live with each other's mistakes. Winning every match in that format showed that the visitors could put the hosts under sustained pressure through partnerships, rather than depend on a single star.

The Korean contribution
Tom Kim and Si Woo Kim continued to give the International Team a productive pairing. They beat Patrick Cantlay and Chris Gotterup 3 and 2 in Thursday's four-ball, then defeated Cantlay and Xander Schauffele 4 and 3 in Friday's foursomes. Their contribution helped establish the lead the team carried into the weekend.

The partnership was not invulnerable. Cantlay and Schauffele gained a measure of revenge with a 2-and-1 win in Saturday afternoon's foursomes. That exchange illustrates a central feature of team match play: success in one session can inform the next selection, but it cannot secure the next result.

Tom Kim finished the week with four wins and one defeat; Si Woo Kim recorded three wins and two defeats. Those returns show that meaningful individual performances survived within the losing effort. A team result should not erase the work of players who repeatedly supplied points.

Where the contest was lost
The decisive difference was Sunday. A 10½–7½ advantage had been built through 18 paired matches. The 12 singles then gave every player a separate responsibility, with no partner to share the work. The United States took 9½ of those points. The International Team took only 2½.

It would be too simple to attribute that reversal to a lack of belief. The available scores establish the outcome, not the private thoughts of the players. A more useful assessment begins with match execution: which advantages



were held, where matches turned and how effectively players closed out opportunities.

The history adds weight to the loss. The Internationals' only outright victory remains their 1998 success; the teams tied in 2003. Medinah extended the American series record to 14 wins, one defeat and one tie. Each promising challenge is therefore judged against a long wait for a second title.

There is evidence here for both encouragement and concern. The visitors won the paired contest 10½–7½. They also suffered a heavy defeat in the session that decided the Cup. Preparation for the next edition must account for both facts. Treating the entire week as failure would miss what worked; celebrating the early lead would leave the decisive weakness unresolved.

What Medinah means for team golf
For GolfHouse readers, the most



useful lesson from Medinah concerns preparation. A player's stroke-play record can help a captain judge form, but team match play asks additional questions. How does that player respond to a partner's error? Can a pairing manage risk together? Can an individual recover after losing a hole without allowing the next one to follow?

The difference between the formats makes those questions practical. In four-ball, each golfer plays a separate ball and the better score counts for the side on each hole. In foursomes, partners alternate shots with one ball. In singles, every contest is one against one. A match win earns one point; a tie earns half a point for each side.

Prepare for the format

A club team can apply those principles without trying to reproduce the scale





Medinah comes alive with packed galleries and course-side hospitality during the Presidents Cup.

of an international event. Practise alternate shot before selecting foursomes partnerships. Agree on targets and recovery choices. Give players experience of continuing after a poor hole. Such preparation gives partners a shared approach when a match becomes difficult.

Medinah also offers a useful way to assess selection. Koivun's unbeaten week and Bridgeman's clinching victory show why a younger player's contribution should be judged on the assignment as well as the résumé. The evidence supports opportunity for emerging players, while leaving captains responsible for assessing readiness.

For Bangladesh's club and junior organisers, varied team formats could provide valuable experience alongside stroke play. Four-ball encourages a golfer to contribute while a partner remains in the hole. Foursomes requires shared decisions. Singles exposes each player to a direct contest. Used with clear rules and fair selection, all three can broaden competitive learning.

The next test

The Presidents Cup moves to Kingston Heath Golf Club in Melbourne in 2028, with competition scheduled for December 7–10. For the International Team, the task is to turn the strengths displayed in the paired sessions into a performance that lasts through the final day.



The Americans leave Medinah with another title and evidence that their newer players can carry responsibility. They also leave with a warning: Sunday's recovery was necessary because the earlier sessions had put them behind. Winning the trophy does not make those difficulties irrelevant.

The lasting image is of Bridgeman completing the point that kept the Cup in American hands. Behind it lies a more demanding account of the week: an International lead earned over three days, a US response delivered across the singles line-up and a contest whose final margin gives only part of the story.



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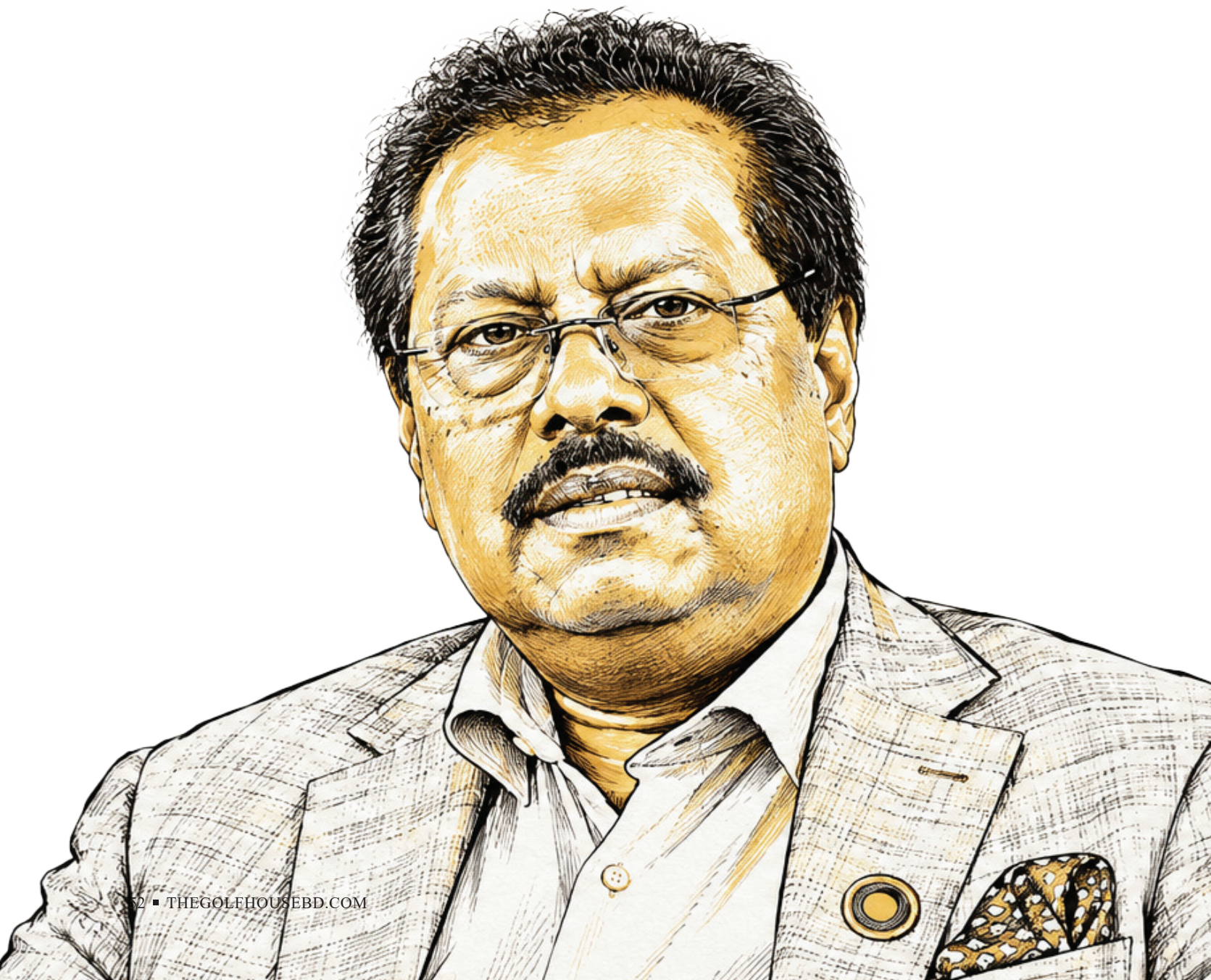
BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE FOR BANGLADESH'S PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS

