



FUTURES Tour
Alumnae -
Marisa Baena

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FUTURES Golf Tour News Release

Kim Adams: Confessions Of A Maritimer By: Lisa D. Mickey

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The good thing about The Maritime region in Canada is that it's a beautiful and comforting place to live. The bad thing is that it's also hard to leave. Just ask FUTURES Tour member Kim Adams, who sometimes fights the lure of home as much as she battles any bad patches in golf.

"We don't usually leave this place," said Adams, now in her third FUTURES Tour season. "And we have a lot of questions about ourselves if we do."

Adams was one of 20 members of the FUTURES Golf Tour, plus one area teaching professional, who traveled to New Brunswick last week for a special event held in memory of the late Heather Wilbur [see story below]. It was Wilbur, herself a New Brunswicker, who inspired Adams to take a chance in golf far from home and to leave the comforts of her homeland.

"Before I turned pro, I asked Heather what it was like out there and if we were good enough to play against all of these Americans who can play golf all year long?" said Adams, 25. "They grew up playing better courses with better facilities than we did. But Heather told me that we had to work more than a lot of other players. She said it might take us longer to get to where we want to be in our games, but because of that, I'd appreciate it more."

So Adams took the leap of faith and, as Wilbur had done before her, grabbed a map of the United States and pointed her Volkswagen south. At the 2004 season-opening tournament in Lakeland, Fla., Adams won her first professional event before a packed gallery of wintertime "snowbirds" visiting from Canada. That win was the sign she needed to know that this journey from her comfort zone had been the right move.

But while the simple fresh-air life of The Maritimes has a l w a y s c o n t r a s t e d radically from such pressure-packed places as the Northeast's I-95 corridor -- a hectic stretch of highway between Washington, D.C. and Boston --

Adams has been able to take a little bit of home with her on the road. And that little bit of home helped her deal with the disappointments that followed the young pro in the months after her inaugural win.

The self-doubt began creeping back in and Adams pressed. She pressed too hard and missed cuts. What had started out as a mental edge had morphed into the same trap experienced by so many players from regions of the world with weather-shortened golf seasons.

"My expectations were really high, but when I dropped down to 25th on the money list last year after starting the season with a win, it became mentally draining," said Adams. "At times, I thought I'd just go home, get a job and make a weekly check. I started questioning myself."

But then she thought about her unique role -- one that her old friend Heather Wilbur had **(SEE Adams, PAGE 2)**

This Week:

CIGNA Chip In For A Cure Connecticut FUTURES Golf Classic
July 8 - 10
Gillette Ridge Golf Club
Bloomfield, Conn.

Purse: \$70,000
Winner: \$9,800
Runner-Up: \$7,000
Par: 36 - 36 = 72
Pro Shop: (860) 726-1430

Stirling Wins In Canada

Twenty members of the FUTURES Golf Tour traveled to Moncton, New Brunswick last week to compete in the annual Heather Wilbur Scholarship Scrambles and 18-hole shootout. The Tour's schedule was idle last week, giving players the opportunity to travel north of the border to honor one of their late members, Heather Wilbur, who lost her battle with leukemia at the age of 27, in October 2003.

The two pro-am tournaments and 18-hole pros-only stroke-play event were held at Wilbur's home course, Country Meadows Golf Club. Sponsored by Irving Group Moncton, the pro-am events raise funds for scholarships awarded to Moncton-area juniors in Wilbur's name.

Third-year pro Heather Stirling of Stirling, Scotland, was the winner in the second annual shootout. She and Julie Turner of Skaneateles, N.Y., tied at two-under-par 70 after regulation. Turner moved to four-under par through 15 holes, but three-putted for bogey on the 16th, and took bogey on the 17th to drop into a tie with the Scot. **(SEE Stirling, PAGE 2)**

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reminded her of during their conversation a few years back when Adams was trying to decide when to turn pro. Wilbur reminded Adams that there had been too few golf pros from The Maritime region that includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Certainly, LPGA player Lorie Kane had stamped her home of Prince Edward Island on the proverbial golf map. But Wilbur told Adams that it was up to them to add New Brunswick.

