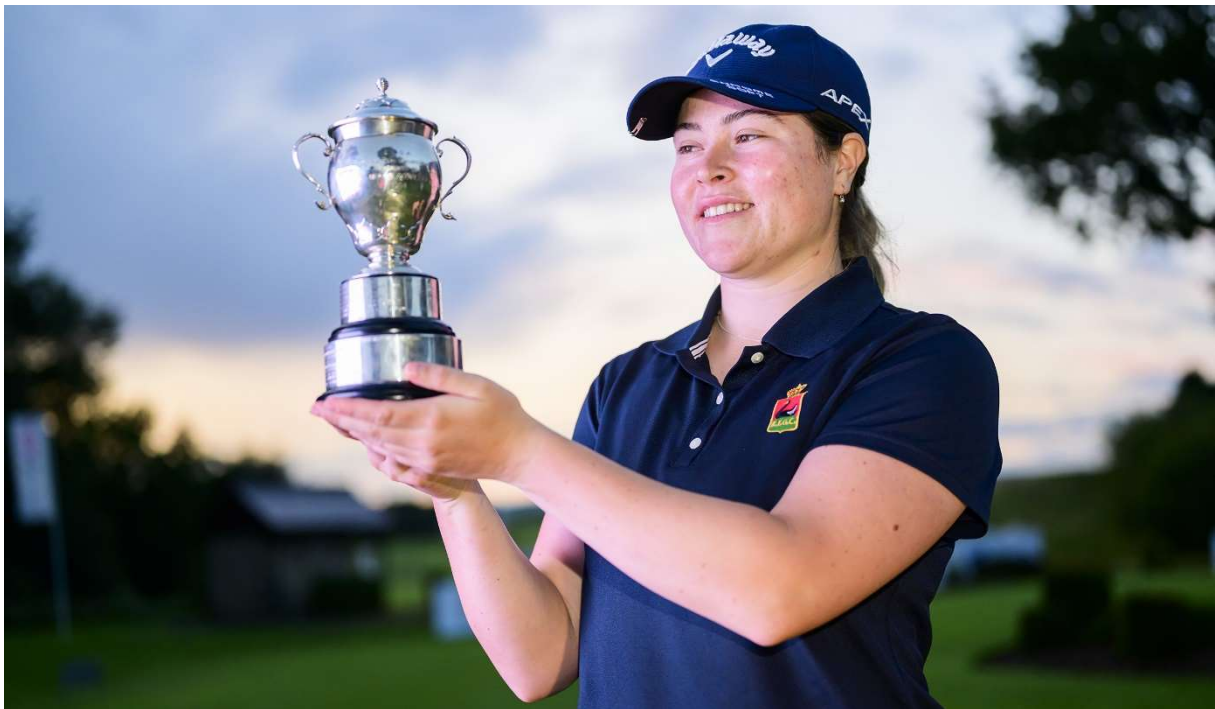


## Women's Open Stroke Play – Teasdale lifts trophy after four-hole play-off thriller

**Abbie Teasdale edged Nellie Ong on the 4th play-off hole to win the English Women's Open Stroke Play Championship at Manchester Golf Club.**



17-year-old Nellie led by three going into the final round and in a drama-filled day, the lead switched hands a number of times, following a four-under front-nine from Abbie and five birdies from Nellie.

Nellie birdied the 15th but a double-bogey on 16 meant Abbie was ahead, before a bogey on the 18th from the Australian meant they would go to a play-off.

With over 100 spectators following, and many cheering on Abbie at her home course in England, it looked as if Nellie was going to seal victory on the 1st play-off hole as she had a seven-foot putt for the win. However, she left it short.

Nellie then hit the bunker off the tee on the par-5 2nd but a stunning shot to a couple of feet put pressure on Abbie. The Royal Fremantle golfer sunk a 10-footer for birdie to halve the hole and take it down the 17th, where pars again meant that as the darkness crept in, they would go down 18.

Ellie's wayward tee shot left her a tough shot out of the rough and despite a great 15-foot putt, it narrowly missed to open the door for Abbie, who calmly rolled in a three-footer for her second victory of the summer, after picking up the English Women's Under 25 Championship at Woburn in July.

Megan Dennis (Woburn) fired five birdies in a stellar final round to catapult her to 3rd place overall, just two shots back. Jessica Hall (Bishop Auckland) was 4th on countback after two steady rounds of -2 on the final day.

Esme Hamilton (Notts Ladies) produced six birdies in her final round to help her to a 5th-place finish, while Switzerland's Romaine Masserey (Montreux) and Nicola Slater (Woodsome Hall) played some steady golf to finish 6th and 7th respectively.

West Kent's Ellie Burdis shot a final round -4, including four birdies in six holes to move to 8th while Ava Bates (Wentworth) and Cherry Marley (The Oaks) completed the top-10. Royal Porthcawl's Darcey Harry bagged six birdies in her final round to finish 11th.

In the first 18 holes of the day, Teasdale stormed into a two-shot lead as she landed four birdies on the front-nine but a treble on the 10th saw her slip down the board. A steady Nellie navigated the tricky final few holes to birdie the 18th and hold a three-shot lead going into the afternoon's 18.

Jess Hall was four-under through 14 and mounting a charge but two bogeys saw her slip at the end, while Esme Hamilton's -1 saw her tied-3rd at the halfway stage.

Scotland's Megan Ashley birdied five of seven holes through 6-12 as she produced an impressive -2 for the morning, while five birdies from Nicola Slater (Woodsome Hall) were cancelled out after a tough back-nine.

Elsewhere, Ireland's Aideen Walsh (Lahinch) birdied five of the six par-5s to finish with a round of -4, while fellow countrywoman Clodagh Coughlan (Douglas) was five-under through 16 before a triple-bogey and bogey prevented her from sitting in the top-five.

Madeleine Smith (Norwood Park) shot six birdies in her morning round to finish -2, while Alice Barlow (Bury St Edmunds) produced one of the rounds of the afternoon with -4.

## Shots of the day

Asides from some of the magic played by Nellie and Abbie, a number of players enjoyed moments throughout day three.

Katelyn Wilkie (Lilleshall Hall) came close to an ace on the 4th as she hit a brilliant line that span back for a tap-in birdie, while Lily Robinson (Buckingham) struck a 7-wood to five-feet for an eagle on the 12th.

Mia Eales-Smith (Lindrick) enjoyed two twos on the front-nine including a kick-in birdie as her tee shot on the par-3 4th finished a foot from the hole.

Alex Sparrow (Stoke by Nayland) landed back-to-back birdies on 11 and 12 after slotting two 20-foot putts, while Jorja Newbold (Oakmere Park Admirals) eagled the 3rd with a tremendous 30-foot putt.

England Girls' Amelia Wan (Sherwood Forest) slam-dunked for a birdie on the 11th from 37 yards and Abbi Rowlands chipped in from 60 feet on the 8th before slotting a 20-foot putt for eagle on the 12th.

Alice Barlow eagled the 3rd after a lovely shot from 200 yards before knocking in a 10-footer, while playing partner Alexandra Jakins (Foxhills) made an eagle on the 12th as she hit one to five-feet from 160 yards out.

The 2024 Amateur Women's Open Stroke Play takes place at Stoneham Golf Club, Hampshire from June 18-20. My England Golf