BPGA president Mohammad Younus discusses regular tournaments, financial independence and a clearer route to international competition. For Bangladesh's professional golfers, earning a living from the game depends on more than a good round. Regular competition, training and dependable support all matter. Mohammed Younus wants the Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association to provide a stronger foundation for those careers. In this interview with TheGolfHouse, the BPGA president sets out his priorities: a reliable domestic calendar, structured development and more opportunities overseas. He describes these as ambitions that will require sustained work and cooperation from clubs, sponsors and players.



BPGA president Mohammad Younus discusses regular tournaments, financial independence and a clearer route to international competition

What motivated you to take on the responsibility of leading BPGA?
I have been involved with golf for many years, and I care deeply about its future in Bangladesh. As president, I want to do something meaningful for our professional golfers. They have talent and determination, but they need more opportunities to compete and earn a living from the game.

I want BPGA to become an effective, financially self-sufficient organisation. Our purpose must be reflected in what players receive: opportunities to compete, support to improve and a clearer route towards a sustainable career.

What is the biggest challenge facing professional golfers in Bangladesh?
The biggest challenge is to host regular tournaments. A professional golfer needs competition to improve, maintain form and earn money. Without enough events, it becomes difficult to build a sustainable career. We also need better training opportunities, sponsorship and international exposure.

A player should be able to plan a season with greater confidence. We cannot expect every golfer to become financially independent immediately, but we can work towards a system that helps them progress.

You are targeting at least one tournament a month. What will it take to deliver that?
Our target is at least 12 professional tournaments a year. We want to establish a proper calendar so players can prepare in advance. Delivering it will require the cooperation of golf clubs, sponsors and everyone involved in staging an event.

Regular competition gives players opportunities to earn, demonstrate their skills and measure their progress. It also gives them something specific to prepare for. Consistency matters: we want a calendar that professionals can increasingly rely on when planning their practice and careers.

What does financial self-sufficiency mean for BPGA?
It means generating enough income to meet our responsibilities, maintain our activities and invest in the future. Any surplus can help us improve training, strengthen tournaments and support players.

Sponsorship will remain important, but we need to build the value of BPGA's activities so that support becomes more dependable. Financial strength should serve our sporting purpose. The test is whether the organisation can do more for professional golfers and continue doing it year after year.

How can a busier domestic calendar help prepare players for international competition?
The quality of competition has to develop alongside the number of events. We want tournaments that challenge players properly and give them a fair opportunity to demonstrate their ability.

Our aim is to bring tournament rules and playing standards into line with international expectations. That requires careful preparation and consistent administration. A domestic event should help a player build the discipline and competitive habits needed abroad.





Lt. Gen. Mohammad Shaheenul Haque, Senior Vice-President, BGF, General Waqar-Uz-Zaman, Chief of Army Staff and President BGF; and Mohammed Younus, President of the Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association (BPGA) (From left to right)

What support do players need between tournaments?
We are working to provide and support training opportunities that can improve players' games. Competition shows where a golfer stands; training helps that golfer move forward.

We need to understand what each player requires. Some may need technical improvement, while others may need help with preparation or managing their game under pressure. Our objective is to connect training with competition, so players can apply what they learn and assess their progress.

What would you like a proposed qualifying school to achieve?
We are working towards introducing a Q-School to create a clearer, performance-based route into BPGA tournaments. Players should understand how to qualify and what standard they need to meet.

It can give aspiring professionals a defined target and an opportunity to earn their place through performance. The format and conditions will need to be properly developed before implementation. Our intention is to make tournament entry more structured, fair and competitive.

You would like 10 to 15 professionals to compete internationally over the next year. How will you approach that goal?
We have capable players, but competing abroad is expensive. Travel, accommodation, entry fees and preparation all require funding. We want to work with sponsors and other stakeholders to create opportunities for deserving golfers.

The aim is not simply to send players overseas. We want them to be properly prepared and capable of competing at a higher level. The figure of 10 to 15 is an ambition we are working towards, rather than an outcome we can promise today.

What would you say to corporate organisations considering supporting professional golf?
I would encourage them to look beyond sponsoring a single tournament. Supporting a professional golfer over a longer period can make a real difference. When players have financial security, they can concentrate on training and competing.

