

Women's Open Stroke Play - Day Two: Ong on top heading into final day

Nellie Ong (Eaton, Norwich) produced the round of the day to sit top of the leaderboard after day two at the English Women's Open Stroke Play Championship at Manchester Golf Club.



The 17-year-old was -5 through holes 3-6 after three birdies which included a long putt on the 4th and then a 30-foot putt for eagle on the 6th.

Libby Bell (Gosforth Park) landed four birdies in her round of -1 and sits 2nd, while Australian Abbie Teasdale was on fire at her home course in England, as she fired six birdies in a four-under round to sit in 3rd place.

Switzerland's Romaine Masserey (Montreux, 4th place) produced another day under-par with three birdies after the turn which included a chip-in over a slope from 20 yards on 13.

Cherry Marley (The Oaks) fired three birdies on the front-nine but finished the day at -1 to sit sole 5th, while Esme Hamilton (Notts Ladies) and Ava Bates (Wentworth) are 6th and 7th respectively. Esme enjoyed six birdies including four on the front-nine, while Ava chipped in on the last in a steady round as both girls sit three back of the lead on -3.

Nicola Slater (Woodsome Hall) and Jessica Hall (Bishop Auckland) are 8th/9th respectively on -2 while Lili-Rose Hunt (Redditch) bounced back from a disappointing first day with a stunning run of five birdies in six holes, which included four on the spin through 11-14.

Lili-Rose's only blip came on 16 as her -4 for the day sees her in 10th position on -1, alongside Melissa Ball (West Lancs) and Megan Dennis (Woburn), who made three birdies early on which included a 48-foot putt.

Isabella Badger (Hagley) produced six birdies including a wonderful recovery from a ball plugged in a fairway bunker on the 12th, where she got up and down from 70 yards.

Lara Gerhardsen produced five birdies but she dropped four shots on the final three holes while Scotland's Megan Ashley finished strongly, landing three long putts on each of the last three holes, all from over 20 feet.

Irish golfer Mairead Martin (Kanturk) sunk a 40-foot putt on day one for birdie on the 6th and she birdied the same hole again on day two, before a run of four threes in a row on the back-nine included a 35-foot putt for eagle on 14 - which her playing partner Hannah Holden also eagled.

Alexandra Jakins (Foxhills) landed five birdies including a 20-foot chip on the 9th and Izzy Hurrion (Little Aston) enjoyed three consecutive birdies through 10-12 but finished +5.

Elsewhere, Zara Naughton (Ponteland) landed a 30-footer for eagle on the 14th but sadly missed the cut.

45 players have qualified for the final day where they will each play 36 holes in their quest to win the trophy. View the leaderboard and tee times for the final day by [clicking here](#).