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Alumnae -
Rosie Jones

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Nirapathpongporn Hopes To Soar In Final FUTURES Event August 22, 2005

By: Lisa D. Mickey

As unbelievable as it sounds, it took a swooping magpie to make young Virada Nirapathpongporn look into her future and realize that it was golf that she wanted. She couldn't even imagine back then that 10 years later, she would be ranked No. 2 on the FUTURES Golf Tour and poised to earn her full status on the LPGA Tour.

She was 13 years old at the Geelong Grammar School outside Melbourne, Australia, where her father had sent her to learn English from her home in Bangkok, Thailand. Her older brother, Eka, had already attended the boarding school and now young Oui, as she was called by family, was there, standing on a soccer field, knowing this was not how she wanted to hone her game.

The school was academically rigorous and the only time she was able to hit golf balls was each Sunday afternoon after church. The eighth-grader would take her 8-iron, 5-iron and shag bag to a soccer field and stripe 20 balls, pick them up, then hit them again. She drew stares and felt "sort of self-conscious" about her determination to practice. She played on the school's golf team, but they competed only once a week and even then, it was for nine holes.

"Pretty soon, friends started to get more fun and by the second term, I'm practicing every other Sunday afternoon," laughed Nirapathpongporn. "I've never been one to be lazy, but I began to think, 'what the heck, I'll just wait until I go home to hit balls.'"

But on one sunny Sunday afternoon, Nirapathpongporn returned to her soccer field with her clubs and balls. She had hit her balls out into the field and a friend had joined her to pick them up. On many occasions, she had noticed

a squawking magpie circling the field and on this particular day, the bird again circled the soccer field, expressing his displeasure at the intruders. Suddenly, the bird swooped down and pecked her friend on the head, drawing blood and a scream of agony from her young friend.

"That was the last time I hit balls on the soccer field," said Nirapathpongporn. "It added to my decision to leave. I realized if I stayed there, I'd quit golf because I was having a lot of fun doing other things. But I was thinking long-term about what I wanted to do when I grew up. Looking back now, I guess I was pretty mature."

So the teen returned to Thailand for the 1997 spring of her ninth-grade year, and then enrolled that fall in the David Leadbetter Golf Academy in Bradenton, Fla. Once again, she was in school alone, half a world away. But once again, she viewed what she was doing as "a process" by which to accomplish her goals in golf. During the tearful once-a-week telephone conversations with her parents back home in Thailand, she was reminded of a little parable that her father, Dr. Apichart Nirapathpongporn, shared with her.

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This Week:

**YWCA FUTURES Classic
August 26-28
Regents' Glen Country Club
York, Pa.**

**Purse: \$75,000
Winner: \$10,500
Runner-Up: \$7,500
Par: 35 - 37 = 72
Pro Shop: (717) 505-4653**

Jan Stephenson Visits FUTURES Tour

There was a familiar face in an unfamiliar place last week as former LPGA Tour star Jan Stephenson played in the FUTURES Tour pro-am with representatives of Hunters Oak Golf Club and FUTURES Tour professional Kathy Choi-Rogers. Stephenson was in Queenstown, Md., last week because she is the co-designer of the new second 18-hole course being built at Hunters Oak Golf Club.

Stephenson has teamed with Hunters Oak co-owner and developer Doug Maslo to form Janslo Golf Holdings. The existing Hunters Oak course will be called "The Beast" while Stephenson's new creation will be called "The Beauty" and will open nine holes this fall and nine holes in spring 2006. Stephenson and Maslo also are building a course in Alabama between Mobile and Pensacola, Fla., called "Aussie Ridge," scheduled to open in May 2006.

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FUTURES Tour News & Notes

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Winner of 16 LPGA events and three major championships, including the 1983 U.S. Women's Open, Stephenson says she has refocused the second half of her golf career in golf course design and has made it her business to learn about various grasses, irrigation systems, bunker sand and native plants through the agronomy program at the University of Georgia. To date, she has been a part of the design team on six golf courses in both the United States and Japan.



Stephenson with Kylie Pratt

"If people forget what I won as a player, maybe they will remember what I designed," said Stephenson. "With golf course design, I hope to have a legacy that will last forever."