Corporate support can help build careers and bring recognition to Bangladesh internationally. BPGA also has a responsibility to make its activities



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MOHAMMAD YOUNUS
President BPGA

effective and worthy of that support. We want partnerships that strengthen the game over time.

Where would you like to see BPGA and Bangladeshi professional golf in five years?
I want to see a strong, financially independent BPGA that organises regular tournaments and provides meaningful support to its players. I also want our professionals competing consistently on international tours, with at least 20 players doing so.

These goals will take cooperation and careful delivery. My team and I will work to build an association that can sustain its activities and serve its professionals more effectively. Most importantly, I want young golfers to believe they can build a respectable and sustainable career in this sport.

What is your message to young golfers pursuing a professional career?
Believe in yourself, work hard and never give up on your dream. Golf requires patience, discipline and years of practice. Success will not come overnight, but every round is an opportunity to improve.

We have talented young golfers in Bangladesh, and I want them to know that they have a future in this game. At BPGA, our goal is to create more opportunities for them to compete, develop their skills and eventually play internationally. Stay focused, keep learning and let your performance speak for itself.

RASEL TARGETS

STEADY PROGRESS ON THE PGTI STAGE

The Bangladeshi professional golfer Mohammad Rasel is focusing on consistency, a calmer approach and the opportunity to test his game in upcoming PGTI tournament.

Professional golf rarely allows a player to look too far ahead. There is always another round to prepare for, another part of the game to sharpen and another demanding week on the road. For Rasel, the immediate challenge is the Professional Golf Tour of India, where he hopes to turn a confident run of form into a composed performance over several rounds.

Backed by Summit Communications, the Bangladeshi professional says he is working on the details that can separate a promising round from a competitive tournament: reliable ball-striking, sharper approach play, better control around the greens and the discipline to remain patient when momentum changes. In this conversation with TheGolfHouse, Rasel discusses his preparation, the value of long-term sponsorship and his ambition to represent Bangladesh on a bigger stage.

"I want to stay calm, take each round as it comes and give myself the best possible chance to play well. When someone places that trust in you, you want to justify it through your work and results. Talent and hard work are essential, but a golfer also needs regular competition and long-term support"

With the PGTI tournament approaching, how would you assess your current form? Which parts of your game are receiving the most attention?

I feel confident about where my game is at the moment, but I also know there is always room to improve before





MOHAMMAD RASEL
Professional Golfer

> Talent and hard work are essential, but they are not enough on their own

a tournament. I have been working particularly on the consistency of my ball-striking, my approach shots, control around the greens and converting more scoring opportunities. The mental side is just as important. I want to stay calm, take each round as it comes and give myself the best possible chance to play well.



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How important has the support of Summit Communications been in pursuing your goals as a professional golfer?
It has been extremely important. Professional golf is a long journey, and having an organisation believe in you makes a real difference. Summit Communications has supported golfers for many years, and that backing has given me confidence to focus more fully on improving my performance and preparing for international competition. It also brings responsibility. When someone places that trust in you, you want to justify it through your work and results.

What are your expectations from the upcoming PGTI event? What would represent a successful week for you?
My first target is to perform consistently in every round. I do not want to put myself under unnecessary pressure by thinking only about the final result from the beginning. If I can stay committed to my routine and play close to my best, a good finish can follow. I also want to use the tournament to gain more experience in a strong international field and understand where I need to improve for the next level.

How important is corporate sponsorship for Bangladeshi golfers who want to compete internationally?
Talent and hard work are essential, but they are not enough on their own. A golfer needs regular practice, tournament exposure and the chance to compete against stronger players. That requires both financial and institutional support. When companies such as Summit Communications come forward, they give golfers the opportunity to plan their careers with greater confidence. More long-term partnerships of this kind would help Bangladesh produce players who are better prepared for international competition.



Where would you like to see yourself in the coming years?
I want to represent Bangladesh regularly on the international stage and establish myself in bigger tournaments. I also want to repay the confidence Summit Communications has shown in me by producing performances that bring pride to the country. The goal is to keep improving, compete at a higher level and build a career that younger Bangladeshi golfers can look at and believe is possible.

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AGC: GOLF, LEISURE AND A NEW POSSIBILITY FOR DHAKA

By Nazrul Hosen Ayon

OPINION

An evening of golf, dinner overlooking the range, a child's first lesson: Army Golf Club could offer Dhaka a fresh leisure experience, with private investment and professional management improving facilities for members and newcomers alike.

In Dhaka, an evening out often begins with a negotiation over traffic. Somewhere to take the children, meet friends or entertain a visiting colleague must offer enough to justify the journey. Along Airport Road, a familiar sporting venue deserves a place in that conversation.

Army Golf Club's driving range already gives golfers a reason to visit. But imagine an evening when a member practises in a reserved bay upstairs, a family shares dinner overlooking the outfield, and a beginner discovers the satisfaction of striking a ball cleanly for the first time.

With the airport nearby and Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden across the corridor, the setting invites a question: could this established practice ground become a place where more of Dhaka comes to enjoy and discover golf?

The club authority and the President of Bangladesh Golf Federation have reason to examine that possibility. A carefully planned development could improve members' facilities, create another route into the sport and generate income to support the property's upkeep. Whether those ambitions are commercially achievable deserves a serious study.

Internationally, the driving range has evolved. Ball tracking technology, interactive targets and simple competitions allow beginners to enjoy hitting shots without understanding handicaps or owning equipment. Experienced golfers use the same technology to assess their performance. Food and hospitality make the visit an occasion people can share.

> An appropriate partnership could bring capital and expertise while preserving institutional oversight.

Topgolf is the best known example. Its useful lesson for Dhaka is that a person need not already be a golfer to enjoy a golf facility. A local development would have to reflect Bangladesh's climate, spending habits and expectations, with



An AI generated concept view of a proposed golf and leisure facility at Army Golf Club, illustrating how the existing driving range could be reimagined. For illustrative purposes only; this is not an approved design.

pricing and activities suited to the audience it hopes to attract.

