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Press Release

The 50th Hassan II Golf Trophy and the 29th Lalla Meryem Cup close an anniversary week at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam

Rabat, May 23, 2026: Held under the **High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI** and under the **Effective Presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid**, the 50th edition of the Hassan II Golf Trophy and the 29th edition of the Lalla Meryem Cup came to a close at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam in Rabat.

The awards ceremony was presided over by **Their Royal Highnesses Prince Moulay Rachid and Princess Lalla Meryem**, bringing to a conclusion an anniversary week that gathered PGA TOUR Champions legends, Ladies European Tour players, Moroccan talents, young generations and a large public audience around an edition defined by history, emotion and celebration.

Founded in 1971 by **Late His Majesty King Hassan II**, the Hassan II Golf Trophy celebrated its Golden Jubilee this year. Fifty editions later, the tournament continues to embody a founding vision: to make golf a vehicle for Morocco's international outreach, hospitality and discovery. This legacy has been carried forward across generations, while preserving the elements that define the tournament's identity: a deeply Moroccan



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story, a special connection with champions and a distinctive experience offered to players and spectators alike.

Scott Hend adds his name to the Hassan II Golf Trophy roll of honour

On the Red Course at Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, Australia's Scott Hend claimed victory in the 50th Hassan II Golf Trophy with a total score of 15 under par. A final birdie on the 18th hole allowed him to seal the title and write his name into the history of the competition.

He becomes the first Australian player to win the event, joining a roll of honour that has, for more than five decades, brought together some of the greatest figures in international golf. His victory adds a new chapter to the story of the Hassan II Golf Trophy, whose strength lies in a singular identity: a close bond with champions and a constant ambition to present Morocco to the world through golf.

Anna Huang becomes the first Canadian to win the Lalla Meryem Cup

On the Blue Course, Canada's Anna Huang won the 29th Lalla Meryem Cup with a total score of 14 under par. She becomes the first Canadian player to add her name to the Lalla Meryem Cup roll of honour.

Created in 1993 by **Late His Majesty King Hassan II** and included on the Ladies European Tour calendar since 2010, the Lalla Meryem Cup continues to hold a distinctive place in international women's golf. Organised during the same week and



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on the same venue as the Hassan II Golf Trophy, it reflects a Moroccan tradition rooted in openness, visibility and recognition of women's sport.

Two Moroccan players reach the third round

The Lalla Meryem Cup also offered an important platform for Moroccan players, with seven national representatives competing this year. Two of them made the cut and went on to play the third round.

Maha Haddioui finished in 39th place, with a total score of even par. Amateur player Rim Imni finished in 64th place, with a total of 225 strokes, or 6 over par, after rounds of 76, 71 and 78.

These performances reflect the continued progress of Moroccan women's golf and the work carried out by the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation to support players, strengthen their exposure at international level and build stronger pathways between training, competition and high performance.

An edition open to the public and focused on the future

Beyond the competition itself, this anniversary edition reaffirmed the vocation of the Hassan II Golf Trophy and the Lalla Meryem Cup as events open to the widest possible audience. For one week, Royal Golf Dar Es Salam became a place of life, discovery and shared experience, with free access and a welcoming environment designed to allow as many people as possible to take part in this historic edition through the Tournament Village, food areas, entertainment and golf initiation activities.



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Young people also played an important role through the Pro-Am Hassan II Kids Cup by First Tee, held on the Green Course. By bringing together children from the First Tee Morocco program with professional women and men players, this format highlighted the educational dimension of golf and its role in passing on values such as respect, confidence, discipline and perseverance.

This 50th edition of the Hassan II Golf Trophy and the 29th Lalla Meryem Cup confirmed the uniqueness of the Moroccan model: a golf culture rooted in the history of Morocco, open to the world, and deeply attached to hospitality, transmission and the building of the future.

The Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association extend their congratulations to the winners, the women and men players, the partners, the volunteers, the organizing teams and the public, all of whom contributed to the success of this anniversary week.

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About the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation

Chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid since January 2018, the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation was founded on March 12, 1960. It works to develop the practice of golf in Morocco, organise competitions, support training, professionalise golf-related professions and accompany high-level players.

About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association



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Created on September 4, 2002 and recognised as being of public interest, the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association is chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid. Its mission is to organise national and international competitions and contribute to positioning Morocco as a leading golf destination.

About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions brings together professional players aged 50 and over who have left their mark on the history of golf. Since 2023, the Hassan II Golf Trophy has been part of its calendar, giving Morocco a distinctive place within international senior golf.

About the Ladies European Tour

Founded in 1978, the Ladies European Tour contributes to the development and promotion of women's golf in Europe and beyond. Since 2010, the Lalla Meryem Cup has been part of its calendar, welcoming players from around the world to Morocco.

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founded on 12 March 1960, is a sports association whose purpose is to make golf, in all its forms, accessible to all. It ensures respect for the ethical rules established by the international sports movement, particularly the International Golf Federation and the African Golf Confederation.

Its missions are:

- Promoting and developing the practice of golf
- Organizing and managing competitions
- Regulating the practice of golf
- Training and professionalizing golf-related profession
- Supporting professional players
- Managing high-level golfers

About the Hassan II Golf Trophy Association

The Hassan II Golf Trophy Association is a sports association recognized as being of public utility. It was created on 4 September 2002 and is chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid, who is also President of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation.

The Association's mission is to organize national and international golf competitions on behalf of the Royal Moroccan Golf Federation and to promote golf in Morocco by positioning the Kingdom as an essential golf destination on the international stage.

Preserving achievements while innovating without distorting them are values that guide the Association's approach as it continues to progress towards excellence.



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About PGA Tour Champions

PGA Tour Champions, also known as the Senior PGA Tour, is a series of professional golf tournaments reserved for players aged 50 and over.

The Tour brings together players who have marked the history of golf and who continue to captivate fans through the elegance of their game and their unmatched experience. Fairways and greens become the stage for unforgettable moments as these golf legends compete for coveted titles.

The Hassan II Trophy carries forward its prestigious tradition through PGA Tour Champions. The tournament offers golf fans of all generations a unique opportunity to see their favorite heroes in action, create lasting memories and draw inspiration from their perseverance.

Each PGA Tour Champions tournament is defined by a warm and respectful atmosphere, where intense competition is accompanied by deep camaraderie among the players.

It is a reminder to all that talent and determination know no age limit, and that the legends of the past continue to write their story on the course, to the great delight of golf enthusiasts around the world.

About the Ladies European Tour

Founded in 1978, the Ladies European Tour has played a crucial role in the development and promotion of women's golf across Europe and beyond. The Tour inspires players to pursue their passion and fulfil their potential through golf.



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The LET is a diverse and multicultural tour, bringing together 316 professional women golfers representing 36 countries, where players are driven to compete at the highest level.

Since its creation in 1993, the Lalla Meryem Cup has served as a springboard for talented women golfers, offering them the opportunity to compete in a prestigious setting and gain greater recognition.

Since joining forces in 2010 and bringing together women golfers of different nationalities from around the world, the LET and the Lalla Meryem Cup have built strong ties between players, fans and sponsors through shared values of excellence.

This emblematic event remains a key stop on the LET calendar, offering an outstanding sporting spectacle while honoring the shared history between European women's golf and Morocco.