Stephenson also hopes that the FUTURES Tour event at Hunters Oak may be held on her new course in future years. She would like to see how members of the FUTURES Tour would test her design in competition. Active on the Women's Senior Golf Tour, Stephenson has been speaking to FUTURES Tour president Zayra Calderon about bringing together the legends of the game with the future of the game for a team event. Last week, Stephenson said she liked what she sees in the rising talent of women's golf.

"How do all of these young players get high-level competitive professional experience if they don't have this?" she said. "There is a huge need for experience and confidence that players have to get before they reach the LPGA Tour and the FUTURES Tour is where it starts. These kids are from all over the world. The way I see it in women's golf, we all should be standing as one."

Quote of the Week

"One foot on the golf course is longer than a regular foot."
-- Virada Nirapathpongporn, while trying to recall the length of her putts.

Tour Chat

BRITTANY LANG of McKinney, Texas received a special invitation to play in last week's Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic. The co-runner-up in this year's U.S. Women's Open Championship was making her first appearance on the FUTURES Tour and tied for sixth in her debut. Lang played two years at Duke University and turned pro this summer. She has spent the weeks since the Open accepting sponsor's exemptions into LPGA Tour events and plans to play in the LPGA Qualifying Tournament this fall. "I haven't played in a tournament for about a month," said Lang, 19, whose next LPGA Tour event will be the State Farm Classic. "I came here to just enjoy the week and play some tournament rounds and it's been a lot of fun." Lang also got a chance to visit with some of her former Blue Devil teammates, including FUTURES Tour members **LEIGH ANNE HARDIN** of Martinsville, Ind., **KRISTINA TUCKER** of Stockholm, Sweden and **VIRADA NIRAPATHPONGPORN** of Bangkok, Thailand...

Two former NCAA individual champions teed it up

together in Saturday's second-round pairing last week. Nirapathpongporn won the 2002 NCAA Championship while at Duke, while **SARAH HUARTE** of Shingle Springs, Calif., won the 2004 NCAA title while at the University of California at Berkeley... For the first time ever, **SARAH H. JOHNSTON** of Benton, La., and **SARAH LYNN JOHNSTON** of St. Charles, Ill., were paired together during Sunday's final round... Last week's winner, **STEPHANIE GEORGE** of Myerstown, Pa., may not be in the tournament field this week in her home state. George flew to Ohio on Sunday night and will play in the LPGA's Monday Qualifier today for the Wendy's Championship for Children. If she qualifies, she will not be on the field for the final season event, the YWCA FUTURES Classic...

Former FUTURES Tour member **CHERYL STACY** (1985-1993) has been named as the new assistant women's golf coach at the University of Michigan. Stacy is a former All-American at Ohio State University... WJLA-TV broadcaster Paul Berry of the ABC affiliate in Washington, D.C., was the guest starter on the first tee for Sunday's final round. Berry has performed tee announcements for the PGA Tour's President's Cup, the PGA's Kemper Open at TPC Avenel and at the Irish Open. Berry is an honorary member of the Middle Atlantic PGA Section...

How are some players handling the stress of trying to climb into or remain in the top 15 on the money list with one week left on the schedule? The workout facility was full every morning last week in Maryland and an open keg was active in the evenings for those players old enough to sample the libations. Another player confessed that her stress has thinking about more than just making birdies. "I think I have a tape worm because I can't stop eating," said **MEAGHAN FRANCELLA** of Port Chester, N.Y., who is 15th on the season money list going into this week.

Road to the LPGA Tour

With only this week's tournament remaining on the 2005 schedule, the FUTURES Tour's money race likely will come down to the wire for the final 2006 exempt LPGA Tour cards. Four of the top five players shifted in the rankings last week, with only No. 1 Seon-Hwa Lee of Chonan remaining unmoved at the top with earnings of \$57,376 in 17 events.