For someone unfamiliar with club life, golf can seem difficult to approach. Where does one begin? Is membership necessary? Must equipment be purchased first? A welcoming range could answer those questions through the experience itself: borrow a club, receive some guidance and try a few shots.

A first visit may lead to another. A child asks for lessons; friends return for a competition. These modest beginnings matter to a sport seeking wider participation. The Federation could build on them through junior programmes, school engagement, women's golf and coaching development.

Members would need a clear stake in any redevelopment. Their practice time, privacy and access should be protected from the outset. Opening part of the range to visitors would be worthwhile only if the arrangement also delivers a better experience for the people who already use it.

> The development could also help promote golf tourism, offering visiting golfers a convenient place to practise, take lessons and arrange visits to other courses.

A dedicated first floor practice area for existing and future members is one option worth examining. Separate, controlled access, reserved bays and a lounge could preserve a quieter environment. Public activities could operate through another circulation route, with bookings and staffing managed accordingly.

The details would require architectural and operational testing. Accessibility, capacity, ball trajectories and security cannot be resolved through an attractive rendering. Nevertheless, the principle is clear: members' needs should help determine the design.

The range must remain the development's centre. Reliable hitting surfaces, proper teaching spaces, suitable lighting and well maintained equipment should take priority. A café or restaurant overlooking the outfield could complement the sporting experience. Indoor simulators would offer an alternative during heavy rain, while club fitting and equipment retail could serve existing golfers.

Other facilities would need stronger justification. Fitness spaces, meeting rooms or limited accommodation for visiting golfers might merit assessment,





including around the poolside area. On a constrained site, however, each addition competes for space, capital and management attention. A focused project would be easier to operate well.

Radisson and nearby hotels could become partners through guest activities, coaching packages or corporate programmes. Such relationships would need commercial discussion, but they suggest a practical way to benefit from the location without duplicating established hospitality services.

Convenience could be an advantage. A golfer may accept a lengthy journey for an eighteen hole round on the trackman. Someone choosing an activity after work will make a different calculation. Residents, office people and hotel guests could therefore provide an important regular audience.

Airport proximity adds possibilities for visiting golfers and business travellers.



It does not guarantee customers. Traffic, flight schedules, transport and entry arrangements would influence actual use. The business case should be built around likely repeat visitors, with tourism treated as an additional opportunity.

Private investment could help realise the concept, subject to applicable rules and approvals. The club would not necessarily have to finance every improvement or operate every service. An appropriate partnership could bring capital and expertise while preserving institutional oversight.

The agreement would matter as much as the building. Construction responsibilities, revenue sharing, maintenance obligations and members' access must be explicit. Performance standards and remedies for failure would also need to be established. An impressive opening provides little reassurance if equipment deteriorates and service declines.

Radisson across the corridor offers a useful reference for operating discipline. Reservations, food quality, maintenance and staff training depend on systems that work every day. A golf and leisure facility would need comparable consistency, whether run by a Bangladeshi operator or an international partner.

Before seeking investors, the authority should establish what the site can accommodate. Aviation requirements, building and net heights, lighting, security, parking, drainage and existing trees all need assessment. Where technically appropriate, using existing access or incorporating some internal vehicle movement beneath the building could help conserve space.

Army Golf Club already has a sporting identity and a location that warrants attention. The task is to determine how those strengths can serve members better and bring others into the game. For a child leaving after that first cleanly struck shot, the answer may be simple: a place worth coming back to.

The writer is a Golfer and Editor of TheGolfHouse magazine–the only monthly golf magazine in Bangladesh that has been involved in promoting golf in the country and working to make it accessible to all since 2015.

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THE MID-LENGTH APPROACH FROM ROUGH?

Any time we find rough off the tee, the lie of the ball will dictate what is possible. That said, exceptionally good or bad lies are relatively rare. Most times we will find the ball nestled but somewhat 'gettable', a lie that brings the green within reach if we can get enough club on the ball.

The key here is not to try and muscle the ball out, but to employ an approach that prioritises quality of contact, minimising the effect of the longer grass behind the ball and ensuring as much energy transfer from the clubface to the ball as possible.

Here is a concept and approach that ensures a wayward drive need not cost you a green in regulation...



Whenever you face this situation, make it your policy to cut the ball up and out. The fade shot (left-to-right for the right-hander) is perfect from rough because:

- It promotes a steeper attack angle, helping you get more club on the ball.
- It's played with a face held open to the swing path, helping you guard against the smothering and face-shutting effects of clingy rough.

So right-handers, see this shot as a left-to-right shape and use these three pointers to execute. You'll maximise your distance and minimise the risk.

Start by positioning the club. Use where you would ideally like it to be at impact as a reference. This means a slightly open clubface and an element of shaft lean, the handle forward of the clubhead. This is a position that will deliver a downward, squeezing attack, but with plenty of loft to send the ball up and clear of the long grass. When we start from this position, we will find it much easier to build a set-up that supports the ideal impact.





Set up around that club position, but make sure you have three important elements in place – feet/hips/shoulders open, ball position back and weight forward. This trio will, in itself, promote the best strike from long grass, encouraging a downward attack angle for a cleaner strike and a leftward, fading swing path (right-handers) to cut the ball up and out. Just make sure your body line is open to the face's aim... and exaggerate all three as the lie gets worse.

About the worst thing you could do from here is whip the club inside. With the ball so far back in your stance, you're in serious danger of a socket rocket. Instead, make sure the path of your backswing follow your toeline or is even slightly outside out of it. This means a more upright backswing that will help you deliver the steeper, cutting attack we need to get club on ball when the ball is sitting down and nestled in the long stuff.



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Whether you're looking for one or the other, FootJoy DryJoys' new Pro and Qualifier golf shoes meet the mark in providing both.