"We're known more for hockey and skiing, so in golf, we feel we have more to prove," said Adams. "Golf is still behind hockey and curling up here, but it has grown so much in popularity. I think if I could become the first New Brunswicker on the LPGA Tour, it would help the game grow at home. Everybody here knows that Lorie Kane is the Annika Sorenstam of women's golf in Canada."

Of course, trying to carry the load of a province or nation on her shoulders has taken its toll on Adams at times. And when Irving Group Moncton stepped forward as her sponsor, Adams found that she tried too hard to prove her worth to the company. It finally prompted a conversation between corporate brass and the worried pro.

"I talked to Kim and told her that we are in this for the long haul and that we're looking at the big picture," said Bob Crossman, vice president of corporate relations for Irving Group Moncton. "We like her attitude and her desire to succeed and we feel she's willing to make the commitment to get to the next level. We are there to offer our help as she pursues her dream."

That kind of backing is a comfort to the young pro, who also won the 2003 Women's Canadian PGA Championship. And the appeal of making her own mark, just as Kane has done for her home, has spurred on Adams through the ups and downs of her three seasons in the United States on the FUTURES Golf Tour. After going home to New Brunswick last week over the break, Adams recharged her spirit in the clear Canadian air and says she is now poised for a strong second half of the remaining 2005 season.

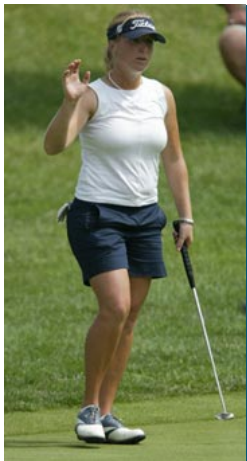
"That's what keeps me going when I'm missing cuts and missing paychecks," said Adams. "Maritimers are just one big happy family and we cherish every minute of life. But I'm pretty proud that I'm giving myself this opportunity to reach my goals in golf. To leave a place that I love to represent my province is awesome."

(Stirling, FROM PAGE 1)

"I made three or four long putts you don't expect to make out there," said Turner, who teamed with local junior player Sam Brooks, 12, as her caddie. "It was fun to play well and nice to know we only had 18 holes and could be aggressive. What's the point of being conservative?"

But it was Stirling, 28, who ultimately edged Turner after two holes of sudden-death with a par on the 17th hole to pick up a check for \$1,000. After three days of sparkling weather, a light rain began to fall as the playoff began and the Scot emerged victorious for the first time since winning the 2002 Scottish Women's Open as an amateur.

"It's just fun being here in a nice and relaxed place," said the shy Scot. "The community, the people and the cause are great."



Irving Group Moncton plans to continue its sponsorship of the annual golf event, which has grown rapidly as one of the region's seasonal highlights.

"Heather Wilbur was held in very high esteem in this community and in this province, so it's no surprise to me that this tournament is already regarded as the highlight of the provincial golf calendar," said Bob Crossman, vice president of corporate relations for Irving Group Moncton.

Top finishers in the 18-hole shootout were:

Heather Stirling of Stirling, Scotland and Julie Turner of Skaneateles, N.Y., at 70 (-2); Jan Dowling of Bradford, Ontario, 71 (-1); Libby Smith of Essex Junction, Vt., and Stephanie George of Myerstown, Pa., 72 (even); Kareen Qually of Olds, Alberta, Carrie Vaughan of Saint John, New Brunswick, and Kylie Pratt of Mackay, Australia at 73 (+1); Meredith Duncan of Shreveport, La., Cortney Reno of Grosse Ile, Mich., Lori Atsedes of Ithaca, N.Y., and Dana Lacey of North Beach, West Australia, at 74 (+2).

CHAMP Northeast Challenge

CHAMP Spikes, the "official soft golf spike of the FUTURES Golf Tour," will launch its new player bonus program this week in Connecticut. The company's challenge rota will include events in Bloomfield, Conn., Albany, N.Y., Concord, N.H., and Syracuse, N.Y., and will offer cash awards to players who wear CHAMP spikes in at least three of the four Northeast events.