With her third-place finish in last week's Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic, Virada Nirapathpongporn of Bangkok, Thailand traded spots from No. 3 to No. 2 with Kyeong Bae of Seoul, Korea, who slipped to No. 3. Only \$684 separates the two players. Last week's runner-up Nicole Castrale of Palm Desert, Calif., jumped two spots from No. 6 to No. 4, with earnings of \$40,150 in 12 events, moving her \$1,052 ahead of No. 5 Sun Young Yoo of Seoul, Korea. Jenny Gleason fell out of the top five to No. 6, and currently is \$5,193 behind Yoo.

Making a timely moves up the money list were: last week's winner Stephanie George of Myerstown, Pa., who improved from 46th to 14th; Charlotte Mayorkas of Temecula, Calif., who jumped from 26th to 17th; Kim Brozer of Red Deer, Alberta, who moved from No. 22 to No. 19; and Katie Connelly of Beloit, Wis., who improved from 31st to 22nd.

"Every tournament matters and every dollar counts," said Mayorkas.

(Nirapathpongporn, FROM PAGE 1)

The wise surgeon once told his daughter that when you have a tiger, you allow it to grow up in the wild where it belongs. You give it freedom and send it away.

"He said that you don't keep it at home because if you do, the tiger becomes a cat," smiled Nirapathpongporn, now 23. "I will always remember that story. Even though there were times when I wanted to come home, my dad gave me the quiet confidence to let the hard times make me stronger. He told me to work at it, that I would be fine."

And the good doctor was right. His young daughter won her first tournament the next February at a large junior tournament in Hilton Head Island, S.C., which allowed her to qualify for all of the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) tournaments that summer -- and which ultimately paved the way for her to earn a college scholarship to Duke University, where she became a four-time All-American and NCAA individual champion.

"In a way, I was always the slow starter," she said. "But I became a planner and I learned pretty early that everybody has to find their own process."

Nirapathpongporn joined the FUTURES Golf Tour in 2004 as a rookie right out of college and unsurprisingly, all eyes were focused on her. After all, she was a collegiate superstar, the 2003 U.S. Women's Amateur champion and the likeable can't-miss-kid from Bangkok who had the pedigree to make a mark in the world of women's golf with incredible shot-making, as well as the longest name in the game.

But the process of turning professional had its setbacks, even for the former amateur star. She recorded two top-10 finishes last season and posted a season-best tie for fourth on the FUTURES Tour with a scoring average of 72.61. It wasn't what she, nor anyone else, had anticipated. When she failed to earn LPGA Tour status, pointing her back to the FUTURES Tour in 2005, the Thai player chose to re-evaluate her "process."

"I think it was a relief maybe, because I had another year to work at it," she said. "But starting this year, I talked myself into believing in myself and I really had a plan going into the season. I have followed my plan, kept my stats and now, I'm seeing the results."

This year's results have rewarded the second-year pro with two wins, nine top-10 finishes in 14 events and the current No. 2 spot on the FUTURES Tour Money List, assuring one of the five 2006 exempt LPGA Tour cards to be awarded on this Sunday. After years of hitting balls on different continents and putting herself in unfamiliar places, finally, Nirapathpongporn understands the parable of the tiger.

But her biggest test came in late April this season. She returned home to great fanfare to play the Thailand Ladies Open in late March and found herself in position to win. With street flags and banners bearing her likeness and what felt like her entire homeland watching, the young pro nearly won the Ladies European Tour co-sanctioned event, eventually losing to LPGA Tour veteran Shani Waugh. Few knew what was really going on outside the ropes.

Nirapathpongporn's father was in a Bangkok hospital struggling with leukemia. On Thursday, the morning of his daughter's first round, he was rushed into the intensive care unit. The family told Oui to focus on the tournament. By Friday, her brother Eka had flown home to Thailand from Australia. Oui was told to keep playing by her mother Supanee, a radiologist.

"At first, I thought Eka came home to surprise me," said Oui.

The pro didn't realize the severity of her father's decline by the time she returned to the hospital on Sunday night after the tournament. On Monday morning, her brother sat her down and told her that their father was dying. He was on a respirator with complications in his lungs. On Tuesday

morning, the family made the decision to remove life support. It was the end of the man who had given his daughter the strength to venture forth and find her dream.