Comfort has always been one of FootJoy DryJoy shoes' key selling points, helping to make the brand number one in the industry. Two latest models of the popular DryJoy collection continue to build on this heritage.
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MAKING ROOM FOR THE NEXT GOLFER

A single shot on television drew Guy Cross to golf at 12. More than 30 years of coaching later, the Dhaka-based PGA professional believes the game needs to give more people that first opportunity. A member of the Bangladesh Professional Golfers' Association, Cross has coached across four continents. Speaking to TheGolfHouse, he reflects on learning, competition and what could help golf reach a wider audience in Bangladesh.

What first caught your imagination about golf?
I saw Greg Norman hit a shot from about 180 yards and finish close to the flag. I was fascinated that someone could control a ball over that distance. I wanted to try it. Once I did, there was always one good shot that brought me back. I started reading everything I could about golf, and teaching followed quite naturally.

What have you learnt from coaching in different parts of the world?
You have to get to know the person. I do not follow one formula for everyone. Instead, I look for something they already understand that I can bring into golf. It might be tennis, hockey or boxing. Those connections can make learning much easier.

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GUY CROSS
Professional Golfer





Does that apply equally to beginners and professionals?
Yes, although you are looking for different things. A woman in her 60s once came for her first lesson. She had played hockey as a teenager, and we used that movement to help her hit a nine-iron about 100 yards. With professionals, it is often a small detail: how they practise, their equipment or their attitude on the course. Their swings are usually already very good.

What brought you to Bangladesh?
Work. I have a full-time job in technology and have been in Dhaka for about six months. What interests me here is the opportunity to bring more people into golf. There need to be places near where people live and work where they can try it without spending much.

What might those places look like?
I enjoyed Bashundhara Supergolf. It was good to see beginners there, although distance and price can be barriers. More facilities like that, along with indoor simulators, could give people an easier introduction. They would also give existing golfers somewhere to practise and take friends who have never picked up a club.

How would you like to contribute?
I would be happy to share my coaching experience and equipment knowledge. I also think coaches could explore more ways to earn beyond giving swing lessons. I have started talking to someone about a proposed golf charity, which is something I would be excited to support.

What is the biggest obstacle for young golfers here?
Cost and accessibility. My father bought me some inexpensive second-hand clubs, and my junior membership cost very little. That kept me occupied for a year. I would love to see young people in Bangladesh have that kind of opportunity.

How can clubs help juniors progress towards professional competition?
Let them compete as often as possible. As a junior, I played at least one tournament a week, and more during summer. Some were simply small club events, but they still meant something.

> Sometimes the data confirms that the technique is fine. Then you need to help the player trust it.

You learn how to compete and win, rather than just how to make a good swing.

Where does technology belong in a lesson?
Alongside the coach's experience. It can show something you cannot see, explain what the ball is doing or give a player confidence in your advice. But nobody wants a whole lesson spent looking at a laptop. Sometimes the data confirms that the technique is fine. Then you need to help the player trust it.

What should golfers look for when buying clubs?
The finished clubs need to match the specifications you require. That is why I put so much emphasis on the build. A fitting loses its value if what arrives is different from what was recommended. Basic measurements, including height and wrist-to-ground distance, can also tell you a great deal.

What advice do you give players trying to improve their scores?
Do not attempt a hero shot you are unlikely to pull off. If you are playing for fun, go ahead. If the score matters, take your punishment, get the ball back into a sensible position and move on. As one of my coaches said, if you cannot make birdie, make sure you make bogey.

What would you like to see over the next five years?
More places where someone can say, "I would like to try golf," and actually do it. Somewhere welcoming, affordable and easy to get to. That would make me very happy.



A single shot on television drew Guy Cross to golf at 12. More than 30 years of coaching later, the Dhaka-based PGA professional reflects on learning, competition and what could help golf reach a wider audience in Bangladesh.



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WHERE THE ROUND MAKES ROOM FOR PRAYER

At Kurmitola Golf Club, a new mosque combines thoughtful architecture with a welcome moment of stillness in the rhythm of the game.

By Nazrul Hosen Ayon

I usually arrive at Kurmitola Golf Club thinking about the round ahead. There is the first tee, familiar company and the hope that a few more putts will drop. Since the new mosque opened, I have found myself looking forward to another part of the visit: the few minutes I spend there in prayer, before heading out or after finishing my game.

For someone who plays here regularly, a new building soon becomes part of the familiar scenery. Yet KGC Jame Mosque continues to hold my attention. Its exposed red brick, pale concrete and carefully framed light give it a distinctive presence without disturbing the landscape around it.

The approach offers the first impression. A slender minaret rises beside the main building, its brick surface linking it to the mosque below. Trees soften the precinct. Across the facade, vertical elements establish a measured rhythm, while tall windows catch fragments of greenery and sky. A broad concrete frame surrounds the recessed entrance, with Arabic calligraphy above it. Even before stepping inside, one senses a deliberate transition from the movement of the

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> Warm brick, pale concrete and changing daylight give the mosque a beauty that invites quiet reflection.



club to the calm of a place of worship.

That sense of purpose was central to the project. Conceived as a landmark of faith and sustainable design, the mosque was planned to accommodate around 500 worshippers. Its design incorporates passive cooling, natural ventilation and generous daylight, bringing environmental considerations into a contemporary expression of Islamic architecture. These are practical qualities, particularly in Dhaka's climate, but they also shape how the building feels to the people who use it.

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The architectural vision was developed by architect M. N. Zahidul Islam Khan, a member of KGC, and his practice, ZHN Architects & INREN Ltd., which served as design consultants. The result is a building that is ambitious in its composition yet restrained in its details. Rather than relying on ornament alone, it makes a strong impression through proportion, materials and the movement of light.

Much of its beauty comes from the exposed brick. Individual units remain visible within the larger composition, lending warmth and texture to the walls. Pale concrete gives those surfaces definition. Elsewhere, the masonry becomes a screen, broken by small openings, while narrow brick fins beside the windows add depth to the facade.

As the sun moves, the projections create shifting bands of light and shadow. What first appears simple becomes more engaging with every change of viewpoint.