A points system will be structured based on participation and performance by players in the CHAMP Northeast Challenge. The first-place finisher will earn \$1,000, followed by \$500 for second, \$300 for third, \$200 for fourth and \$100 for fifth place. Bonus pool money winners will be rewarded at the Syracuse tournament's awards ceremony.

"We're excited about CHAMP getting involved in a players' bonus program, which will reward consistent play in the Northeast events," said Tracy Kerdyk, vice president of business development. "With CHAMP's headquarters based in Massachusetts, this regional program showcases the company's commitment to women's golf."

Tour Chat

Five members of the FUTURES Golf Tour have earned exemptions into the LPGA's BMO Financial Group Canadian Women's Open July 14-17, in Halifax, Canada. Players who will compete in that event are: **KAREEN QUALLY** of Olds, Alberta; **KIM ADAMS** of Tide Head, New Brunswick; **JAN DOWLING** of Bradford, Ontario; **CORTNEY RENO** of Grosse Ile, Mich., and **STEPHANIE GEORGE** of Myerstown, Pa.

Top Alumnae Finishes on the LPGA

Finish	Player	Money
1	Marisa Baena	\$500,000
2	Meena Lee	\$300,000
4	Candie Kung	\$150,000
T5	Karrie Webb	\$50,000
T9	A.J. Eathorne	\$25,000
T9	Christina Kim	\$25,000
T9	Nicole Perrot	\$25,000

**Check out where our FUTURES Tour alumnae placed at last week's HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship in Gladstone, N.J., at lpga.com.