When Nirapathpongporn returned to the U.S., in late April, it was with a heavy heart. Her father had helped her sculpt her dream and find her path. Now, she was on her own without his gentle encouragement. But after a tearful few days early in the week of the Tour's event in McAllen, Texas, Nirapathpongporn, the tiny tiger from Bangkok, once again felt her father's guiding hand and stepped up to win her first professional title.

She did it again in July at the Tour's stop in Connecticut on one of the most challenging golf courses in this year's schedule -- deftly showcasing her signature distance control with confident wedge play and a desire that made her teen years on the soccer field seem like another player in another world.

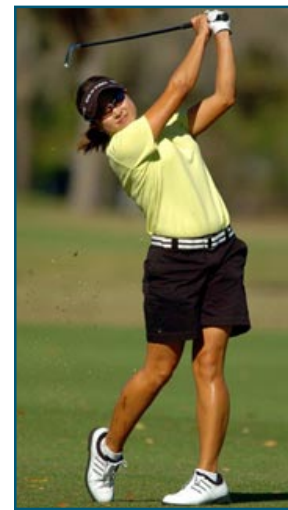
Nirapathpongporn won't talk about her life beyond this week in York, Pa., except to say that she knows the expectations will rise once again, but that she is ready and prepared for the next level in 2006. She calls it a "whole other huge journey" that will offer new challenges and require new goals.

"You just can't get consumed by one week or one season," she said. "You really have to look at the big picture and if you want something, you have to know yourself and be OK with your own process and your own pace. I know this will be a lesson for me in the future because there will be lots of expectations, but I'll have to continue with what I know works for me."

Interestingly, one of Nirapathpongporn's favorite Thai songs is a tune from the 1980s by a performer named "Bird" called "Sabai, Sabai," meaning "fine, fine or everything is OK." How could she have known that truth when the territorial magpie drove her to America so many years ago? How could she have seen the wisdom of her father's parable as a young girl?

Nirapathpongporn just delivers her calm, knowing smile -- the legacy of her father and the pride of her mother and brother who watch their own little tiger's progress over the Internet each week.

"I remind myself that where I am and from where I've come, I'm standing in the best place I can be," she said. "Now, I just have to let it fly."



Top Alumnae Finishes on the LPGA

Finish	Player	Score	Money
T5	Sung Ah Yim	209 (-7)	\$52,500
T7	Rosie Jones	210 (-6)	\$35,117
T10	Sherri Steinhauer	211 (-5)	\$22,663
T10	Jill McGill	211 (-5)	\$22,663
T10	Heather Daly-Donofrio	211 (-5)	\$22,663
T10	Jean Bartholomew	211 (-5)	\$22,663
T10	Aree Song	211 (-5)	\$22,663

** Check out where our FUTURES Tour alums placed at last week's Safeway Classic in Portland, Ore. at lpga.com.

Tournament Summary

Stephanie George Closes Out Win in Queenstown

When Stephanie George closed her eyes Saturday night after a round in which she tied the course record with a seven-under-par 65, the last thing she told herself was she didn't want to be "one of those players" who sizzles on one day and fizzles on the next.

"The last time I shot a 65 was in York [Pa.] last year and the next day, I bombed out," said George, 26, of Myerstown, Pa. "I didn't want to do that again."

George held true to that affirmation in spite of some serious challenges by players in her final-round pairing. The veteran carded rounds of 69-65-70 to win the \$65,000 Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic at 12-under-par 204 -- three shots better than runner-up Nicole Castrale of Palm Desert, Calif., who carded a final-round 69 to finish at 207 (-9), and five strokes better than Virada Nirapathpongorn of Bangkok, Thailand, who posted a one-under 71 and finished third at 209 (-7).

"This shows me that I can handle pressure better," said George, a fourth-year member of the FUTURES Golf Tour. "A couple of years ago, I probably would have folded."

Prior to today's win, it had been since 2003 when George won her only professional title in Decatur, Ill. That memorable day seemed like long ago. And it hung over the head of the player as she tried to make the magic happen again. Today, it did.

While George maintained her lead throughout today's final round, Nirapathpongorn drew within one shot of the leader when she rolled in birdies on holes six, eight and nine to make the turn one shot off the lead.