The tall windows reinforce that vertical rhythm and bring the surrounding trees into the architecture through their reflections. At ground level, the lawn offers a gentle meeting between the building and the course. The minaret, slender and rectangular, completes the

composition; a circular opening near its top provides a memorable detail. It marks the mosque's place within KGC without overpowering the prayer hall beside it.

At a golf club, we spend much of our time looking across distances. We judge a fairway, study the line to a green and search for a ball against the trees. Approaching the mosque, my attention settles on smaller things: the spacing of the bricks, the depth of an opening, a shadow along a concrete column. The architecture invites a different pace of observation.

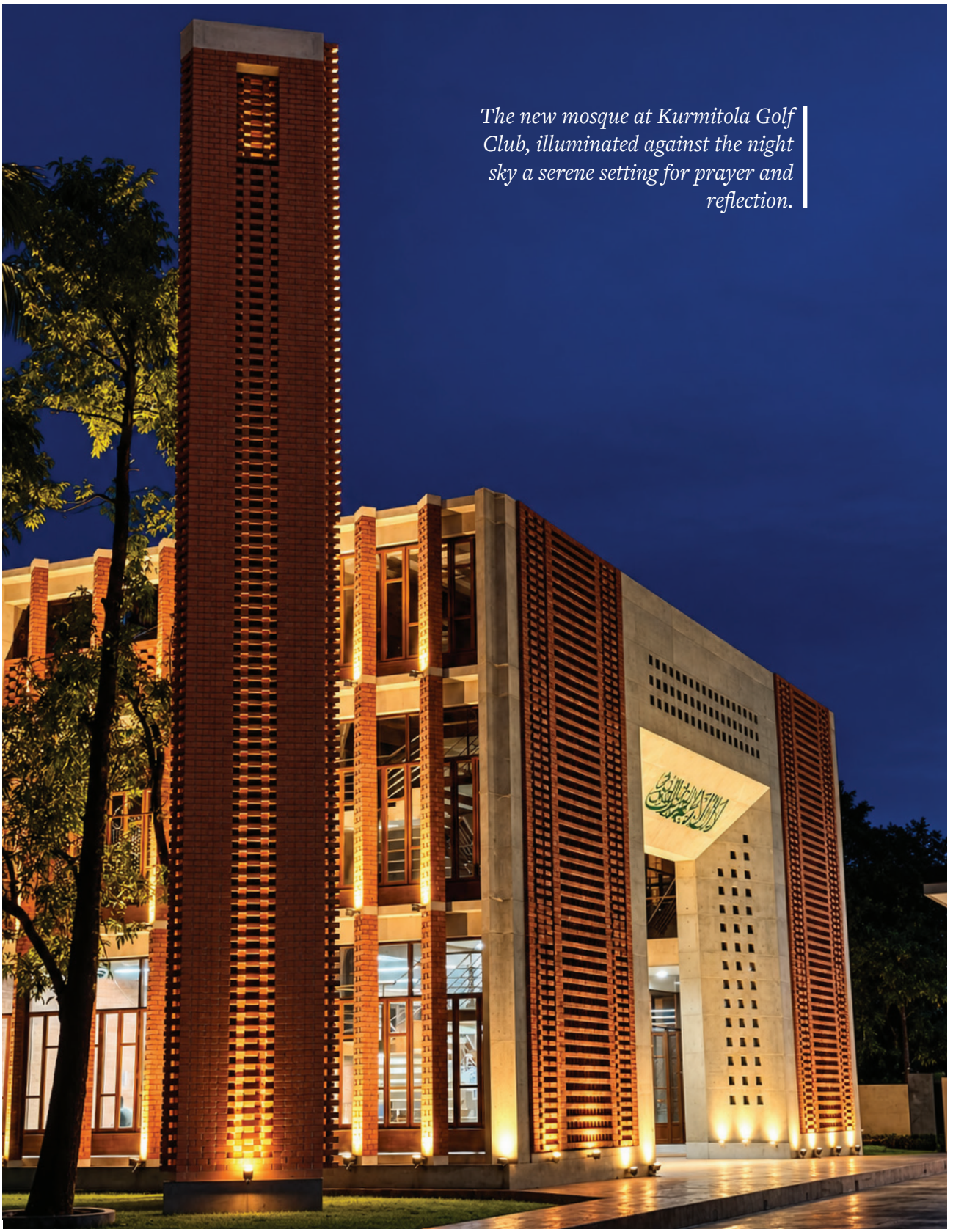
Inside, the prayer clocks introduce another rhythm. Their patterned wooden faces sit against the brick and concrete, marking the times of the daily prayers and Jumuah. In a club where so much is organised around tee times and tournament schedules, these clocks offer another point of reference. Sometimes I pray before a round; sometimes it is after the final hole, when conversations about scores and missed opportunities can wait. When prayer time coincides with the turn, the pause between the front and back nine takes on particular meaning.

I return to the course feeling more at ease. The remaining holes still demand concentration, but I am less inclined to carry every mistake into the next shot. That personal experience may be the best measure of the building's success. KGC Jame Mosque is not merely an architectural addition to the club. It is a useful, welcoming place of worship, and one whose materials, light and scale reward a closer look.

Before or after a round, I come here to pray. Increasingly, I also find myself slowing down on the approach, simply to look.







The new mosque at Kurmitola Golf Club, illuminated against the night sky a serene setting for prayer and reflection.

-The author is the editor and publisher of TheGolfHouse magazine

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Bangladesh's evolving mobility needs demand more than just style. The newly launched MG S9 PHEV combines seven-seater luxury with the flexibility of plug-in-hybrid driving, while the MG S6 EV delivers modern design, intelligent technology, and all-electric performance. Together, they bring comfort, innovation, and versatility to Bangladesh's roads.



SUV has to do more than look the part. It needs to accommodate everyday commutes, deliver comfort through city traffic and offer the flexibility to travel beyond urban limits.







Bangladesh's family SUV has to do more than look the part. It needs to accommodate everyday commutes, deliver comfort through city traffic and offer the flexibility to travel beyond urban limits. With the recent introduction of the MG S9 PHEV and MG S6 EV, MG Bangladesh brings two thoughtfully designed SUVs to the market, combining premium comfort, advanced technology and the advantages of electrified mobility.

