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Miguel Angel Jiménez and Cara Gainer Claim Victory in a Historic Golf Week in Morocco

Rabat, February 10, 2025 – Under the High Patronage of **His Majesty King Mohammed VI, His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid** presided over the award ceremony for the Hassan II Trophy and the Lalla Meryem Cup, held on Saturday, February 8, at the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam.

The 49th edition of the Hassan II Trophy and the 28th edition of the Lalla Meryem Cup concluded with resounding victories for Miguel Angel Jiménez on the PGA TOUR Champions and Cara Gainer on the Ladies European Tour.

The charismatic Spanish golfer Miguel Angel Jiménez clinched his 14th victory on the PGA TOUR Champions, finishing the Hassan II Trophy with an impressive score of -11.

The turning point came on the 17th hole, where Jiménez delivered a breathtaking eagle after landing on the green in a single shot, while his closest competitor, Alker, managed only a par. This remarkable feat secured Jiménez's victory, cementing his place among the legendary Spanish golfers who have triumphed at the Hassan II Trophy.

“This victory holds a special place in my heart. The Hassan II Trophy is a unique tournament, and I am deeply honored to have made my mark here,” Jiménez reflected.



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On the women's side, England's Cara Gainer celebrated her first-ever victory on the Ladies European Tour at the Lalla Meryem Cup. After a fiercely contested final round, Gainer edged out India's Diksha Dagar in a playoff, finishing with a final score of -9.

"This is a dream realized. I'm incredibly proud of what I've achieved today. When I started sinking birdies on the final holes, I knew victory was within my grasp," Gainer shared, her voice brimming with emotion.

Moroccan talent takes center stage

The tournament also shone a spotlight on Morocco's golf stars. Ines Laklalech emerged as the top national performer, finishing 35th with a score of +1. Meanwhile, 15-year-old prodigy Sofia Cherif Essakali continued to impress, making the cut for the third consecutive year and finishing 51st at +4, further solidifying her reputation as one of Morocco's most promising young talents.

Pro-Ams: A celebration of golf for all

True to tradition, the Pro-Ams set the tone for the week, bringing together professionals, amateurs, and juniors in a spirited blend of camaraderie and competition. The team led by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, featuring Mr. Karim Guessous, Mr. Omar Lahjomri, and golf legend Ernie Els during the first round, alongside young star Sofia Cherif Essakali, delivered a standout performance, securing victory in the cumulative event.

A vision for the future of Moroccan golf

This year's triumphs underscore the unwavering commitment of **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, President of the



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Royal Moroccan Golf Federation, to the growth of golf in Morocco, particularly women's golf.

This dedication builds on a legacy established in 1993 by the **late His Majesty King Hassan II**, who founded the Lalla Meryem Cup alongside the Hassan II Trophy to elevate women's golf and ensure its prominence on the global stage.

The 2025 edition also marked the launch of a groundbreaking initiative: a fundraising campaign to nurture the next generation of Moroccan golf talent. Under the leadership of **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, President of both the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and the Hassan II Trophy Association, the funds raised will support the First Tee Morocco and USKids programs, providing young golfers with the resources and structure needed to develop their skills and pursue their dreams.

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam: A beacon of sustainability

Throughout the week, all courses at the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam were in impeccable condition, hosting players and fans alike. Beyond its world-class facilities, the club has become a model of sustainability, maintaining its lush, green courses using treated wastewater—a testament to its innovative approach to resource management. This commitment to eco-responsibility reflects the broader vision of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation, which continues to champion sustainable practices in the sport.

The Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and the Hassan II Trophy Association extend their warmest congratulations to the winners, participants, partners, volunteers, and spectators whose passion and dedication made this week-long celebration of golf a resounding success. Special thanks go to the countless individuals



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and teams whose hard work behind the scenes ensured the event's seamless execution, further solidifying Morocco's place as a premier destination for golf enthusiasts worldwide.

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About the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (RMGF):

Chaired by **His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid** since January 2018, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation (RMFG) was founded on March 12, 1960. Its mission is to make golf accessible to everyone in all its forms while adhering to the ethical guidelines set forth by international sports organizations, including the International Golf Federation and the African Golf Confederation.

The FRMG's core missions include:

- Promoting and expanding the practice of golf
- Organizing and managing tournaments
- Regulating golfing standards and practices
- Training and professionalizing careers in golf
- Supporting professional players
- Overseeing elite golfers at the national level



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About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH):

Established on September 4, 2002, the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association (ATH) is a public-benefit sports organization led by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid, who also serves as President of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation.

The ATH is dedicated to organizing national and international golf tournaments on behalf of the FRMG and promoting Morocco as a premier global golfing destination.

Guided by a philosophy of respecting tradition while fostering innovation, the ATH continuously strives for excellence in all its endeavors.

About the PGA Tour Champions:

The PGA Tour Champions, also known as the Senior PGA Tour, is a distinguished series of professional golf tournaments exclusively for players aged 50 and above.

This tour gathers some of the most iconic figures in golf history, whose refined skills and wealth of experience continue to captivate audiences worldwide. The fairways and greens of these tournaments set the stage for unforgettable moments as these legends compete for coveted titles.

The Hassan II Trophy preserves its prestigious heritage as part of the PGA Tour Champions, offering fans of all ages a rare opportunity to witness their golfing heroes in action, create lasting memories, and draw inspiration from their enduring dedication to the sport.



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Each PGA Tour Champions event is infused with a unique atmosphere of camaraderie and respect, where fierce competition is matched by the deep bonds shared among players.

The tour is a powerful testament that talent and determination transcend age, with the legends of the past continuing to write their stories on the greens for the delight of golf enthusiasts around the globe.

About the Ladies European Tour:

Since its inception in 1978, the Ladies European Tour (LET) has played an instrumental role in advancing and promoting women's golf across Europe and beyond. The tour serves as a platform for athletes to pursue their passion and achieve their potential through the sport.

The LET boasts a diverse and multicultural roster of 316 professional golfers representing 36 countries, united in their drive to compete at the highest level.

Since its establishment in 1993, the Lalla Meryem Cup has served as a stepping stone for talented female golfers, offering them the chance to compete on a prestigious stage and gain international recognition.

In 2010, the partnership between the LET and the Lalla Meryem Cup strengthened ties among players, fans, and sponsors, fostering shared values of excellence.

As a pivotal event on the LET calendar, the Lalla Meryem Cup delivers an exceptional sporting spectacle while celebrating the



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enduring connection between European women's golf and Morocco.