"I had good momentum going, and today, it was just whoever stayed steady right on through -- somebody who was making birdies -- who was going to win," she said. "There were a lot of players right there."

After 11 holes, rookie Charlotte Mayorkas of Temecula, Calif., was at six-under for the day and was mounting a charge. But the former UCLA player stumbled down the stretch and finished with a four-under-par 68 to tie for sixth at 212 (-4) with this year's U.S. Women's Open co-runner-up Brittany Lang of McKinney, Texas, who eagled the 18th hole for a two-under-par 70 finish.

Two-time season winner Kyeong Bae of Seoul, Korea, also seemed to be gathering steam on the back nine holes at Hunters Oak Golf Club, where she strung together birdies on holes 11, 12 and 13. But Bae could only par on her last five holes, carding a 67 and finishing fourth at 210 (-6).

And even top-ranked Seon-Hwa Lee of Chonan, Korea struggled down the stretch with 11 consecutive pars before she finally rolled in a birdie putt on the 18th hole to reach 211 (-5) for a solo spot at fifth place.

That left only Castrale and Nirapathpongorn -- both two-time winners this season -- to give George a scare on the tricky, 6,330-yard links-style course.

"After that 65 yesterday, we knew we had to kind of go get her," said Castrale. "We had to make birdies because she didn't show any signs of folding."

Castrale staked her approach shots on the 12th and 15th holes for birdie, again drawing within two strokes of George. She had a 15-foot birdie chance on the 17th

hole to move within one shot, but left it short.

"I knew if I made that putt, I could put pressure on her, but I missed it and she made her par putt and that's golf," said Castrale, who bogeyed the 18th hole from the fringe to drop a shot on the last.

Nirapathpongorn was tied with Castrale three shots behind George when she took double-bogey on the 14th hole after two shots into the water hazard. George smoothed a 56-degree wedge to three feet on the same hole for birdie, leaving the Thai player five shots back with four holes to play.

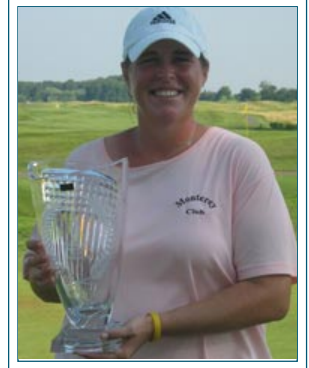
"She made some clutch putts out there," said Nirapathpongorn of George. "She didn't get lucky. She earned every shot today."

And that's exactly how George's professional career has been. The former Radford University player has labored quietly, marking her progress not as much by wins and accolades as by her own small goals in specific areas of her game.

This season has been a particular challenge for the non-exempt member of the LPGA Tour, who was diagnosed a year ago with a rare kidney disease called membranous neuropathy -- a condition that causes the membrane around her kidneys to lose protein, causing her body to swell and her liver to overproduce proteins that elevate her cholesterol level.

Placed on medication that left her with double vision and nausea, George stopped taking the drug for four months to alleviate the side effects. Not taking her medication removed the most immediate discomforts, but it was without her doctor's permission.

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Tools of The Winner:

Stephanie George of Myerstown, Pa.

Age: 26

Driver: TaylorMade r5 driver, 8.5-degree loft, Graphite Design YS-6+ graphite shaft, stiff flex

Fairway woods: TaylorMade V Steel 4-wood, 16.5-degree loft, Graphite Design YS-7 graphite shaft, regular flex; TaylorMade Rescue Mid, 22-degree loft, Graphite Design YS-7 graphite shaft, regular flex

Irons: Mizuno T-Zoid MX-20 4-iron through pitching wedge, True Temper Dynamic Gold Steel Lite S-300 shafts, stiff flex

Wedges: Feel Wedges, 52-degree loft, True Temper Dynamic Gold steel shaft, regular flex; Mizuno MP Series, 56-degree loft, True Temper Dynamic Gold steel shaft, regular flex; Callaway Forged, 60-degree loft, True Temper Dynamic Gold steel shaft, regular flex

Putter: Titleist Scotty Cameron Newport Mid Slant Pro Platinum, 34-inch length

Ball: Titleist Pro V1x

Shoes: FootJoy

Glove: Titleist Tour Cabretta

Grips: Golf Pride Tour Velvet

Bag: Ping Hoofer

Spikes: CHAMP

Apparel: Monterey Club

Tournament Summary (Continued)

\$65,000 Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic Hunters Oak Golf Club -- Queenstown, Md.