Officially unveiled in October 2026, both models reflect MG's expanding focus on new-energy vehicles, offering customers the choice between plug-in hybrid versatility and a fully electric driving experience.

MG S9 PHEV: Seven-Seat Luxury with Everyday Versatility

Positioned as MG's flagship seven-seater SUV, the S9 PHEV is designed for families who value space, comfort and long-distance flexibility. Measuring 4,983 mm in length with a 2,915 mm wheelbase, it offers a spacious three-row cabin with proportions suited to both family journeys and executive travel.

Underneath its sophisticated exterior is MG's plug-in hybrid technology, combining a 1.5-litre turbocharged petrol engine, an electric motor and a 24.7 kWh battery. The system delivers a claimed electric-only driving range of more than 100 kilometres, allowing many routine journeys to be completed primarily on electric power when charged regularly.

For longer journeys, the petrol engine provides additional flexibility, extending the claimed combined range beyond 1,000 kilometres with a fully charged battery and full fuel tank. This balance makes the S9 particularly relevant to Bangladesh, where drivers often require one vehicle for both daily commuting and extended family travel.



The interior combines premium materials with practical technology. Massaging front seats, tri-zone climate control, ambient lighting, a panoramic opening sunroof and a 12-speaker BOSE audio system contribute to a refined passenger experience. Dual 12.3-inch displays, wireless smartphone connectivity and an advanced driver-assistance suite further enhance everyday convenience.

For families requiring additional luggage capacity, the S9 offers up to 2,093 litres of cargo space with its second and third rows folded.

MG S6 EV: Premium Mobility, Fully Electric

Complementing the S9 PHEV is the all-new MG S6 EV, a five-seat electric SUV that takes a more contemporary approach to performance, design and everyday efficiency.



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Powered by a 77 kWh battery and a 180 kW electric motor producing 350 Nm of torque, the rear-wheel-drive S6 EV delivers smooth acceleration and a refined driving experience.

Its claimed WLTP range of up to 530 kilometres offers considerable flexibility for regular commuting and longer journeys, subject to driving conditions and charging availability.
Beyond performance, the S6 EV focuses on the benefits that increasingly define electric vehicle ownership: quiet operation, seamless power delivery, reduced dependence on petrol and a simplified everyday driving experience.

While the S9 PHEV offers the space and flexibility of a premium seven-seater with the added convenience of electric driving, the S6 EV provides a dedicated electric alternative for customers seeking a more contemporary ownership experience.

MG's cabin features a digital dashboard, light-coloured seating and a Bose audio system, bringing comfort and technology into everyday driving.





Exclusive Introductory Offers

To mark the arrival of both models, MG Bangladesh has announced special introductory pricing for its first 100 units of each SUV.

The MG S9 PHEV is being offered at BDT 63.90 lakh, compared with its regular price of BDT 64.90 lakh. Meanwhile, the MG S6 EV is available at an introductory price of BDT 53.90 lakh, against its regular price of BDT 54.90 lakh.

Both introductory offers represent a saving of BDT 1 lakh, subject to the availability of the first 100 units of each model.

Adding further value to the ownership package, MG Bangladesh is providing two complimentary 11 kW home charging stations with each vehicle, alongside an eight-year warranty offering.

These benefits reflect MG's effort to make the transition towards electrified mobility more accessible and convenient for Bangladeshi customers.

Experience the Difference Firsthand

For customers interested in exploring the two SUVs, both models have been introduced at MG showrooms across Bangladesh.

Visitors can explore the vehicles at the MG Bangladesh Showroom. Customers can also contact MG Bangladesh to arrange a test drive at a suitable location, subject to vehicle availability.

Test-drive appointments, pricing enquiries and bookings can be arranged through MG Bangladesh's official hotline, 09617-454545, or via the official website, www.mgmotor.com.bd.

Together, the two models underline MG's approach to premium mobility: offering meaningful choices that align with how people actually drive, travel and live in Bangladesh.

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RANGPUR

Rangpur, located in the northern belt of Bangladesh, is a fast-growing metropolitan city blending administrative importance, rich Mughal heritage, riverine landscapes and a youthful academic culture. As the capital of Rangpur Division, the city stands on the banks of the Ghaghat River and close to the mighty Teesta, positioning it as a natural regional hub for education, commerce and emerging lifestyle travel.



FACT

Rangpur was conquered in 1575 by Raja Man Singh, a general of Mughal Emperor Akbar, and was fully integrated into the Mughal Empire by 1686. It was declared a district headquarters in 1769 and became a municipality in 1869, making it one of the oldest municipalities in Bangladesh.

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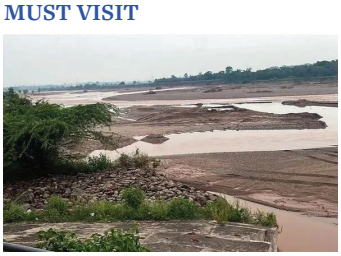

The Ghaghat River embankment provides peaceful evening walks, while nearby Teesta river points create scenic drives ideal for short leisure escapes. The 1892 Municipal Building remains a landmark of colonial civic architecture, representing the city's long administrative lineage.

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Rangpur's traditional foods heavily feature local greens and pulses, with standout dishes including Sholka (a mix of jute and other leaves with baking soda), Sidol (fermented fish with taro leaves), and Pelka, often served with Kolai Ruti (bean flour bread), highlighting the region's distinct Koch-Rajbongshi culinary influence.

NEAREST GOLF COURSE



The nearest and primary golf course in Rangpur is the Rangpur Golf & Country Club (RGCC), located within the Rangpur Cantonment, offering a local golfing spot for both military and civilian players, with a clubhouse and practice facilities. It's a 9-hole course run by the cantonment, welcoming civilians, and includes a clubhouse and driving range.