FUTURES Tour Statistics

FUTURES Tour Official Money List

As of June 26, 2005

Rank	Player	Events	Wins	Earnings	Rank	Player	Events	Wins	Earnings
1	Nicole Castrale	8	2	\$29,371	56	May Wood	9		\$3,682
2	Kyeong Bae	10	1	\$27,320	57	Tamara Johns	10		\$3,402
3	Virada Nirapathpongporn		8	\$26,109	58	Seul Ki Kim	8		\$3,296
4	Jenny Gleason	9	2	\$25,512	59	Jeanne Cho	10		\$3,245
5	Seon-Hwa Lee	10		\$24,594	60	Laura Myerscough	10		\$3,151
6	Lori Atsedes	10	1	\$22,760	61	Charlotte Mayorkas	2		\$3,070
7	Hye Jung Choi	10		\$21,997	62	Kylie Pratt	10		\$3,007
8	Sun Young Yoo	10		\$20,900	63	Natalie Wong	9		\$2,965
9	Cristina Baena	9	1	\$17,483	64	Jen Hanna	4		\$2,830
10	Sarah-Jane Kenyon	10	1	\$15,180	65	Anna Knutsson	9		\$2,782
11	Alena Sharp	10		\$14,551	66	Danah Ford	6		\$2,744
12	Jin Young Pak	10	1	\$12,846	67	Jan Dowling	8		\$2,617
13	Christine Boucher	8		\$12,055	68	Allison Fouch	10		\$2,586
14	Dana Lacey	10		\$11,659	69	Nicole Cutler	5		\$2,464
15	Tara Bateman	10		\$10,721	70	Lisa Chang	7		\$2,462
16	Sarah Lynn Johnston	10		\$10,607	71	Saki Uechi	9		\$2,403
17	Kristy McPherson	9		\$10,103	72	Courtney Trimble	5		\$2,338
18	Meaghan Francella	9		\$9,708	73	Julie Tvede	10		\$2,250
19	Mollie Fankhauser	9		\$9,643	74	Michelle Simpson	1		\$2,227
20	Anna Rawson	10		\$9,083	75	Katie Futch	7		\$2,193
21	Kelly Lagedrost	9		\$8,871	76	Jessica Lewis	9		\$2,154
22	Danielle Downey	7		\$8,688	77	Gaelle Truet	9		\$2,101
23	Ji Min Jeong	10		\$8,202	78	Hong Mei Yang	4		\$2,017
24	Becky Lucidi	8		\$8,192	79	Marie-Josée Rouleau	3		\$2,009
25	Sasha Medina	10		\$8,044	80	Brandi Jackson	8		\$2,007
26	Kellee Booth	9		\$7,968	81	Lisa Ferrero	3		\$1,995
27	Katie Connelly	10		\$7,695	82	Tiffany Faucette	9		\$1,986
28	Stephanie George	5		\$7,620	83	Yoo La Kim	10		\$1,974
29	Sarah Huarte	6		\$7,283	84	Jessica Krasny	10		\$1,970
30	Su A Kim	10		\$7,229	85	Ashley Gomes	6		\$1,950
31	Allison Hanna	7		\$7,158	86	Christi Cano	3		\$1,894
32	Chiharu Yamaguchi	9		\$6,871	87	Erica Blasberg	2		\$1,876
33	Courtney Wood	9		\$6,805	88	Karen Dennison	5		\$1,839
34	Jamie Stevenson	7		\$6,657	89	Beth Hermes	8		\$1,635
35	Julieta Granada	1		\$6,500	90	Kim Augusta	10		\$1,556
36	Adrienne Gautreaux	10		\$6,352	91	Kathy Choi-Rogers	5		\$1,528
37	Aimee Cho	10		\$6,274	92	Blair O'Neal	9		\$1,509
38	Perry Swenson	5		\$6,036	93	Becky Berzonski	5		\$1,498
39	Becky Iverson	2		\$5,908	94	Rachel Bailey	7		\$1,459
40	Ashley Prange	10		\$5,700	95	Sarah Graham	8		\$1,442
41	Marianne Morris	9		\$5,681	96	Sam White	5		\$1,409
42	Meredith Duncan	10		\$5,562	97	Kareen Qually	5		\$1,241
43	Janell Howland	7		\$5,100	98	Cindy Pasechnik	8		\$1,203
44	Meredith Ward	9		\$4,986	99	Marousa Polias	8		\$1,167
45	Libby Smith	9		\$4,781	100	Heather Zielinski	10		\$1,156
46	Lisa Fernandes	7		\$4,505	101	Amy Langhals	10		\$1,132
47	Li-Ying Ye	4		\$4,387	102	Heather Stirling	7		\$1,102
48	Julie Turner	9		\$4,244	103	Filippa Hansson	9		\$1,087
49	Kristin Dufour	9		\$4,202	104	Jeanne-Marie Busuttill	5		\$1,059
50	Yvonne Cox	4		\$4,165	105	Jessica Shepley	5		\$1,035
51	Kris Tamulis	5		\$4,033	106	Randi Meadows	3		\$1,020
52	Kimberly Adams	8		\$3,971	107	Rachel Bates	9		\$978
53	Kristina Tucker	9		\$3,908	108	Cortney Reno	7		\$943
54	Naree Song	3		\$3,813	109	Bo Mi Suh	4		\$939
55	Kelly Cap	6		\$3,730	110	Briana Vega	10		\$902