1	Stephanie George	69-65-70 - 204	\$9,100	Beth Hermes	74-72-73 - 219	\$406
2	Nicole Castrale	69-69-69 - 207	\$6,500	Su A Kim	71-74-74 - 219	\$406
3	Virada Nirapathpongporn	70-68-71 - 209	\$4,807	Kelly Lagedrost	72-73-74 - 219	\$406
4	Kyeong Bae	69-74-67 - 210	\$3,832	Kristina Tucker	73-70-76 - 219	\$406
5	Seon-Hwa Lee	69-71-71 - 211	\$3,117	T39 Sarah Graham	79-68-73 - 220	\$330
T6	Charlotte Mayorkas	69-75-68 - 212	\$2,223	Tamara Johns	72-72-76 - 220	\$330
	Brittany Lang	72-70-70 - 212	\$2,223	Annie Young	73-69-78 - 220	\$330
T8	Meredith Ward	71-70-72 - 213	\$1,817	T42 Chiharu Yamaguchi	74-75-72 - 221	\$285
	Cristina Baena	70-70-73 - 213	\$1,817	Seul Ki Kim	76-73-72 - 221	\$285
T10	Katie Futcher	75-71-68 - 214	\$1,443	Jan Dowling	76-73-72 - 221	\$285
	Katie Connelly	71-72-71 - 214	\$1,443	Kimberly Adams	74-74-73 - 221	\$285
	Meaghan Francella	70-72-72 - 214	\$1,443	Cindy Wulf	74-73-74 - 221	\$285
				Ji Min Jeong	73-74-74 - 221	\$285
T13	Karin Sjodin	77-68-70 - 215	\$1,207	Leigh Anne Hardin	75-71-75 - 221	\$285
	Jin Young Pak	73-70-72 - 215	\$1,207	Natalie Tucker	72-73-76 - 221	\$285
T15	Julieta Granada	73-74-69 - 216	\$1,015	Christine Boucher	72-73-76 - 221	\$285
	Kristy McPherson	75-71-70 - 216	\$1,015	Lisa Chang	74-71-76 - 221	\$285
	Ashley Hoagland	75-70-71 - 216	\$1,015	Jeanne Cho	74-70-77 - 221	\$285
T18	Lisa Ferrero	75-72-70 - 217	\$800	T53 Adrienne Gautreaux	78-71-73 - 222	\$237
	May Wood	72-74-71 - 217	\$800	Melanie Willhite	76-72-74 - 222	\$237
	Kim Brozer	70-75-72 - 217	\$800	Jamie Stevenson	77-70-75 - 222	\$237
	Stacy Snider	74-71-72 - 217	\$800	Karen Dennison	77-69-76 - 222	\$237
	Kylie Pratt	76-69-72 - 217	\$800	T57 Jana Peterkova	76-73-74 - 223	\$211
	Kristin Dufour	76-69-72 - 217	\$800	Lori Atsedes	73-74-76 - 223	\$211
	Alena Sharp	72-71-74 - 217	\$800	Naree Song	72-74-77 - 223	\$211
				Sarah Huarte	70-74-79 - 223	\$211
T25	Angie Rizzo	73-76-69 - 218	\$582	T61 Katrina Leckovic	73-75-76 - 224	\$185
	Bo Mi Suh	74-75-69 - 218	\$582	Misia Lemanski	75-72-77 - 224	\$185
	Hye Jung Choi	73-73-72 - 218	\$582	Russy Gulyanamitta	74-71-79 - 224	\$185
	Wei Li (a)	75-70-73 - 218	\$582	Sue Ginter-Brooker	73-72-79 - 224	\$185
	Allison Fouch	70-74-74 - 218	\$582	T65 Anna Knutsson	71-78-76 - 225	\$159
	Ashley Prange	73-71-74 - 218	\$582	Becky Berzonski	77-72-76 - 225	\$159
	Nicole Cutler	73-71-74 - 218	\$582	Kathryn Cusick	72-75-78 - 225	\$159
				Jenny Gleason	73-72-80 - 225	\$159
T32	Kathy Choi-Rogers	73-76-70 - 219	\$406	T69 Sarah H. Johnston	75-73-79 - 227	\$140
	Brandi Jackson	76-71-72 - 219	\$406	Sarah Lynn Johnston	74-74-79 - 227	\$140
	Sun Young Yoo	75-71-73 - 219	\$406	T71 Debbie Eckroth	75-74-82 - 231	\$127
				Shayne Wild	75-73-83 - 231	\$127