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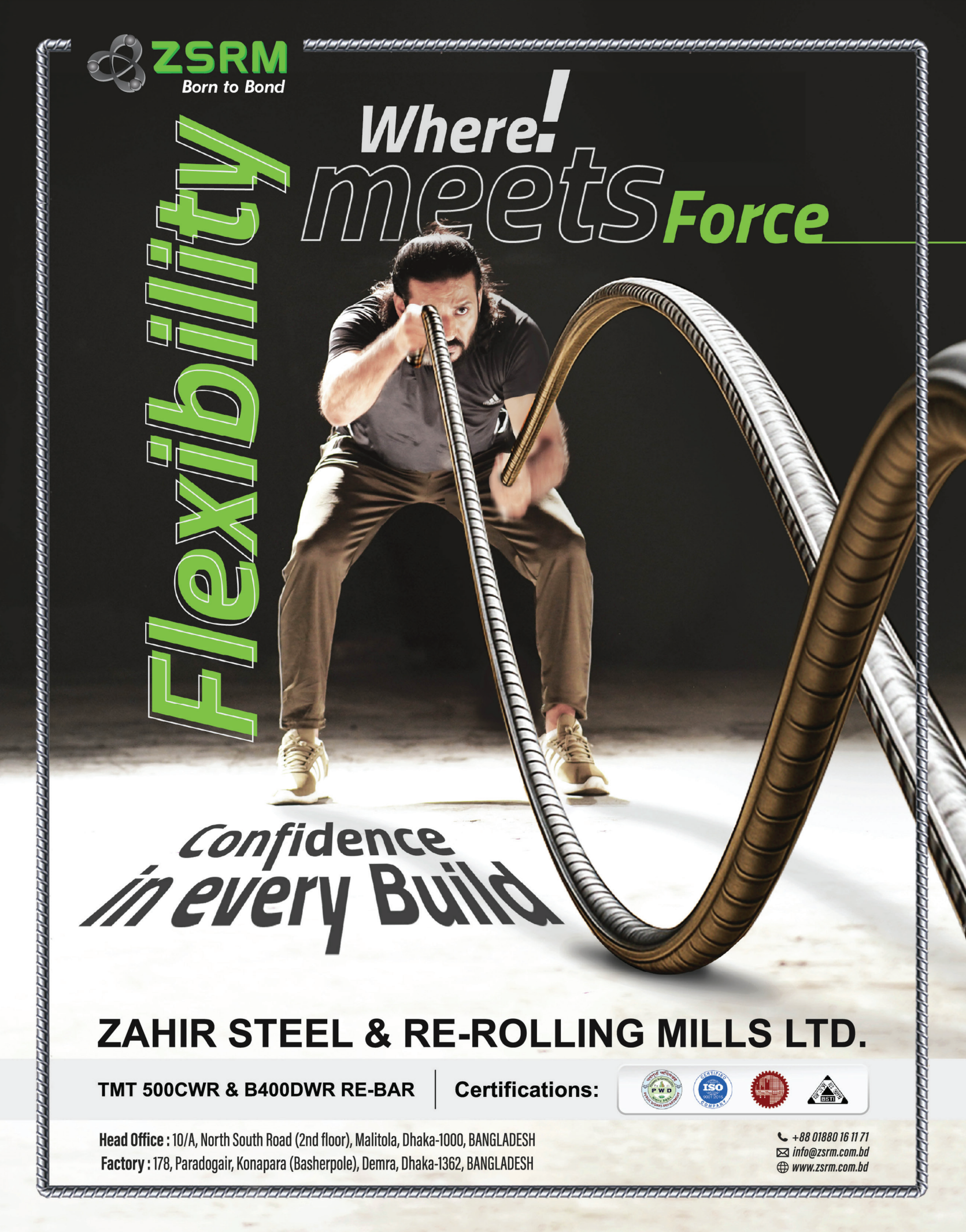

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5TH OLD BUDDIES GOLF TOURNAMENT
HELD AT KURMITOLA GOLF CLUB

Green Demons won the fifth round of Old Buddies Golf 2026 at Kurmitola Golf Club on September 18 and finished the group stage with the season's highest points tally, setting up a four-team contest for the OB Legacy Trophy in October.

Vintage Swingers finished second in the September event with a team total of 143, while Shankapotomus took third on 145. Shadow Hunter placed fourth on 149.

El Toro, Par-Tee Animals and Bengal Birdies each returned 150, occupying fifth, sixth and seventh places respectively in the published results. Bunker Busters finished eighth on 152, followed by The Mulligans on 159.

For Green Demons, Rais Uddin Siddique and Lt Gen Md Nazimuddin each recorded a back-nine net score of 34. Mrs Shaila Parvin contributed 36, while Maj





Old Buddies come together for a memorable group photograph at Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC), celebrating friendship, companionship and their shared passion for golf.

Gen Mashud Razzak returned 37. Those scores provided the foundation for the team's September success.

The round also completed the five-event group stage, which began in May. Across four groups, teams accumulated points according to their position in each monthly event, with the group winners qualifying for the OB Legacy Trophy contest.

Green Demons topped Group D with 19.5 points, five clear of Bunker Busters. Their record included four first-place finishes within the group and a shared placing in July, making them the leading points earners heading into the final.

Shadow Hunters secured Group C with 18 points, finishing two ahead of Vintage



The October final will therefore bring together El Toro, Master Slicers, Shadow Hunters and Green Demons in the OB Legacy Trophy group. The remaining teams have been assigned to the Plate group.

With qualification settled, the season now moves to its decisive stage. Green Demons carry the strongest points record into the final, but the trophy remains to be decided.

Swingers. Although Vintage Swingers placed second overall in September, their season tally left them behind the group leaders and assigned to the Plate competition.

Master Slicers won Group B with 17.5 points after taking maximum group points in each of the first four rounds. Par-Tee Animals finished second on 13.5, narrowly ahead of Bengal Birdies on 13.

Group A produced the closest contest for qualification. El Toro finished with 14 points, one ahead of Prowling Tigers, while Shankapotomous ended the group stage third on 12.5.





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