FUTURES Tour Tournament Schedule

Date	Tournament	Golf Course	Charity	Purse	Champion
March 11 - 13 Pro-am: March 9 & 10	Lakeland FUTURES Golf Classic	Cleveland Heights Golf Course 2900 Buckingham Avenue Lakeland, FL 33803 (863) 682-3277	The First Tee of Lakeland at YMCA Par 3	\$ 65,000	2005 Champion: Jin Young Pak
March 18 - 20 Pro-am: March 16 & 17	Tampa Bay FUTURES Golf Classic	East Lake Woodlands Golf & Country Club 1055 East Lake Woodlands Parkway Oldsmar, FL 34677 (727) 784-7270	Various Local Charities	\$ 65,000	2005 Champion: Sarah-Jane Kenyon
April 22 - 24 Pro-am: April 21	Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic	Palm View Municipal Golf Course P.O. Box 220 McAllen, TX 78505 (956) 688-3444	McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion: Virada Nirapathpongporn
April 29 - May 1 Pro-am: April 28	IOS FUTURES Golf Classic	Underwood Golf Complex, Sunrise Course 3200 Coe Avenue El Paso, TX 79904 (915) 562-7255	The Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion: *Kyeong Bae
May 6 - 8 Pro-am: May 5	Lawrence FUTURES Golf Classic	EagleBend Golf Course 1250 E. 902 Road Lawrence, KS 66047 (785) 748-0600	Various Local Charities	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion Lori Atsedes
May 26 - 28 Pro-am: May 25	Northwest Indiana FUTURES Golf Classic presented by Horseshoe Casino Hammond	The New Innsbrook Country Club 6701 Taft Street Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 980-9060	Lake Area United Way	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion: *Nicole Castrale
June 3 - 5 Pro-am: June 2	Quality Concepts Kankakee FUTURES Golf Classic	Kankakee Elks Country Club 2283 Bittersweet Drive Saint Anne, IL 60964 (815) 937-9547	Harbor House & The Illinois Elks Crippled Children's Corp	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion: Nicole Castrale
June 10 - 12 Pro-am: June 9	Lima Memorial Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic	Lost Creek Country Club 2409 Lost Creek Boulevard Lima, OH 45804 (419) 228-8244	Lima Memorial Hospital Foundation	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion Jenny Gleason
June 17 - 19 Pro-am: June 15 & 16	Michelob ULTRA FUTURES Charity Golf Classic presented by Ameren and Miles Chevrolet	Hickory Point Golf Course 727 Weaver Road Forsyth, IL 62535 (217) 421-7444	Various Local Charities	\$ 70,000	2005 Champion: *Jenny Gleason
June 24 - 26 Pro-am: June 23	Bank of Ann Arbor FUTURES Golf Classic	Lake Forest Golf Club 3110 W. Ellsworth Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 994-8580	TBA	\$ 65,000	2005 Champion: Cristina Baena
July 8 - 10 Pro-am: July 7	CIGNA Chip In For A Cure Connecticut FUTURES Golf Classic	Gillette Ridge Golf Club 1360 Hall Boulevard (RT 218) Bloomfield, CT 06002 (860) 726-1430	Chip In For A Cure	\$ 70,000	2004 Champion: Nicole Perrot
July 15 - 17 Pro-am: July 14	Albany FUTURES Pro Golf Classic	Capital Hills at Albany 65 O'Neil Road Albany, NY 12208 (518) 458-5689	Albany Police & Fire Foundation	\$ 70,000	2004 Champion: Nicole Perrot
July 22 - 24 Pro-am: July 21	Laconia Savings Bank FUTURES Golf Classic	Beaver Meadow Golf Course 1 Beaver Meadow Road Concord, NH 03301 (603) 228-8954	The Havenwood-Heritage Heights Trust Fund (Resident Support Fund)	\$ 65,000	2004 Champion: Erica Blasberg
July 29 - 31 Pro-am: July 28	M&T Bank Loretto FUTURES Golf Classic	The Links at Erie Village 5900 North Burdick Street Syracuse, NY 13507 (315) 656-4653	The Loretto Foundation	\$ 65,000	2004 Champion: Michelle Murphy
August 5 - 7 Pro-am: August 4	Children's Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic	Cross Creek Golf Club 12800 Bay Hill Drive Beltsville, MD 20705 (301) 595-8901	Children's National Medical Center Foundation	\$ 70,000	2004 Champion: **Courtney Wood
August 12 - 14 Pro-am: August 10 & 11	Betty Puskar FUTURES Golf Classic	The Pines Country Club 3062 Point Marion Road Morgantown, WV 26505 (304) 296-3462	Betty Puskar Breast Care Center	\$ 70,000	2004 Champion: Jimin Kang
August 19 - 21 Pro-am: August 18	Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic	Hunters Oak Golf Club 500 Amberly Lane Queenstown, MD 21658 (410) 827-0800	TBA	\$ 65,000	2004 Champion: Smriti Mehra
August 26 - 28 Pro-am: August 24 & 25	YWCA FUTURES Classic	Regents' Glen Country Club 1000 Golf Club Drive York, PA 17403 (717) 505-4653	YWCA of York	\$ 75,000	2004 Champion: Malinda Johnson

* Won in a Playoff **Rain-shortened to 36 holes