Missed Cut

Ashley Gomes, Valerie Osborn, Jeanne-Marie Busuttil, Linda Ishii, Meredith Duncan, Kim Augusta, Laura Terebey (a), Salimah Mussani, Anna Rawson, Katie Ruhe, Jessica Lewis, Dana Lacey, Brooke Tull, Yoo La Kim, Heidi Chua, Filippa Hansson, Jessica Shepley, Smriti Mehra, Rachel Bates, Danah Ford, Heather Stirling, Tiffany Faucette, Marcela Leon, Becky Lucidi, Heather Zielinski, Kellee Booth, Cindy Lee, Susan Fasoldt, Aimee Cho, Lisa Fernandes, Gaelle Truet, Rachel Bailey, Sarah-Jane Kenyon, Amy Langhals, Jennifer Perri, Mollie Fankhauser, Jo Clingan, Julie Turner, Cindy Pasechnik, Randi Meadows, Tara Bateman, Sapna Patel, Courtney Wood, Saki Uechi, Leah Hart, Libby Smith, Briana Vega, Caroline Goasguen, Patty Kuehner, Perry Swenson, Natalie Wong, Mashelle Owens, Janell Howland, Anna Temple, Annie Schlosser, Jeannine Fiorito, Pamela Crikelair, Heather Angell, Sunny Oh, Alison Hiller, Carrie Dykstra, Cecilie Eckbo, Terra Petsinger, Courtney Pomeranz, Marousa Polias, Vickie Linkous, Sue Horton, Jessica Schneider, Ellen Dunne; WDI - Diana Ramage; DQ - Sukjin Lee Wuesthoff; WD - Danielle Downey; DNS - Sasha Medina

