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# Three local golfers to vie for golf title

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**CHANDIGARH :** Panchkula's Amandeep Drall, Chandigarh's Saaniya Sharma and Kapurthala's Gursimar Badwal are in fray for title in the second leg of the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour to be held at the Kensville Golf and Country Club in Ahmedabad which will commence on January 25.

Meanwhile, winner of the first leg, Kolkata's Neha Tripathi would seek an encore in the second leg of the tour. The ₹6,00,00 event will feature 12 professionals and lone amateur Sifat Alag.

Neha Tripathi will be keen on keeping the momentum going in the second leg. Having pocketed ₹1,44,000 for her efforts in the first event, she will look to consolidate her position atop the Hero Order of Merit.

However, she is expected to face tough competition from the likes of Amandeep Drall and Smriti Mehra. Panchkula's Amandeep Drall, who came a close second in the first event, would be keen to make amends and will be eyeing her maiden title of the season.

She is currently placed second in the Hero Order of Merit with earnings of Rs 1.14,000. Kolkata's Smriti Mehra impressed everyone with a strong comeback in the final round last week, and would be



• **Amandeep Drall will be hot favourite to take the title.** HT FILE

eyeing a win at Kensville. She finished third and would like to keep the momentum going. This event also marks the return of Hero MotoCorp sponsored Sharmila Nicollet, who will be playing her first professional tournament of the season at Kensville.

Kapurthala's Gursimar Badwal did not have the best of outings in the last event, and would be eager to make an impact. Other golfers to watch out for are Chandigarh's Saaniya Sharma, Gurgaon's Gaurika Bishnoi and New Delhi's Mehar Atwal.



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## Neha eyes encore in second leg

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▼ Buoyed by her winning start to the season, Kolkata's Neha Tripathi will seek an encore in the second leg of the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour 2017 at the Kensville Golf & Country Club in Ahmedabad. The ₹6 lakh event featuring 12 professionals and amateur Sifat Alag gets under way on Wednesday.

Having pocketed ₹1,44,000 for her efforts in the first event, Neha will look to consolidate her position atop the Hero Order of Merit. However, she is expected to face tough competition from the likes of Amandeep Drall and Smriti Mehra.

Panchkula's Drall, who came a close second in the first event, will be keen to make amends.

She is currently second in the Order of Merit with earnings of ₹1,14,000.

Smriti impressed with a strong comeback in the final round last week, and will be eyeing a win at Kensville. She had finished third.

This event also marks the return of Sharmila Nicolle, who will be playing her first tournament of the season at Kensville, and will look to turn heads with her performance.

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## HERO WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR

# Neha Tripathi eyes an encore

Ahmedabad

Encouraged by her winning start to the season, Kolkata's Neha Tripathi would seek an encore in the second leg of the Hero Women's Professional Golf Tour at the Kenosville Golf and Country Club here on Tuesday.

The Rs 6 lakh event featuring 12 professionals and lone amateur Sifat Alag will commence on January 25.

Neha Tripathi will be keen on keeping the momentum going in the second leg. Having pocketed Rs 1,44,000 for her efforts in the first event, she will look to consolidate



her position atop the Hero Order of Merit.

However, she is expected to face tough competition from the likes of Amandeep Deall and Smriti Mehra.

Panchkula's Amandeep

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The picturesque par-72 course at Kenosville Golf & Country Club is all set to host the country's leading women professional golfers. P71