FUTURES Tour Statistics

FUTURES Tour Official Money List

As of August 21, 2005

Rank	Player	Events	Wins	Earnings	Rank	Player	Events	Wins	Earnings
1	Seon-Hwa Lee	17	1	\$57,376	31	Brandi Jackson	15		\$11,743
2	Virada Nirapathpongporn		14	2\$49,935	32	Meredith Duncan	17		\$11,583
3	Kyeong Bae	17	2	\$49,251	33	Meredith Ward	15		\$11,571
4	Nicole Castrale	12	2	\$40,150	34	Sarah Lynn Johnston	16		\$11,517
5	Sun Young Yoo	17	1	\$39,098	35	Danielle Downey	13		\$11,508
6	Jenny Gleason	16	2	\$33,905	36	Sasha Medina	16		\$11,346
7	Lori Atsedes	17	1	\$28,800	37	Kris Tamulis	8		\$11,256
8	Hye Jung Choi	17		\$25,523	38	Janell Howland	12		\$11,182
9	Sarah-Jane Kenyon	17	1	\$22,941	39	Ji Min Jeong	17		\$11,108
10	Alena Sharp	15		\$21,886	40	Cortney Reno	10	1	\$11,012
11	Cristina Baena	15	1	\$21,884	41	Natalie Wong	14		\$10,623
12	Julieta Granada	8		\$18,653	42	Su A Kim	17		\$10,483
13	Kristy McPherson	16		\$17,874	43	Seul Ki Kim	14		\$10,244
14	Stephanie George	10	1	\$17,735	44	Chiharu Yamaguchi	16		\$10,186
15	Meaghan Francella	16		\$15,464	45	Ashley Prange	17		\$9,438
16	Jin Young Pak	17	1	\$14,966	46	Becky Lucidi	14		\$8,941
17	Charlotte Mayorkas	9		\$14,323	47	Bo Mi Suh	11		\$8,696
18	Jamie Stevenson	13		\$14,019	48	Lisa Fernandes	14		\$8,425
19	Kim Brozer	5	1	\$13,395	49	Marianne Morris	14		\$8,131
20	Christine Boucher	15		\$13,144	50	Libby Smith	16		\$8,109
21	Courtney Wood	15		\$12,978	51	Adrienne Gautreaux	17		\$7,897
22	Katie Connelly	16		\$12,918	52	Linda Ishii	5		\$7,405
23	Mollie Fankhauser	16		\$12,682	53	Julie Turner	16		\$7,194
24	Tara Bateman	17		\$12,681	54	Jeanne Cho	16		\$7,161
25	Kelly Lagedrost	16		\$12,633	55	Kristin Dufour	16		\$6,935
26	Dana Lacey	16		\$12,601	56	Aimee Cho	17		\$6,827
27	Kellee Booth	16		\$12,533	57	May Wood	16		\$6,478
28	Allison Hanna	11		\$12,360	58	Perry Swenson	10		\$6,319
29	Sarah Huarte	12		\$12,217	59	Kylie Pratt	17		\$6,304
30	Anna Rawson	16		\$11,864	60	Tamara Johns	17		\$6,181

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"The doctor was very upset with me," confessed George. "He said if I didn't go back on it, I could have long-term kidney damage. So he changed the medication and I went back on it. My condition still bugs me, but I just deal with it and play through it. I've learned to play when I'm nauseated and to play with double vision. In a way, it's actually made me a little bit stronger."

George was a different player this week than even the player who won in 2003. On the toughest stretch of holes, from holes 14-18, she was one-under-par while Castrale was even and Nirapathpongporn was two-over par.

And when Castrale, Nirapathpongporn, Lee and Bae -- all top-five-ranked players -- were chasing her, George just kept it going on the hottest day of the week. She was unflappable and uncatchable.

"You can't get caught up in what everybody else is doing," said George, who jumped from No. 46 to 14th on the money list with today's win and \$9,100 champion's check. "I tried to play aggressively without being stupid. Anything can happen."

And at the FUTURES Tour's next-to-last tournament, it did. Stephanie George held off her challengers and notched her second career title, keeping the sizzle going until the last putt dropped.

Rookie of the Year

Rank	Player	Events	Money
1	Sun Young Yoo	17	\$39,098
2	Hye Jung Choi	17	\$25,523
3	Sarah-Jane Kenyon	17	\$22,941
4	Julieta Granada	8	\$18,653
5	Jin Young Pak	17	\$14,966
6	Charlotte Mayorkas	9	\$14,323
7	Christine Boucher	15	\$13,144
8	Mollie Fankhauser	16	\$12,682

The Ostop Award

Rank	Player	Points
1	Nicole Castrale	8.7
2	Allison Hanna	11.4
3	Jenny Gleason	11.8
4	Virada Nirapathpongporn	11.9
4	Kristy McPherson	11.9
6	Janell Howland	12.2
7	Lori Atsedes	12.6
8	Sarah-Jane Kenyon	13.3

Scoring Average

Rank	Player	Rounds/ Average
1	V. Nirapathpongporn	41 70.707
2	Nicole Castrale	36 70.750
3	Seon-Hwa Lee	50 70.800
4	Kyeong Bae	50 70.960
5	Sun Young Yoo	50 71.520
6	Jenny Gleason	47 71.830
7	Alena Sharp	44 72.023
8	Hye Jung Choi	50 72.060

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	2005 Champion: Virada Nirapathpongporn
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	2005 Champion: Seon-Hwa Lee
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	2005 Champion: Kyeong Bae
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	2005 Champion: Kim Brozer
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	2005 Champion: Cortney Reno
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	2005 Champion: Sun Young Yoo
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	2005 Champion: Stepahnie George
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